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Congratulations to Lions International as you celebrate 50 years of vision, commitment and service



As many of you know, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is turning 50 this year and celebrating in many ways, there is a series of fun and educational contests that you can enter at LCIF50.org. Growth allows LCIF to make exciting changes, another thing to celebrate. We continue to move forward to assist Lions in making a bigger impact on the world.

There are new grant opportunities you will be excited about. These will allow Lions and Leos to expand their service work. Keep reading and visit LCIF.org for more information.

As you hear more about the 50th anniversary, reflect upon LCIF's mission: "To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants."

LCIF depends on the hearts of Lions. Keep up the great work! Let's show the world what Lions and LCIF can do together.

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Reaching for New Horizons



Gudrun Yngvadottir
International President
Lions Clubs International

Hello, Lions!

I am incredibly honored to be beginning this year as your international president. My theme is We Serve, and I am excited about what we can achieve together through service. We have a lot to do, and I'm ready to help you take a few steps out of your comfort zone. Being a Lion isn't about doing the same thing year after year in the name of tradition. Being a Lion means looking for how you can best be of service. Sometimes, that requires creative problem solving. If you're not sure what that means or how to do it, I'm going to help you.

Here are a few things I want us to focus on this year.

Membership. It's on everyone's mind. How can we not only recruit new members, but keep our current members and build leaders who can take our work into this next century of service? One way we can do this is through balanced membership, including both genders and people from all walks of life, who can bring their life experiences to bear on the service work we do.

Friendship. Comradery has always been a part of the experience of being a Lion. We don't want to lose sight of the importance of building friendships through service. There is nothing that can bond people more closely than working together to help others. Yes, we have a lot of work to do to reach our goal of serving 200 million people per year. We must organize better, account for our work better, be more creative in how we approach problems. But we do not have to do it without a sense of humor, a sense of fun.

Lastly, I want to revive a lost art. And that's the art of storytelling. After your club completes a service project, take a moment to write down the story of your work. Who did you help? Why? What circumstances led you to reach out in that particular way? It's through stories that we connect and learn. And if we share those stories with others looking to serve, we can multiply our capacity for change.

Lions, I am excited to be your new president. I am ready to make this a year in which we all reach new horizons when We Serve together.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
International President, Lions Clubs International

To Give is To Serve

Hello Lions!

As you know, there are many aspects to being a Lion. One of the benefits of being a member of the world's largest service organization is that you have access to a vast network of support. A very important part of that support is through grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF is the only global Lions' foundation and it supports the work of Lions around the world—including you.

Any district has the opportunity to help its

community through applying for an LCIF grant. In this issue, you'll see just a few of the many ways communities have benefitted from the funds. But in order to continue to provide this kind of support, LCIF needs your support.

With a goal of serving 200 million people per year, LCIF is kicking off a three-year campaign to raise funds in order to help more Lions help more communities in need. I ask that you consider how far your donation could go and consider giving

financially as another way to serve.

So, Lions, let's rally ourselves. Their goal is our goal.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
International President, Lions Clubs International



Tim Cheung
MD'A' Council Chair

I extend a warm welcome to all the MD'A' Lions, Lioness, and Leos to the new Lions year 2018-2019. It has been over a month since we attended the Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. While there, your

Council worked very hard at the District Governor-elect seminar. Lion Patty and I were there to support our Governors when attending the sessions of the seminar. We ultimately joined the DGE's for dinner along with over 40 MD'A' Lions.

It has been a busy month for the new Council in preparing for the new year ahead. We held two online meetings with the Committee Chairpersons to touch base and to set strategies on how to proceed for the year. Another online meeting was held with the MD'A' coordinators of the Global Action Team to set strategies for the year. On August 13th the

Administration Committee met together to review and work on the MD'A' budget.

These sessions are exciting and meaningful. I could not have imagined taking on the role as Council Chairperson in February 2007 when I joined Lions and since, I enjoy every moment of being a member. I enjoy the opportunity of serving and I feel extremely good after service events knowing that I can contribute to help make the community a little better.

As I continue my journey as a Lion, I realize there are many new things for me to learn, not just things related to Lions, but a lot of knowledge and skills that I can learn and improve on as a person. Along the way I expanded my role as a Lion by serving in various positions and ultimately being elected as the Council Chair.

We can make history together in two significant areas. PID Patti Hill is the endorsed candidate for the 3rd Vice President of LCI. I ask you to join the campaign effort to support PID Patti on her journey of becoming the second woman and a proud Canadian after thirty-five years to be elected as our 3rd Vice President at the International Convention in Milan in July 2019.

As your Council Chair I have the responsibility as your Global Action Team (GAT) Chair. I am happy to report that we have a very strong GAT team of coordinators covering membership and leadership development along with service promotion. At the time of writing many of us are still enjoying the warm summer weather. Our Multiple District Global Membership Team is hard at work in collaboration with A-5 in an effort to start a new Lions Club in Kirkland Lake, and a Breakfast Club in Barrie with A-12. I am confident this will happen!

I am looking forward to our first Council Meeting on September 7th and 8th in Markham. You will find the Council of Governors playing an active role as hosts. If you have not been to a council meeting you are welcome to attend to get to know more about your Council and for us to get to know you. Until then I will be involved in two of my other activities, they being running marathons and singing in the York Regional Police Male Chorus.

Yours in Lionism

Tim Cheung – MD'A' Council Chair



WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS.

But there's a world of service yet to be reached. One that lives within our collective aspirations. Once discovered, it will open a level of humanitarian good the world has never seen. It's out there, somewhere
BEYOND THE HORIZON.



Lions Clubs International

CHARTING OUR COURSE



Pursuing New Horizons with International
President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

In the brisk air of the North Atlantic Ocean lies a small country.

It's a land defined by natural beauty and discovery. It's a place of grit and unwavering innovation, where nearly 100 percent of the electricity comes from renewable sources and seven of every thousand people are Lions, the highest ratio in the world.

So what is this small, but impressive, country?

It's Iceland, and it's the home of our 2018-2019 International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir. President Yngvadottir joined the Eik Lions Club in 1992 and, from that moment on, has served her local community and the world with the passion, care and vigor both Lions and Iceland are known for.

“TO REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS,
WE MUST REACH WITHIN OUR
CLUBS, COMMUNITIES AND SELVES.”

- International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir



REACHING BEYOND, TOGETHER

If you go to Iceland, there's a phrase you'll often hear. Its meaning is both simple and inspirational, and it sums up the Icelandic capacity to achieve the seemingly impossible.

"THETTA REDDAST"

—it means that everything will work out, somehow, no matter how large a problem may be, through hard work, trust and community.

With this attitude guiding their way, the people of Iceland have been a shining example to the world of how to live harmoniously with their neighbors and the planet.

Consider these notable Icelandic statistics:

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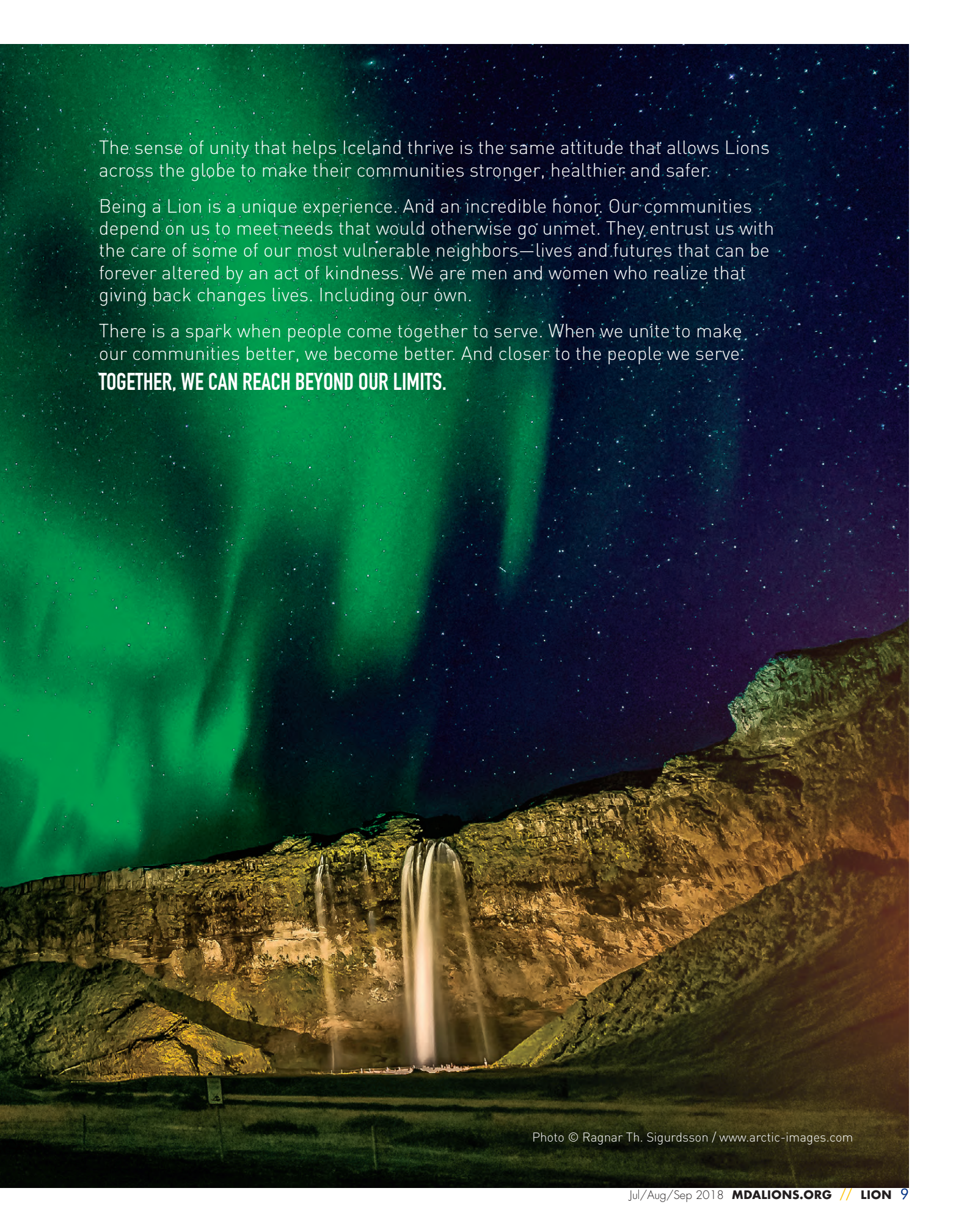
most peaceful country in the world by the Global Peace Index

#02

healthiest country in the world by the Bloomberg Global Health Index

#03

happiest country in the world by the World Happiness Report



The sense of unity that helps Iceland thrive is the same attitude that allows Lions across the globe to make their communities stronger, healthier and safer.

Being a Lion is a unique experience. And an incredible honor. Our communities depend on us to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet. They entrust us with the care of some of our most vulnerable neighbors—lives and futures that can be forever altered by an act of kindness. We are men and women who realize that giving back changes lives. Including our own.

There is a spark when people come together to serve. When we unite to make our communities better, we become better. And closer to the people we serve.

TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS.

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WHERE HORIZONS MEET

With an eye toward the future, president Yngvadottir will help Lions discover more impactful service projects as well as greater service outcomes. She is a resilient advocate of LCI Forward and believes in promoting the core abilities and benefits of Lions as a way of reaching the goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

This year's focus is a challenge for all Lions to move beyond their service barriers. If a horizon is viewed not as an unreachable limit, but rather as an evolving destination that can be reached through kindness and compassion, then together Lions can provide more good to more people than we ever thought possible.





“THERE IS ALWAYS AN OBSTACLE. LIONS CHANGE OBSTACLES INTO OPPORTUNITIES.”

- International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

We can achieve this if we focus on maximizing four important areas of Lions:

01 Moving membership forward

Each member matters. Inviting new members, and keeping current members engaged, is the best way to build the strongest service possible. In many regions, we also need to focus on inviting women to join us to reach our full potential.

02 Increasing leadership development

Every Lion is a leader. By providing members with leadership skills, and increasing leadership opportunities for women, we can help all Lions reach their potential.

03 Promoting the fellowship of Lions

Friendship is a key component of Lions. The relationships we develop are lifelong and create the ties that make our service so strong. Let's make sure this shines through in every member's club experience.

04 Sharing our stories

Storytelling is powerful. When we share our life-changing service stories, our communities will understand who we are and what we do. Social media and marketing can help us get our message out and invite others to join us in making a difference.

We can reach a new world of service that lies beyond the horizon.



CHANNEL THE CURRENT

Harnessing the Power of 1.4 Million Lions

Pursuing a new course is never easy. Achieving the service that lives beyond the horizon will require Lions to reach within their clubs, communities and selves. This means developing new resources, renewed motivation and a clearly defined strategy.

Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation have developed programs and tools to help along the way. This includes a global support structure, grants to increase your impact, and new global service causes that are uniting Lions around urgent humanitarian needs.

By utilizing programs and initiatives aimed at increasing clubs' and individuals' ability to serve, we will all be able to deliver greater good to people everywhere.





AT THE HELM OF DISCOVERY

The Programs that Will Carry Us
to Greater Service



Our Global Causes

Lions are supporting new global causes to define our second century of service and meet emerging needs. Lions are serving vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global service focus, diabetes. Our goal is to serve 200 million people per year by 2021.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

This year marks LCIF's 50th anniversary. In the last 50 years, LCIF has awarded more than US\$1 billion in grants, lending a helping hand to millions of people around the world. As the needs of this world continue to change, LCIF continues to change, as well. At the beginning of this Lions' year, LCIF has launched a three-year US\$300 million capital campaign in order to support the new initiatives on the horizon. As Lions continue to create positive change in communities around the world, LCIF will be there in support. When Lions and LCIF work together, service activities reach more people and make a bigger impact.

The Global Action Team

This team brings together the power of the Global Leadership Team (GLT), the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Service Team (GST). By combining the resources and expertise of these three important segments, the Global Action Team aims to increase global membership to 1.7 million by 2021. With increased membership, Lions will be able to do more good for more people around the world than ever before.

Balanced Membership

For Lions to truly be the global leader in service, we need a balanced membership of caring men and women. We will work closely with the Global Action Team to develop new strategies, programs and partnerships that can help us increase the number of women members and leaders.

The Horizon Is Ours

SETTING SAIL

It Takes Lofty Ambitions
to Achieve Lofty Goals

As the largest service organization in the world, we are a force for good. And today, it's up to Lions more than ever to lead the way and set an example that others can follow.

Lions have proven what a community focused on humanitarian service can achieve. We've been the agents of good for more than 100 years. Now, as we move further into our second century of service, we must take the opportunity to exceed all expectations—including our own—and prove that we can continue our upward trajectory of service into and beyond the foreseeable future.





CHART YOUR DESTINATION

Every club has a project it has only dreamed about. A project it hasn't completed because of the obstacles in the way. Now is the time to revive that project, or identify a new one, and move forward.

It's a simple formula with incredible results:

Adding **01** new service project per year within each club would mean

47

thousand
new horizons
discovered



11

million
more people
served

toward the LCI Forward goal
of serving **200 million** by 2021



If you target your destination and chart a new course, then we will overcome our biggest challenges. Let these simple motivators help you reach a service goal you've always dreamed of.

“THETTA REDDAST”

- ~ Navigate with purpose
- ~ Be strategic and comprehensive
- ~ Be flexible to the need to change
- ~ Be honest about your limitations
- ~ Make your service goal a reality



THE HORIZON IS YOURS

Go and get it. You're a Lion.

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Service Abroad

Boy With Brain Tumor Undergoes 22 Surgeries

MALAYSIA – Using determination and social media savvy, Lions in Malaysia have acted quickly to save the life of a young boy with a brain tumor.

Qiu Hao was four years old when he came home from kindergarten with a bad limp and behaving abnormally. He was rushed to one of the public hospitals in Kuala Lumpur where he was diagnosed with a brain tumor complicated by hydrocephalus.

Qiu Hao's parents were devastated by the news and struggled to pay the medical bills, partly because they were being charged as foreigners. Qiu Hao was born stateless, a common occurrence in Malaysia where parents must meet a variety of criteria for their children to receive the proper documents and to be considered a full citizen. Stateless children can apply for citizenship, but the process is long and can take up to two years, often ending in rejection for no known reason.

As Qiu Hao's parents filed appeals with the state and solicited friends for donations, Qiu Hao underwent 21 surgeries before doctors in Malaysia said there was no more they could do. Qiu Hao suffered from severe headaches and nausea, while remaining partially paralyzed from the remnant tumor.

