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Turn A “What if” Into Action



Gudrun Yngvadottir
International President
Lions Clubs International

Hello, Lions!

You know that feeling after a big party, when you're both exhausted and re-energized? That's the feeling I had after our 101st International Convention in Las Vegas this past July.

I've learned that the seeds of some of our greatest accomplishments as Lions have been planted during conventions. What happens is you meet someone—maybe they're from far away, a country you've never been to before. Maybe their club is working on a similar issue as your

club. Or maybe their club is doing something really well that you wish your club could do better. You start saying, “What if?”

“What if there's still more to learn from those Lions?” “What if we tackled some problems together?”

Before you know it, an hour has passed, or an entire afternoon, and you know all about their family, because Lions are those kinds of people. But you also have plans in motion. In the past you relied on follow-up phone calls and written letters. Today, you have Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. It's easier than ever to stay in touch and exchange ideas.

For those of you who didn't make the trip, I hope you'll read about it and feel the energy of all those Lions in one place. For those of you who were

there, I encourage you to use the energy you found at convention to build momentum for you and your club. Gather those scraps of paper you collected with names, phone numbers, and email addresses. Get on social media and add to your circle of friends. Continue conversations that may have begun as a simple “what if” and turn them into action.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
International President, Lions Clubs International

GAT - Learning Together



The weekend of November 3-4th saw 60 Lions of MD'A, gather to participate in a Global Action Team training session. Attendees included current district governors, 1st and 2nd vice-district governors and district representatives of the Global Membership, Leadership and Service Teams. Facilitators presented a variety of topics including an outline of revamped GAT goals for our Constitutional area of Canada and how effective leadership styles differ from management styles – tools to enhance leadership skills.

The weekend included round table discussion sessions with participants being grouped by districts as well as sessions with participants grouped by district position. This format allowed for frank discussion on the challenges faced in leading, fostering new leaders, and enhancing membership and retention performance.

In speaking with attendees during and after the sessions, all felt they gained valuable information

relating to the setting of practical goals, timelines for reviewing those goals and leadership succession planning.

All agreed the tasks before us are not easy but took comfort in the resources available through LCI, our MD'A' Global Action Team coordinators' development of programs such as offered this weekend, but most importantly the support and encouragement of colleagues.

submitted by PDG Diane M. Smith, District A 15



Exeter Lions





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Las Vegas, Nevada, USA – June 24-28, 2018



AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. The committee will continue to monitor and follow up on action plans.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Upheld second vice district governor election complaints filed in District 300-G1 (MD 300 Taiwan), declared the second vice district governor election in District 300-G1 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2018-2019 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\$650.00 of the filing fee shall be refunded to the Complainants.
2. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 321-B2 (India), declared the second vice district governor election in District 321-B2 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2018-2019 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\$650.00 of the filing fee shall be refunded to the Complainants.
3. Removed District Governor Deepak Raj Anand from the office of district governor in District 321-B2 (India) for breach of duty and failure to comply with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. Declared that Deepak Raj Anand shall not be recognized in the future as a Past District Governor by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that he shall not be entitled to any privileges of such title. Declared vacancy created in the office of district governor in District 321-B2 shall not be filled and that the district governor elect of District 321-B2 will serve as the acting district governor until the 2018 International Convention.
4. Upheld a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 321-D (India), declared the second vice district governor election in District 321-D for the 2018-2019 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of second vice district governor for the 2018-2019 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\$650.00 of the filing fee shall be refunded to the Complainants.