When members of the Lions Club of Kuala Lumpur City heard about Qiu Hao they stepped in to help. After broadcasting the call for help across social media platforms, Qiu Hao was brought to multiple private Malaysian hospitals for a second opinion. However, each specialist was afraid the tumor was too close to vital areas of the brain to continue operating.

As a last-ditch effort, Qiu Hao's medical records were sent to National University Hospital (NUH) in Singapore for review. Specialists there believed they could help and everyone was surprised and overjoyed.

However, Qiu Hao would need a passport to leave the country. Lions again went into action, helping to

file the paperwork to get his application for statehood expedited. Two weeks later he received his passport, and after his 22nd surgery, Qiu Hao is now recovering fast.

In addition to taking up the cause of another child in need of treatment, the club partners with other individuals to continue fundraising to cover the costs of Qiu Hao's treatment and ongoing therapy needs.



Building a Tight-Knit Club

ICELAND – The Alftanes Seyla Lions Club near Reykjavik, Iceland, was just a year old when one of their 22 members proposed an intense but rewarding project for them.

They had just five months to complete it, but it would build friendships, strengthen the club bond, and kick-start their charity fund with the money they would earn—more than US\$5,800 to support their community.

Lion Edda Waage approached the all-female club about knitting and sewing conference bags, like tote bags, for the women attending the Nordic Geographers meeting she was organizing at the University of Iceland. The women who couldn't knit could either learn from others or help with the final sewing.

The club accepted the challenge and began knitting more than 400 bags in patterns and colors inspired by the Icelandic Lopapeysa—hand-knitted wool sweaters with a patterned border around the neck. Each bag was unique.

“Because the theme for the conference was ‘Responsible Geographies,’ it seemed appropriate, both socially and environmentally, to have hand-knitted bags made of Icelandic wool,” says Waage. Although most knitting was done at home, the elementary school allowed the club to use its sewing room to finish the work, and leftover yarn was knitted into blankets for homeless women and for a disabled men's home, says Lion Alda Lara Johannesdottir.

Charter member Gudrun Ossurardottir, a Lion since 2002, had recruited the new Lions by sending letters to the wives of men in a large all-male club in town, inquiring about their interest in Lions, then following up with phone calls.

It wasn't easy. “It is more difficult to find women willing to make the time today. We are different women today,” she says. “We work. We study. We have children. We are quite busy, and we have to think differently about how we approach women to join. But we have made it work for us.”

What resulted was a group of busy but committed women who chose to focus on the needs of the young, the seniors, and the environment, and participation has been increasing each year.

But it's not as much about money as it is friendship that makes their club strong, says Lion Gudrun Maria Skuladottir, who organizes an annual golf tournament for the club to raise funds. “Meetings need to be educational, but also fun. When you have fun, you learn better and you work better,” she says. “You join Lions to make your community better, but it helps you as well.”



Seyla Lions Gudrun Ossurardottir, Gudrun Maria Skuladottir and Alda Lara Johannesdottir are proud of the bags knitted with Iceland yarn by their club in Alftanes

Norwood Lions

Norwood Lions have made a significant commitment to Hospice Norwood. At our June Dinner meeting we made a \$50,000.00 Pledge over the next 3-5 years to the Hospice Norwood Project. On hand for the cheque presentation were Hospice Norwood directors and a large majority of the Norwood Lions

Club members. We look forward to continuing to work with the hospice team in joint fundraisers as well as club based community fundraising activities to support this much needed facility.



"On a Pawsitive Note" Madelyn and Harvey



When Madelyn was 5 years old, she was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. As she was growing up, Madelyn started showing signs of severe anxiety and would run away from school. Madelyn grew stronger and eventually her mom realized that she could no longer hold on to her. Thankfully, a family member, who was involved with a local Lions Club, informed Madelyn's family of Dog Guides Canada. The family ultimately received Harvey, a yellow lab-golden retriever cross.

Once Madelyn met Harvey, it was love at first sight! Every day, Harvey walks Madelyn to school and is strong enough to anchor her when needed. Madelyn now loves to go to new places and meeting new people. Madelyn is looking forward to attending high school with Harvey by her side!

Please support the MD-A Dog Walks and Pet Value Stores.



Angus Glen Lions Job Coaching Program to Young Adults with Special Needs



Participants working with their Coaches in preparing for a job interview

Angus Glen Lions Club, in partnership with Spirit of Life and Bobby's Liquidation Outlet, offered this special program. It was designed to train participants' work skills in a retail setting. It aims at preparing them for employment opportunities, gaining work skills and self confidence, and raising community awareness on offering employment opportunities to people with special needs.

The six week program was a pilot with four participants receiving training on merchandising duties, soft skills

as resume writing, job interview and social skills. Volunteer coaches worked one-on-one with the participants. Staff of Bobby's Outlet will assist in job shadowing. The Program took place in the Bobby's Outlet in Markham.



Opening Press Conference of the Program with CCE Tim Cheung

Lions Clubs of Sudbury and District and Onaping Falls Lions

The Lions Clubs of Sudbury and District presented Maison McCulloch Hospice with a cheque for \$25,000 to go toward the planned expansion of the facility. The expansion is to include ten new beds and expanding the existing building of 10,000 square feet by another 16,000 square feet which will be able to accommodate more Sudburians, northerners and children. In addition to this donation, the Onaping Falls Lions Club made a separate donation of \$5,000.00 to the expansion in memory of Lion **Ralph Kent** and his wife **Lou**.



A good many of the Lions involved are shown in the photo with DG Steve Olsen

Knowlton Lions Club

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

For the last fourteen years, the Knowlton Lions Club has been holding a community wide garage sale. This year's sale was very successful, over \$7,000 was raised. The large crowd of buyers at the opening was impressive. We owe this success to our generous supporters who donated toys, curios, knick-knacks, crockery, electronics, sporting and garden equipment etc. and who also came in large numbers to purchase said items. The success is also due to the numerous friends of the Lions who helped all along the process.

Apart from providing funds to help meet the needs within the community, the activity offers an opportunity for residents to purchase practical basic items at a very reasonable price as well as a venue to recycle. Thank you for being part of a team that puts community needs first.



Club Lions de Knowlton

De nouveau, merci pour votre support

Depuis maintenant quatorze ans le Club Lions de Knowlton tient une vente de débarras. Cette année en fonction de l'achalandage et des sommes recueillies, plus de 7 000 \$, l'activité fut un grand succès. Nous devons cette réussite à nos concitoyens qui nous offrent gracieusement jouets, bibelots, poterie, articles de sport et de jardinage, vaisselle etc. Ce succès nous le devons aussi aux nombreux amis des Lions qui nous aident tout au long de l'activité. Cette vente, en

plus de nous fournir les moyens de venir en aide à ceux de notre milieu qui sont dans le besoin, permet à certains de nos concitoyens de se procurer à bon prix des articles et représente aussi une forme efficace de recyclage. Merci.

Microloans Boost Business for Women in India

by Jamie Konigsfeld

What would the world look like if those most in need were empowered to achieve their dreams? The Lions of MD 322 in India and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) partnered to find out. The LCIF Microenterprise Development Program is an example of how Lions and LCIF together can improve the lives of those in need. 5,000 women took the opportunity in hopes they could give their children a better life and a brighter future.

The Microenterprise Program is a project that uses grants from LCIF, money raised by local Lions, and a micro-lending organization local to the area to provide loans to small-business entrepreneurs. Women and disabled citizens in poor areas of the world are given the opportunity to use a loan to give their business a boost. The boost helps their business to grow so they can properly provide for their families. Many types of businesses are eligible for the program, including farming, small shops, tailoring, and cleaning services.

The pilot project involved Eastern India Lions Leadership Academy and a micro-lending bank, ASA International India Microfinance, Ltd. When the project neared completion, Past International President (PIP) Barry Palmer took a trip to India to visit groups in Kolkata and Siliguri.

The women who received loans were eager to answer PIP Palmer's questions and talk about future

plans. As their businesses began to do well, their first priority was to provide their children with an education. Some of the women had a secondary priority to build another room in their home that they could rent out for additional income. By the end of the program, 100% of the microloans had been paid back.

The program had a positive impact on an estimated 20,000 people, assuming each of the 5,000 women who received a loan has, on average, a husband and two children.

Lions really drove the success of this program. "I can't speak highly enough of the Lions who are involved in driving the program at a local level," said PIP Palmer. "Because of their commitment in gaining their share of the funding and working with ASA International, this program is becoming a great success for the people in the lower social-economic area."

This is a wonderful example of the empowerment LCIF provides. LCIF empowered Lions who then empowered impoverished women to build successful businesses. These women are now able to give their children enough to eat and can afford to send them to school. They will continue to build their businesses with confidence, knowing they are bright, successful entrepreneurs.



Knowlton Lions

At a ceremony held in Cowansville on June 14th 2018, two graduates of the Brome-Missisquoi Campus Continuing Education program, from the Lake Brome area, were awarded bursaries offered by the Knowlton Lions Club.

The recipients were Melissa Sengupta-Nory, and Oscar Lorenzi.



L-R: Melissa Sengupta-Nory, Lion Joan Treacy and Oscar Lorenzi

Vittoria Lions



As part of a community wide project the Vittoria Lions donated \$10,000.00 to Norfolk General Hospital, toward the maternity ward renovation. From left Lion Nik Lyons (treasurer), Jennifer White (Norfolk General Hospital representative), Lion George Demaier (president)

Valley East Lions

The Valley East Lions presented a cheque of \$2,500.00 to Maison Guy, a home that is administered by Deaf Blind Ontario. Currently, there are three young deaf blind persons that use the house each day. The donation is to help create a special "Snoozeleon" room.

Great work Valley East Lions.



Two ladies from the home, Lion Jeanne Lachance, President Lion Bob Lachance, Lion Lucien, Lion Colette, Lion Sylvia Emmell, 2nd VDG Lion Debbra Christiansen, Lion Moe Mclean, Lion Keld Christiansen, four legged Lion Tigger, another worker from the home and Lion Huguette St. Onge



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....**

A World in Need Needs a World of Lions.

LCIF launches biggest capital campaign ever

In July, 2018, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) launched Campaign 100: Empowering Service. The US\$300 million comprehensive capital campaign is slated to span three years, with an impact expected to last for generations.

The money raised will ensure that Lions have the resources needed to increase their service impact, fight diabetes and expand their global causes.

The goal is to empower Lions to serve more than 200 million individuals per year by 2021 and ensure that 100 years from now Lions will still be making the world a better place.

Get to know your global foundation

LCIF is the philanthropic arm of Lions Clubs International, which means one of its roles is awarding grants where they are most needed, anywhere in the world. By investing more than US\$1 billion in grant funding since its founding in 1968, LCIF empowers Lions on a global scale.

Together, over the past 50 years, LCIF and Lions have:

- Prevented avoidable blindness in millions through its SightFirst program, including 9.1 million cataract surgeries, the training of more than three million ophthalmologists and other health workers, and upgrading hundreds of eye care institutions.
- Provided more than 16 million students in 100 countries with access to positive learning environments through Lions Quest.



Eye Clinic

- Provided for the immediate and long-term needs of natural disaster-afflicted communities, distributing 4,600 emergency grants to date.
- Worked to bring global measles deaths to an historical low, helping to vaccinate a projected 87.7 million children.
- Supported the needs of humanity's sick, displaced, and disabled.



Kids' Eye Clinic



Kids' Health Clinic



Kids' Vision Clinic

LCIF focuses its philanthropy on specific areas of need (focus areas) helping to give shape and direction to its impact. LCIF has historically focused on vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian causes. As the needs of the world change, Lions evolve to serve their communities in new ways. LCIF is evolving as well, expanding their global causes to include diabetes, hunger, childhood cancer, and the environment.

Doing good around the world

Some grants are large, while some are for just a few thousand dollars. Some projects are far from home, while others are just around the corner. But the need is global and the impact is powerful everywhere and at every level.



Disaster Relief



Fighting Hunger



Providing Drinking Water

LCIF works in your neighborhood

In Fremont, Nebraska, a US\$75,000 grant to Lions of District 38-0 enabled the construction of a sensory courtyard dedicated to engaging all five senses in children with a variety of special needs. "I love taking my son there and seeing his face light up with each new sensation and sensory element," says Miranda Long, of Fremont. Summer Mau, a board member of the Autism Center of Nebraska says, "The sensory courtyard gives us a fun family experience, free of judgement of the abilities my children lack. There are not many situations in our community where we get to experience things as a family." The sensory garden project was spearheaded by Lion Mary Robinson, a mobility specialist at Fremont Public Schools who teaches students who are blind and visually impaired. Robinson was inspired to create the garden after

5 things you didn't know about LCIF

1. One hundred percent of donations go to fund grants and programs.
2. Grants are funded entirely by the generosity of Lions, partners, and friends.
3. It has a four-star ranking from Charity Navigator.
4. It is the only global Lions foundation.
5. LCIF has granted US\$1 billion in its 50-year history.



Surveying the Damage



Unloading Supplies



hearing about the strides a young child who is blind made after he began gardening with his mother.

A little can go a long way

In India, many families are unable to prioritize the education of their children, especially girls. But one woman has embraced these girls, leading a charge to get them educated. In 2009 the Gajapatnagaram Lions Club of India, sponsored by the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club in the United States, was awarded a US\$5,000 grant from LCIF to renovate a student dormitory in Andhra Pradesh, India, enabling 40 girls to attend classes, some for the very first

time. Lion Saipadma cares for her students as if they were her own children, often traveling into students' villages to convince their parents of the benefits of an education for their children. Currently, 48 girls and 25 boys are developing life and academic skills that will help them avoid migrant labor, gender stereotypes, child marriage, and other obstacles, all thanks to a grant from LCIF.

Partnerships with global organizations lead to historical impact

Between 1994 and 2008 LCIF has supported the work of The Carter Center with US\$59 million in funding to help eradicate onchocerciasis (river blindness) and trachoma, two communicable causes of blindness that were devastating countries like Nigeria, in Africa. Mass administration of the drug ivermectin (Mectizan®) donated by Merck & Co., Inc., has been so successful in two Nigerian states that the program is currently being phased out. During its partnership, LCIF and The Carter Center have funded river blindness and trachoma programs throughout Africa and the Americas. Overall, the Lions partnership with The Carter Center has led to the distribution of more than 214 million Mectizan® treatments in 11 countries. As a result, The World Health Organization (WHO) has verified that Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala are now free of river blindness. There is still more work to be done, though, and LCIF intends to provide US\$16 million in financial support for The Carter Center's river blindness and trachoma programs through 2020.



Campaign 100 aims high

Increasing service impact

Lions and LCIF are doing so much good. But there is still much to be done. Financial resources are needed in order to continue helping those in need. LCIF has committed to raising US\$300 million over the next three years, so that more Lions can do more good for more people around the world.

Fighting for Lions' causes

Through Campaign 100, LCIF will expand upon its demonstrated commitment to communities, making

an even greater global impact with a focus on vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian work.

It will also look for ways to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed.

Lastly, it will conduct research to identify the specific areas of greatest need and opportunity within the larger causes of hunger, childhood cancer, and the environment by conducting pilot projects to gain the expertise to develop sustainable, long-term programs on local and global scales.

Join the movement

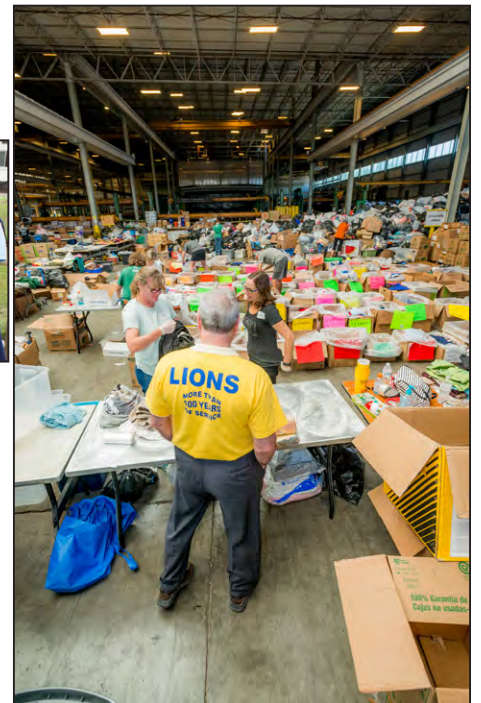
The generosity of Lions fuels the work of LCIF.