5. Removed District Governor Swarn Singh from the office of district governor in District 321-D (India) for breach of duty and failure to comply with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. Declared that Swarn Singh shall not be recognized in the future as a Past District Governor by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that he shall not be entitled to any privileges of such title. Declared vacancy created in the office of district governor in District 321-D shall not be filled and that the district governor elect of District 321-B2 will serve as the acting district governor until the 2018 International Convention.
6. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 3233-G1 (India) and declared Lion Dr. Ishwarlal Mundra second vice district governor in District 3233-G1 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
7. Denied second vice district governor election complaints filed in District 3234-D2 (India) and declared Lion Abhay Shastri second vice district governor in District 3234-D2 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
8. Confirmed the decision of the majority of the conciliators in the multiple district dispute resolution complaint filed by Lions Club of South Madras in Multiple District 324 (India) and confirmed the international director endorsement of Lion R. Sampath issued during the Multiple District 324 convention held in May 2017.
9. Revised Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual for organizational purposes, to consolidate duplicative provisions as well as to remove language that has become obsolete and to better align with current practices.
10. Revised the Neutral Observer Policy in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual as it relates to the timing of filing a request for a neutral observer and the availability of the neutral observer.
11. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph I of the Board Policy Manual to remove the Centennial Action Committee as the language is no longer necessary.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Presented delegation hotel assignments for the 2019 Milan Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Granted Malawi and Mozambique provisional district status at the close of the 2018 International Convention creating Multiple District 412.
2. Appointed Coordinating Lions for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

3. Moved the clubs in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao from District E1 (Venezuela) to District 35 N (Florida, USA) at the close of the 2018 International Convention and moved the clubs from Constitutional Area III to Constitutional Area I.
4. Revised the Badge policy to recognize Past LCIF Board of Trustees.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Amended the Purchasing Policy to include a new section on Data Security and Data Privacy.
2. Approved the 2017-2018 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
3. Approved the 2018-2019 Budget, reflecting a deficit.
4. Approved the change in investment advisor from Strategic Wealth Partners to Merrill Lynch Bank of America Corporation.
5. Amended both Chapter XXI and Chapter IX of Board Policy related to due dates on expense claim submissions.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the group leader team for the 2019 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Revised the board policy manual by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the language which ensures that the District Governors-Elect Seminar Chairperson will have served as a District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader within the 10 years prior to the year in which the individual will serve as chairperson and, beginning with trainings relevant for the fiscal year 2020-2021, the District Governors-Elect Seminar Chairperson has been certified through the Lions Certified Instructor Program.
3. Revised the board policy manual by adding the language that, beginning with trainings relevant for the fiscal year 2020-2021, certification through the Lions Certified Instructor Program will be required to serve as a faculty for the District Governors-Elect Seminar DGE Seminar and a Lion shall not serve as a District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader for more than five different years.
4. Revised the board policy manual to include the new Lions Certified Instructor Program training and the provision that, beginning with fiscal year 2020-2021, certification through the Lions Certified Instructor Program will be required to serve as a faculty for the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Faculty Development

Institute, Emerging Lions Leadership Institute, and Lions Certified Instructor Program training.

5. Revised the board policy manual by making additions and deletions related to the reimbursements related to the First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Training Program beginning with fiscal year 2018-2019.
6. Revised the board policy manual by changing the date that the Executive Committee approves the DGE seminar faculty appointments from "August" to "May" due to the time/location change of the 2019 DGE seminar to February 2019.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved a resolution making active district governors ineligible to serve as a Specialty Clubs Coordinator.
2. Extended the Veteran's Program until June 30, 2021.
3. Revised the Global Action Team structure for

efficiency and budget considerations.

4. Extended the sunset policy for the country of Azerbaijan until December 31, 2018.
5. Revised Chapter X of the Board Policy Manual to include the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan as the 204th new Lions country or geographic area.
6. Revised Chapter X of the Board Policy Manual so that no more than two clubs can co-sponsor a new club.
7. Directed that the entrance fee for existing Lioness members be waived when joining a Lions club until June 30, 2021, and that their years of service be transferred by completing the Lioness Conversion Program Form.
8. Revised Chapter XIV of the Board Policy Manual to provide that the Global Action Team Chairperson will designate one of the three constitutional area leaders as the chairperson of the constitutional area (from either GLT, GMT, or GST). Supported that the Club First Vice President will serve as the Club Leadership

Chairperson. Further approved that Global Action Team Vice Chairpersons and their spouses or adult companion may attend the June board meeting.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the new positions for the New Voices initiative.
2. Revised Chapter XIX, Section F of the Board Policy Manual to permanently increase the availability of Presidential Award designations from 1,125 to 1,625 and Leadership award designations from 1,280 to 1,780.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Awarded the 2017-2018 Leos of the Year Awards.