Grants are funded solely through the contributions of Lions, partners, and friends, and one hundred percent of donations go to fund grants and programs. While the main goal of every Lion is to serve, service doesn't always mean leading a service project. Donating financial resources is also a way to serve.

Lions can donate individually or as a club. LCIF has developed a Model Club program, in which local clubs can pledge to lead by example. Clubs have many different opportunities to raise funds, including asking members to give, dedicating a fundraiser to the campaign, making a gift from the club treasury, or asking community members to donate. To qualify as a Model Club, clubs commit to donating an amount equal to an average of at least US\$750 per member, which may be fulfilled on a payment schedule.

However you choose to participate, it's an exciting time to be a Lion, with more ways than ever to make an impact on the world.

To make your pledge for a better future, visit LCIF.org/Campaign100Resources.



Lions at work

What can \$100 provide?

Vision
Two cataract surgeries

Youth
The Lions Quest social-emotional learning curriculum for an entire classroom for one year

Diabetes
Diabetes screenings for 18 at-risk individuals

Humanitarian efforts
Vaccinations against the measles for 100 children

Disaster relief
Immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster

Environment
Access to clean water for 14 people

Childhood cancer
Equipment to help diagnose or treat eight children

Hunger
Regular access to food for 14 disabled, elderly, low-income or homeless individuals

LCI Forward Update

All Lions are leaders. Lions are building legacies in their communities through the work they do, and one club in Orange, Texas, has found a way to ensure that the contributions of its members aren't forgotten.

Texas Lions Form a Club Hall of Fame

Thirteen College Station Noon Lions in Texas have been inducted into the club's first Hall of Fame. It's a new idea to improve club retention and honor long-serving Lions.

"We have so many Lions who have worked diligently and consistently for years locally, but may not have gone on to serve at the district level," says Lion Bonnie McGee, who worked with PDG Floyd Golan in starting the effort.

How are you recognizing the exceptional service of Lions? Think about new and creative ways to recognize and celebrate the contributions of your members.

The club's new Hall of Fame honors Lions who have been outstanding in contributions of time, talent, and resources to further the community, club and the mission of Lions. Lions must have been in the College Station club for at least 20 years, and are considered by the selection committee based on a history of volunteering in club projects and activities, serving as an officer, and chairing major committees.

The 13 Lions inducted in the 2017 inaugural Hall of Fame class collectively represent 537 years of service. On the day of the ceremony, they were guests at a special lunch with Past International Director Joe Al Picone.

"Our inductees today are Lions who recognized the needs of this community and the world, and eagerly came forward. Their leadership is embodied in the legacy during which this club has grown from 25 to nearly 200 Lions," Picone said to the group.

Inductee Pattie Sears, a Lion since 1989, explained how her father was a charter member of the Orange, Texas Lions Club. "He taught

me about serving those in need, and I was proud of him because he worked hard and helped others," says Sears. "When I was invited to be one of the first women in the club, my heart filled with joy."

A new Lions Club Hall of Fame banner was unveiled at the ceremony and is on display at each club meeting.



College Station Noon Lions Joann and Phil Hobson make hundreds of snow cones at the club's annual "I Love America" event every July 4. The Hobsons are recent inductees in the club's new Hall of Fame

The Carter Center Shares Success in River Blindness Elimination by Jamie Konigsfeld

Onchocerciasis, also called river blindness, is an agonizing disease that thrives near rapidly flowing rivers. Caused by the bites of infected black flies, the parasite causes intense itching, rashes, skin discoloration, and eye disease that can lead to permanent blindness. Elimination of the disease in Nigeria was once deemed impossible. Today, transmission of the disease has been interrupted in two Nigerian states, Plateau and Nasarawa, ushering in a brighter future for the world's most river blindness-endemic country.

The Carter Center, a partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) since 1994, has been working with the government of Nigeria to fight river blindness for more than 25 years. Because of these efforts, mass drug administration (MDA) of ivermectin (Mectizan® donated by Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J. USA) will be stopped within Plateau and Nasarawa, which is the largest MDA cessation in the history of the fight against river blindness. LCIF provided direct financial support to The Carter Center's work in Nigeria from 1994-2008.

"Stopping the mass drug administration program in Plateau and Nasarawa states is a major achievement," said Dr. Frank Richards, director of The Carter Center's River Blindness Elimination Program. "But we must be careful to monitor closely over the next few years to be assured that it does not come back. This will require continued effort and attention."

During its partnership, LCIF has supported The Carter Center with US\$59 million in funding,

assisting river blindness and trachoma programs throughout Africa and the Americas. Overall, the Lions partnership with The Carter Center has led to the distribution of more than 214 million Mectizan® treatments in 11 countries. And as a result, The World Health Organization (WHO) has verified that Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala are now free of river blindness. The final focus on remaining disease in the Americas is in a remote location along the border between Brazil and Venezuela. In Africa, MDA against river blindness has been stopped in parts of Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

In March, LCIF leadership visited The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA to renew and celebrate their partnership to support the elimination of river blindness transmission in Ethiopia, as well as the elimination of blinding trachoma, a preventable bacterial infection. Complimentary remarks were made by Lions leadership and The Carter Center, including words from Ambassador (ret.) Mary Ann Peters, CEO of The Carter Center, about the importance of this long-term partnership and all that has been accomplished. A new Memorandum of Agreement was signed by both organizations, which included a pledge from LCIF to provide US\$16 million in financial support for The Carter Center's river blindness and trachoma programs through 2020. These funds will help The Carter Center, Lions, and the national government of Ethiopia to press forward toward river blindness and blinding trachoma elimination. In addition, support will assist national

programs in Mali, and Niger to achieve their goals against trachoma.

Nigeria's success shows us that elimination is an achievable goal for Africa. The hard work must continue, as the disease still infects people living in many other states in Nigeria and in many other parts of Africa. The pain, disfigurement, and vision loss caused by river blindness is preventable and thanks to partnerships like the one between The Carter Center and LCIF, along with the generous donation by Merck & Co., Inc., river blindness may very well be on its way to global elimination.



Blessing Confidence Udo is a new community drug distributor in Aninri, Enugu State, Nigeria. Here, she measures a child to obtain the correct dose of medication

Photo credit: The Carter Center

School Repairs Delight Students and Community

by Jamie Konigsfeld

A student's eagerness to learn can quickly diminish when their school environment is distracting, unclean, and unsafe. After Typhoon Haiyan (known in the Philippines as Super Typhoon Yolanda), Tagdon Elementary School was destroyed. Lions in Germany wanted to help. They raised funds and secured a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to renovate and expand the school. In the Philippines, Bulan Lions Club, a nearby club that regularly visits the school, was also able to contribute to the school's exciting new beginning.

Located in the city of Barcelona within the Sorsogon Province of the Philippines, the school was originally constructed more than 30 years ago. Once bustling with students excited about their education, the school was left ravaged in the wake of the

typhoon. In addition to roof and structural damage, the area flooded, leaving debris littering the ground inside and out.

With the money from the German Lions, LCIF, and Bulan Lions Club, three classroom buildings and nine classrooms were renovated. Repairs were made to the framing, roofing, ceilings, windows, doors, masonry, and electrical components. Interior and exterior painting brightened up the school to a welcoming yellow with attractive blue accents. In addition to the renovations to existing buildings, the project also funded the construction of a new building that houses a library, computer room, health clinic, and bathrooms. The school health clinic will also be available to the general public, a much-needed service in the community of Barcelona.

Tagdon Elementary School has an annual enrollment of 250 students, all of whom now have a safe school environment that is conducive to learning. In addition to these students, more than 1,000 students from five surrounding elementary schools will use the library, computer room, and health clinic, and more than 4,750 additional community members will benefit from the health clinic each year. Further proof that kindness matters, this project has helped cultivate a happy and healthy community.

"This has been our hope [and] our help for the Filipinos because we know that by helping them [to have] a good education, we are helping them and their families. And, of course, the whole country, actually." – Dr. Marlene Ruth Hermo-Koslowsky, Lion and former Tagdon Elementary School student.



Guelph Lions

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Thanks to a generous donation from the Guelph Lions Club, the University of Guelph will become the first university worldwide to enable all three levels of BlindSquare on campus.

BlindSquare, an application designed for iOS devices, helps visually impaired and blind people independently navigate their way around campus.

Jim Sanders, Guelph Lions Club president, and other Lions Club representatives presented this donation to Jill Vigers, manager of architectural services with Physical Resources, and Christopher Moulton, Alumni Affairs and Development, at this year's Accessibility Conference.

"I would like to thank the members of the Guelph Lions Club who have unanimously agreed to support a five-year grant of \$48,000 to make this campus accessible," says Vigers.

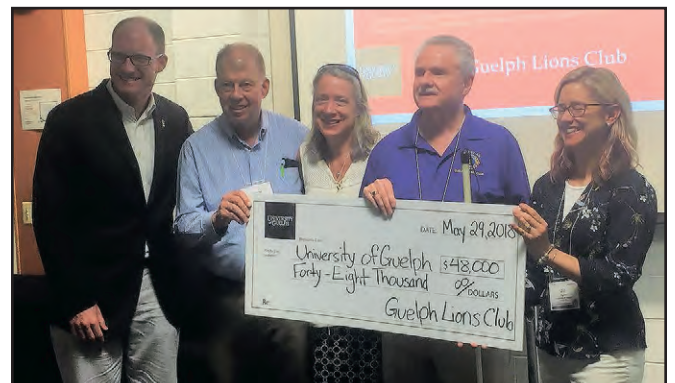
Vigers learned of BlindSquare during the 2017 Accessibility Conference when Debbie Gillespie, accessibility consultant at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), presented about the positive impact the technology had on the lives of individuals with visual impairments.

BlindSquare verbally relays information of the user's surroundings directly to their smartphone. It does this by picking up signals from outdoor GPS points, indoor iBeacons at entries or junctions in buildings, and outdoor/indoor 'QR Blazes' for more detailed information.

"For 96 years, the Lions have devoted themselves to helping blind people," says Sanders. "We are excited and privileged to be part of this ground-breaking announcement. The 10th Annual Accessibility Conference has become the go-to event each year to discuss new direction and there's no doubt that the University of Guelph will become the first fully-accessible campus."

"For those of us who are blind or partially sighted, this is going to be the model for Canada and the rest of the world," he concludes.

The first phase of the BlindSquare rollout was employed in 2017. BlindSquare will be adopted on campus by August 14, 2018.



Chris Moulton, Manager, Student and Athletic Affairs, University of Guelph; Lion Gary Ransom; Lion Debbie Lascelles; Lion Jim Sander, President Guelph Lions; Jill Vigers, Manager, Architectural, Engineering and Design, University of Guelph

A Tribute to Lion Jack Graydon

submitted by Lion Gary Martins, Lambeth Lions



Lion Jack at the opening of the Graydon Home

At some point in our lives, most of us have come in contact with a person who changed our lives for the better. In my case, it was Lion Jack Graydon. I was a young teacher of the deaf and a newly minted Lion who was asked to help interpret for some deaf people at a Lions' meeting. The meeting was all about financing a farm home for deaf children who did not have a family and were living in old age homes, mental health facilities and other inappropriate situations. All of the children were multiple handicapped and had serious behavioural issues. It was at that meeting that I first met Lion Jack who was developing a team of Lions and Lioness to finance a farm home for these children in Milton, Ontario where the children attended the Ontario School for the Deaf. Thus began a journey of more than forty-five years under the leadership, direction, friendship and teamwork of Lion Jack who became my mentor, companion, fellow Lion and confidant.

Lion Jack was a Senior Partner in an accounting firm and was a successful C.A. with the financial, managerial and legal experience necessary to plan,

direct and lead our Lions team. Our original farm home for the Deaf evolved into the Lions Homes for Deaf People. From that humble beginning, Lion Jack and our team went on to provide in partnership with Bob Rumball Association in Milton, Belleville, London, Georgetown, and an infirmary and nurses residence at the Camp for the Deaf near Parry Sound. To better serve the people of Northern Ontario we built the multi million dollar Lions Resource Centre for the Deaf in Sudbury. This facility has been leased for a nominal fee of \$1.00 per year to the Canadian Hearing Society who continue to provide a range of services to the clients across Northern Ontario. In cooperation with Total Communication Environment in Ottawa we purchased and renovated a six unit apartment building, two additional homes and funded the Glebe Centre for deaf/blind people.

In Brantford, LHDP funded the very first home for people who are deaf/blind. This six unit apartment building was eventually sold and replaced with a twelve unit, one floor complex designed to explicitly meet the needs of our aging population of deafblind individuals. Several years ago LHDP completed a pavilion named in honour of Betty and Gary Eves who worked tirelessly for the Lions McInnes Home. Along the way we worked with the Canadian Hearing Society to build and equip demonstration centres in twenty-three offices across Ontario. People with a hearing loss are able to explore numerous communication and safety devices and receive counseling and support in their use of this equipment. Partial funding for a complex in Paris and a subsequent café to be operated by the clients was completed for Canadian Deaf Blind Ontario.

In recent years we have worked with Deafblind Services Ontario to build Lions Martins Home and

Lions Mercel Home in London. This past June, Lion Jack was honoured to have our latest home in Barrie named after him. One can only imagine the impact that Lion Jack, the board of LHDP and ultimately the Lions and Lioness of MD'A' have had upon the countless thousands of people served over almost fifty years, the lives changed, the services provided and the joy and happiness given to these individuals. I will never forget the day I was leaving our Brantford home and met one of our clients returning home. As an infant and young child he had endured life in a canopy crib, diapered, with little or no speech or language and little if any stimulation, living in an institution for mentally challenged people. At some point, it was discovered that he was deafblind and he eventually graduated from the school for deafblind individuals in Brantford. On the day I met him, he was returning from work with his intervenor, a six pack of his favourite brew under his arm and was looking forward to spending the evening with friends. This success story is but one of many, thanks to the leadership, empathy and love of Lion Jack Graydon, my friend and hero.



Fort Erie Lions

The Lions of Fort Erie created an excellent display to commemorate their 90th Anniversary last year at the Fort Erie Library. Involved in the creation were Lions **Rosalie Snyder**, **Terrie Hall**, and **Linda Scott**. It was on display in the Fort Erie Library for the month of October in 2017 to coincide with the club's charter date. Earlier in the year, to celebrate the club's 90th and Lions International's 100th – the town of Fort Erie declared the week of May 1 - 5 Lions' Week and on Friday May 5th the Peace Bridge crossing into the USA was lit in Lions' colours. As well, the Mayor of Fort Erie, Wayne Redekop, welcomed the club to town council chambers prior to the raising of the flag outside the town hall in conjunction with Lions' Week.



Cannington Lions

The Cannington Lions Club raised \$3,146 this year at its annual Pet Valu Dog Walk. Club member **Bo Enns** reported there were nineteen registered walkers and lots of community support. There was also 24 online donations. "It was great to see Mayor John Grant there too," he said, thanking the sponsors and all who helped out and showed up to support the event. Funds raised go to the Lions Guide Dog Foundation.



Beating the Odds to Make Sure Other Children also Thrive

by Cassandra Rotolo

Lions spend their lives dedicated to the service of others. But sometimes, Lions themselves face seemingly insurmountable obstacles. At only six weeks old, too young to be vaccinated against it, Lion Saipadma Murthy contracted polio. The disease ravaged her tiny body, leaving Saipadma with considerable physical disabilities. Saipadma's father encouraged her to focus on her abilities and use them to improve the lives of other children. This became Saipadma's guiding mantra. She pursued her own education, despite constant pain and difficulty walking, and has dedicated her life to empowering children who might otherwise be caught in an unending cycle of poverty and illiteracy.

In rural India, many families are unable to prioritize the education of their children, especially

girls. Children are encouraged to work to support their families. It can be dangerous for girls to travel alone to and from school, and schools often lack basic sanitation and proper accommodations for persons with disabilities. Compounding this situation is the fact that many families in rural India are migrant laborers, moving from one place to another as the seasons change. This is a recipe for what Saipadma calls social and cultural disability.

In 2009, the Gajapatnagaram Lions Club of India, sponsored by the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club in the United States, was awarded a grant from LCIF. The US\$5,000 grant renovated a student dormitory in Andhra Pradesh, India, allowing 40 girls to attend classes, some for the very first time. This would be the first step in helping tribal children to overcome their social disabilities.