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



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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

It's been an extremely busy fall for your Council of Governors as they work to serve the needs of the Multiple District. Here are a few of the many highlights from the September and November Council Meetings. Should you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As per the Policy and Procedures Manual, International Director Tom Gordon and Lion Gillian have been invited to be the International Guests at the MD'A' Convention in St. Catharines May 24-26. What a great opportunity this is to express to ID Tom and Lion Gillian how proud we are of the way they have represented Canada over the last two years. Once again the Council has endorsed PID Patti Hill for the office of Third International Vice President at the International Convention in Milan, 2019. PID Patti's campaign is going well but continued funding is essential as she travels the globe. Please find room in your budgets to help. At the November Council Meeting, MD'A' endorsed PCC Alan Hunt from MD19, British Columbia to become International Director for Canada 2019-2021.

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This fund is a great way to donate with Canadian Dollars at par. So instead of sending your contributions to the United States, send them

HIGHLIGHTS **MD'A' GOVERNORS' COUNCIL MEETING** **September/November 2018**



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to the Fund Administrator, PDG Stan Durward, 50 Southern Court, PO Box 38, Sunderland, ON LOC 1H0. Your personal donations will get you an Income Tax receipt! The donation form can be found on the MD'A' Website. Additionally, your District Governors will be able to direct you to the following forms:

- Model Club Commitment Form
- Campaign 100 Maple Leaf Club Commitment Form
- Campaign 100 Pledge Form
- Lead and Major Gift Pledge Form

LCI CONVENTION IN MILAN

Things are coming together nicely thanks to the leadership of Promotion Chair IPCC John Whyte. Those intending to attend the Convention are urged to register before the early bird price goes up. The two hotels for the Canadian Multiple Districts are the Blaise and Francis (Best Western) and the Radisson Blu. PCC's John Whyte, John Johnston and Stew Patterson delivered our 100 Canadian Flags to Oak Brook so that they can be shipped to Milan at a great cost savings. Patti Hill t-shirts are available for sale so look for more information to come out soon. The cost is \$40 per shirt. **For this Convention only**, the shirt will be the official dress shirt for the parade contingent. Those wearing the traditional safari shirt will still march but will be behind those wearing the Patti Hill shirt.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The MD'A' Effective Speaking final will be held in Sarnia/Port Edward May 3, 4, 5, 2019. Both Effective Speaking and Youth Exchange subcommittees have met to finalize their plans. Both the Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest are in great need of financial support. If these two valuable programs are to continue, it is essential that clubs/districts find room in their budgets to donate. Both programs are currently in deficit budget.

LIONS QUEST

This program continues to grow and revitalize. LCIF is funding a 2-day workshop on January 25 and some spaces are still available. Contact PCC Bob Tanner for details. As is often the case, revitalization comes at a cost and Lions Quest has developed two fundraisers in addition to the already established Lions Quest Fellowship. The Q-Bear Fan Club is alive and well and a \$100 donation will get you a unique certificate, lapel pin and a charitable tax receipt where applicable. Three trips to Milan and 2 registrations for the LCI Convention will be awarded in eastern, central and western Canada. Watch for the draw tickets when they arrive in the mail.

FINANCE

Both the 2018-2019 budget and the Audited Statements for 2017-2018 have been approved

by the Council of Governors. Two issues have arisen which will require a vote at the MD'A' Convention, 2019. The Council of Governors is recommending that MD'A' adopt a policy whereby students, 30 years of age and under be exempt from paying MD'A' dues. The definition of "student" would be according to LCI policy. The rationale is that students already carry a heavy financial load in terms of tuition, housing, books, etc. It is hoped that this will help increase younger membership. Already we have a new club in the works where the majority of members are students. The second issue is the long overdue need for an increase in the MD'A' dues. There has not been an increase in MD'A' dues for well over 15 years and we have not kept up with the cost of inflation (approximately 40% over that time span) and the cost of doing business. Years ago MD'A' had a large membership which produced a healthy

surplus of funds. These surplus funds have helped fund shortfalls in the cost of officer and committee chair expenses, officer training (the best there is), International Convention expenses and sundry other expenses. Surplus funds are now well below standard norms of one year's dues revenue. Accordingly, the Council of Governors is recommending a modest increase of \$3.00 in the annual MD'A' dues and this will require a vote at the MD'A' Convention. No doubt this important issue will be discussed at Cabinet and Zone Advisory meetings. District Governors are well acquainted with the points of this recommendation and they should be your point of contact.