Thirty-seven boys were enrolled in the school when the expansion work began. By 2010, 10 girls were living in the new dormitory and attending classes. Having a dormitory near school allows the children to stay for months without interrupting their studies while their parents work. "We weren't sure we could care for them," says Saipadma, "because everything was so new to them." There were

children now living in the dorms who were not toilet-trained. There were 12-year-old children who could only read at a second grade level. Aside from reading, writing and arithmetic, these students had to learn basic life skills, like personal health and hygiene.

The second step in overcoming these social disabilities involved changing the parents' perspectives. Saipadma worked diligently, approaching families to discuss ways in which their children could pursue their education and still give back to their villages. It was not always easy to convince parents that school could provide stability, safety, improved health and a more secure future. But Saipadma persevered.

Currently, 48 girls and 25 boys are developing life and academic skills that will help them avoid migrant labor, gender stereotypes, child marriage and a host of other obstacles. Alongside teachers and coordinated by Saipadma, these children learn about community cleanliness and organization, as well as job skills like wood crafting and sustainable agriculture. To date, 1561 rural and tribal students can now read and write thanks to Saipadma and other Lions. Lions continue to support the students and the dormitory, providing financial assistance and tailoring donated clothing to fit the students. The dedication of Lions, together with the support of LCIF, is enabling incredible change in rural and tribal India. This is the power of your Foundation.



Lion Saipadma Murthy, center, cares for her students as if they were her own children

Copetown Lions - New Member Induction

In their ongoing drive for members the Lions of Copetown have recruited a local personality. "Hairy Lion" is proudly on display at "Shewfelt Field" at the Copetown & District Community Centre. The Club Lion Tamers have their work cut out for them as Hairy is known to become a little unruly at times. He is the result of a project of the "Senior Wood Chippers" that meet at the Community Centre on a weekly basis, project leader was Edgar Ryan and his chain saw.



One Million Dollars of Vision Research

In our Centennial Year, District A-4 Lions opted to support Sight Research through the Ottawa Eye Institute, an affiliate of the University of Ottawa Medical School under the umbrella of The Ottawa Hospital. Through government grants and industry financial assistance, all donations to their maximum were leveraged tenfold through government matching programs. The result was astonishing. District A-4 Lions raised over \$100,000 dollars which worked out to ONE MILLION DOLLARS. There is a great amount of the research taking place in District A-4. New developments here are continuous and great strides have been made in this field.

Following a recognition day at the Eye Institute attended by many of the Lions involved and the then District Governor **Shelley Gauthier**, who initiated the project with Lion **John Proulx** of the **Gloucester North Lions Club** in Orleans. John monitored the campaign and became the liaison chair to the Ottawa Eye Institute. District

A-4 Lions raised over \$100,000 dollars. Truly this is a lasting legacy that will benefit so many people today and in the future. The Lions of District A-4 are very proud to have directed their efforts towards this research project. In addition, it was a fine way to cap our other successful contributions to commemorate the LCI Centennial project.

Thank you to the many Lions who supported this project.



Lions Day at the Eye Institute - Over 30 Clubs attended Lions Day on June 4th to visit the research facilities of the Ottawa Eye Institute and celebrate their efforts

A2 Lions Youth Exchange “A Taste of Haldimand for International Students”

Article from the Haldiman Press by Charlend Papasodar, photos by Charlene McKellar.

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SELKIRK—It was an evening of fond farewells at the Pavlovich’s home on Thursday, July 19, 2018. The Lions International Students said goodbye to each other a few days before they were to fly home. The District A-2 Lions, which encompasses Lions and Lioness clubs from Long Point to Niagara Falls, hosted international exchange students for the past month.

The youth, aged 16 to 20 and from 14 different countries stayed with their host families for the first 18 days. Most host families often host at least two kids. The students then spend 10 days together at camp in Niagara-on-the-Lake. They do games and activities and also go to see destinations like Niagara Falls and Toronto. This year they also went to the Dog Guide School, the Rodeo in Simcoe and zip lining. From the camp they travelled to Selkirk where there was a small presentation. They go back with their host families for a few days before flying home.



Group photo taken at the event wrap-up. International student Markus from Denmark provided musical entertainment at the same function



The exchange program has been running for about 50 years in this district. Twenty students from around the world come once a year. They only have to pay for their airfare and spending money. The host families take care of shelter and food. The camp, which costs around \$12,000 to \$14,000 to run, is fully funded by donations to the Lions.

Bill Mackenzie has been the youth exchange Chair for 12 years and keeps doing it because “you get to meet these people. You see the changes in them and what the future holds.”

Anne Pavlovich, the Selkirk Lions President and her husband **Ron** have been hosts for almost 10 years and said it’s great because, “you get to hear their stories, dreams and wishes.”

Widdifield Lions

Lion of the Year

At the Widdifield Lions Club President’s night, VDG Lion **Verne Presse** presented Lion of the Year Award to Lion **Vic Presse** (Yes there is a resemblance). Lion Vic has only been a member a year and a half, but is a tireless worker. He is always there when you need a hand to pitch in and help with events like club bingos, The “Krispy Kreme” donut fundraiser, the Near North Palliative Care Butterfly Release and many other community events. Keep up the good work Lion Vic.



Melvin Jones

Again at the President’s night Lion **Melanie Pigeau** was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Mel has been single-handedly doing our pet value walk for dog guides for seven years. While working two jobs, she has increased the funds raised by the walk from \$3,000.00 to over \$10,000.00 at the last walk. She also works on many other club projects. Congratulations Lion Mel on an award well deserved. VDG Verne Presse made the presentation.



A15 Lions Youth Exchange – Lynden/Rockton/Copetown Lions

The A15 “Lion Bruce Murray Youth Exchange Program” wrapped up another great year. Their “International Dinner” was held in Copetown on July 22nd, co-hosted by the Lynden, Rockton and Copetown Lions. The Youth Exchange Program is organized and managed by **Allison** and **Mark Henkell** both members of the **Oxford Lions Club**. They do a fantastic job, despite the usual obstacles with an undertaking of this magnitude.

Twenty-one Youth were in the program this year and were hosted by many welcoming families; the students spent time together at the Blue Springs Scout Camp in Acton. It all came together at the International Dinner, the students were on hand with their displays about their home country, shown is the one from Germany, but they were all excellent. They provided some great entertainment for the 100 or so guests that were present for the event.

District Governor **Kevin Banfield** and Past District

Governor **Charlene Dwyer** welcomed the students, their hosts and the attendees on behalf of the district. A big “Lions Roar” to Allison and Mark and their daughter, Jenna, who is an important part of the event.



Germany Display

Sightseeing trip



65th Anniversary

Campbellford Lions Club recently celebrated their 65th anniversary with a barbeque on July 22nd in the Lions Community Park on the beautiful Trent River.



Photo includes President Lion Marg Wilkes, First Vice-President Lion Emily Bertrand and Second Vice-President Lion Mike Caron and several other proud Lions

A16 Awards



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lioness Glenda Swiderski



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Leah Springford



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Georg Jack



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Jean-Claude Lagrange



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Dale St. John



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Larry Franks



Helen Keller Fellowship – PDG Lion Fred Sheehy



Melvin Jones Fellowships – PDG's Lion Susan Tate & Lion Barry Tate



International President Certificate of Appreciation – Lion Sylvia Brock

Madoc Lions "Every Little Bit Helps"

An Adopt A Highway project continues by the Madoc Lions Club. In previous years the club picked up debris along Hwy #62 from Moira Lake to the Madoc Village limits. This year they expanded their target area to include north on Hwy #62 from Hwy #7 to Mill Road for a total of close to 4 km of highway. Twenty-seven Lions Club members and friends took to the task last May and accumulated 63 large bags of material for disposal; there were even parts from the proverbial "Kitchen Sink". Another great event led by Lion **Cliff Andrews**, chair of the club's Adopt A Highway program. Keep up the good work Lions.



Blyth Lions and Londesboro Lions Clubs



The Blyth Lions Club (A9) honoured Lion President Ken Stewart (left) with a Lions Foundation of Canada Progressive Life Membership Award following his successful year as Club President. The award was presented by PDG John Stewart



The Blyth Lions Club (A9) and the Londesboro Lions Club (A9) teamed up to present the Lions Canada Pride Programme to the Grade One students at Hullett Central Public School. Making the presentation is Blyth Lion Mary Lou Stewart (back-left) and Londesboro Lion Kattie MacGregor (back-right)

Streetsville Lions

In March the Streetsville Lions Club presented their final installment of a \$100K commitment to the Vic Johnston Community Centre. The ceremony took place at the Streetsville Arena during the Streetsville Hockey League's annual Day of Champions. The funds have been utilized for renovations within the arena. In addition to the donation, the Club initiated a scholarship type fund in 2012 to assist with the minor hockey registration fees. The club also sponsors a team in the league every year and have provided financial support to the arena since its inception in 1961.



'Lions for Sight' raises \$202,699 for Cataract Surgical Equipment

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Representatives from area Lions and Lioness Clubs, the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) Foundation, and the PRHC Ophthalmology Group celebrate the success of the "Lions for Sight" campaign, which raised \$202,669.68 for cataract surgical equipment at PRHC.

"Lions for Sight" is a regional campaign supported by 26 Lions and Lioness Clubs from across the Kawarthas. The clubs combined their fundraising efforts from community-based projects, along with a grant of \$88,149.68 from Lions Clubs International Foundation, and a \$15,000 donation from the physicians who make up the PRHC Ophthalmology Group. The clubs surpassed their \$200,000.00 goal for the campaign.

According to Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club Past President **Carl Young**, the project was conceived as a Lions International Centennial Community Legacy Project.

"For 100 years, Lions have been known for their service to the blind

and visually impaired," Young says. "We're very pleased to join with clubs from across the region to support the technology that can help eliminate unnecessary blindness, changing lives for our loved ones, friends and neighbours whose vision is clouded by cataracts and for whom simple pleasures have become difficult if not impossible."

The 26 Lions and Lioness Clubs from Districts A3 and A16 that contributed to the "Lions for Sight" campaign are: **Apsley & District / Campbellford / Campbellford Lioness / Chemung Lake & District / Coboconk & District / Dunsford & District / East Peterborough / Fenelon Falls & District / Fowlers Corners & District / Haliburton & District / Havelock / Keene / Kendal / Kinmount & District / Lakefield & District / Lakefield Lioness / Lindsay East & District / Marmora-Crowe Valley / Millbrook & District / Minden & District / Norwood & District / Omeme & District / Omeme Lioness / Peterborough / Peterborough Lioness / Warsaw & District.**



Cornwall Lions Lobsterfest

Cornwall Lions recently held their 12th Annual Lobsterfest to raise funds for the Cornwall Community Hospital Eye Care department. A donation of \$9,500 was made as part of a \$47,500 total pledge commitment. This goes toward new video technology to upgrade their eye health program.



Making the cheque presentation are Ewan St. Louis, Club President; Andrew Walton, Nursing Manager; Amy Gillespie, CCH Foundation Executive Director; Lions Wayne Locke and Ron Eamer




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MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – September 7-8, 2018
- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – November 2-3, 2018
- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – February 22-23, 2019
- Council Meeting – Convention – May 25, 2019

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A-1	Point Edward, Holiday Inn	April 12 - 14, 2019
A-2	St. Catharines, Holiday Inn & Suites	March 29 - 31, 2019
A-3	Peterborough	April 26 - 28, 2019
A-4	Cornwall, Navcan Centre	April 12 - 14, 2019
A-5	North Bay, Best Western Lakeshore	May 3 - 5, 2019
A-711	Oakville, Holiday Inn	April 26 - 28, 2019
A-9	Walkerton, Best Western Hotel	May 3 - 5, 2019
A-12	Huntsville, Hidden Valley Resort	April 12 - 14, 2019
A-15	Woodstock, Quality Inn	April 5 - 7, 2019
A-16	Oshawa, Best Western Plus	April 26 - 28, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2018/19 Holiday Inn & Suites Parkway Conference Centre,
St. Catharines, Ontario May 24 - 26, 2019

International Conventions

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
Sept 9 - 11, 2021	Des Moines, Iowa

Havelock Lions

At the recent celebration of their 60th anniversary the Havelock Lions presented several awards to deserving Lions in recognition of their service.



(L - R) DG Bill Zwier, Lion Terry Graham, Lion Alf Cooper (Havelock Lions Charter Member), PIP Judge Brian Stevenson



(L - R) Lion Alf Cooper receiving the International President Award from PIP Judge Brian Stevenson



(L - R) Lion Don Radnor, Lion Jack Blakely, PIP Judge Brian Stevenson. Lion Jack has been a member since 1974 and received a Melvin Jones Fellowship

Walden Lions

Lion **Ken Hood** of the Walden Lions won the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism. Ken has been a dedicated volunteer in his community for over 20 years spearheading the rebuild of the Christmas float for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters, organizing the participants for the parade and earning 1st place for the Not for Profit float 2 years in a row. He has personally sponsored numerous children from both organizations giving them the opportunity to participate in events like the Soap Box Derby, which they couldn't have otherwise afforded.



A big Lion's roar to Ken, seen here receiving his award from Laura Albanese, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration



Lion Joe Erb received a Helen Keller Fellowship. Lion Don Radnor is seen placing the pin on Lion Joe

Ken's good works don't stop there. He is a very active member of the Walden Lions helping out at various events including the many partnerships with Anderson Farm, The Joe MacDonald Foundation, The Children's Christmas Telethon and numerous other events.

Lions Club of Kitchener Melvin Jones Fellow

The Lions Club of Kitchener hosted their annual Past District Governor Appreciation Night in May. A significant part of the event was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion **Erhard Kruger**, one of their hard working members. District Governor Lion **Char Dwyer** was on hand to make the presentation.



Tweed Lions Club

At a recent dinner meeting of the club several awards were given out, a new member inducted and they completed the installation of the new officers for the coming Lions year. One highlight of the night was the Lion of the Year Award presented by 2nd VDG Elect Lion **Barry Chisholm** to Lion **Art Pym**.



Minnow Lake Lions

The club held their annual President's night recently and the following awards were given to two well deserving Lions. **Irene Poffley** received a Helen Keller Fellowship award and Lion **Ann Violette** a Melvin Jones which was presented by DG Lion **Steve Olsen**, also in the photo is Past President Lion **Marg Jean**.

It was also a night to remember special friends and Lions who passed away over the last year. A beautiful memorial was

done for Lions **Sheila Wallace, Gerry Zangari, Richard Lefebvre, Walter Karen** and **Rose Cameron**.





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Fellow Lions, Lioness & Leos:

At the MDA Convention in Kitchener in May 2017 when I introduced the incoming Council of Governors I indicated that the year would be a journey of discovery.

As I look back, it was certainly a journey of discovery and learning for me. Working together with our Council of Governors, International Advisory Committee and all the other Committees was a new and valuable experience and one that I enjoyed very much.



IPCC John Whyte

Thanks to the support of CS David & CT Dave we got through the year smoothly & successfully.

Speaking of success, our biggest and most successful accomplishment (in my opinion) was the rewriting of the Memorandum of Understanding between MDA and CNIB.

As I move on to my next assignment – working out the logistics of MDA's involvement at the International Convention in Milan and PID Dr. Patti Hill's Campaign to be elected as 3rd IVP – I know that MDA is in good hands with Council Chair Tim and the 2018-2019 Council of Governors.

IPCC John Whyte

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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New Hamburg Lions and Lioness

Lions President **Paul Mackie** welcomed everyone when Lions and Lioness in New Hamburg held an anniversary celebration on April 12th. They marked the 50th anniversary of the Lions and also recognize the Lioness have been serving the community as well for 38 years.



Charter Members - Lion Bob Starr, a charter member of the New Hamburg Lions Club and Lioness Bobbi Williams, a charter member of the New Hamburg Lioness Club founded in 1980

President Lion Paul Mackie receives congratulations from District Governor Charlene Dwyer on the 50th Anniversary of the New Hamburg Lions Club. Also in the photo is Lion Bob Starr, charter member



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Itinerary

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Day 2: Arrive Venice	Day 9: Cinque Terre
Day 3: In Venice	Day 10: Como Lake
Day 4: Visit Murano and Burano	Day 10: Full day tour of Como Lake
Day 5: Venice to Bologna	Day 11: Tour of Milan and depart for home or the convention.
Day 6: Food Tour in Bologna area	
Day 7: Bologna to Rapallo	

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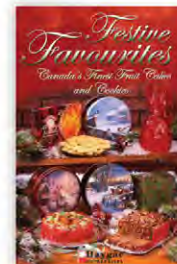
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