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



District Governors in Caucus – Council Meeting November 2nd
Front Row L - R: A15 Kevin Banfield, A9 Elaine Chalmers, CC Tim Cheung, A1 Mary Mahovich, A12 Bryon McLellan. Back Row L - R: A5 Verner Presse, A4 Dave Howard, A3 Frank Hewitt, A16 Jean Claude (JC) Lagrange, A7-11 Jeffrey Friedman, A2 Zoltan Dohar



A World in Need, a Foundation of Support



On her 16th birthday, Brooklyn Driver earned her driver's license. In her teens, she also captained her tennis team, backpacked through Europe, and became a skilled trap shooter. Not easy for the American teen from Lafayette, Tennessee, who at age 18 months was diagnosed with numerous eye complications and subsequently told she'd never drive a car, play sports, or function normally because of them.

Thanks to Lions, Brooklyn overcame her obstacles. For 10 years, she received care at the Tennessee Lions Eye Center at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville. "Without Lions, I'd never have accomplished so much and seen the world," says Brooklyn. "Lions Clubs International Foundation [LCIF] changed my life, making the seemingly impossible a reality."

Global Foundation. Local Impact.

In many communities, Lions are best known for serving individuals with visual impairment. But Lions' work expands far beyond the realm of vision. In fact, Lions provide comfort and care across eight

critical areas, and LCIF's *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* will ensure Lions have funding to serve well into the future.

Increase Service Impact

Vision: Through Campaign 100, LCIF will help eradicate infectious blindness, reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve quality of life for people with blindness or visual impairment.

Youth: Our Lions Quest program has already served 16+ million youth. Through Campaign 100, LCIF will improve access to quality education, health services, social and recreational opportunities, and positive development programs. Discover more at www.lions-quest.org.

Disaster Relief: Through Campaign 100, LCIF will prepare for, and respond to, natural disasters to provide short-term relief and long-term recovery of communities worldwide.

Humanitarian Causes: Through Campaign 100, LCIF will sponsor and deliver programs addressing

the distinct needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors.

Fight Diabetes

Diabetes: Diabetes is a leading cause of death worldwide, and of blindness and visual impairment. It's also the sixth leading cause of women's death. Through Campaign 100, LCIF will respond to this epidemic, helping prevent the devastating disease through comprehensive health initiatives.

Expand Our Global Causes

Childhood Cancer: Every two minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer, with survival rates of children in low-income countries as low as 10 percent. Through Campaign 100, LCIF will strengthen medical and social services, increasing global life expectancy of children with cancer and enhancing their quality of life.

Hunger: LCIF will work toward a world in which no one goes hungry. Campaign 100 will enable us to improve food access by investing in infrastructure and improved transportation systems that increase capacity of food banks, feeding centers, and distribution facilities.

Environment: Worldwide, some 1.8 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated by fecal matter, and 40 percent are affected by water scarcity. Through Campaign 100, we'll protect environmental health, generating long-term, positive ecological impact.

Call for Support

There's a world in need. Fortunately, Lions are here to serve through life-changing initiatives funded by our Foundation. Please participate in Campaign 100 and #BE100. Donate now at lcif.org/donate.



Lions Quest Teaches Social Emotional Learning to Children in Slovakia

by Jamie Konigsfeld

Lions Quest has made its way to students in Slovakia for the very first time, and now has its first Lions Quest-trained dog.

Lions in Slovakia received a US\$10,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in order to create the pilot program for Lions Quest in their country. The grant helped translate Grade 7 *Skills for Adolescence* into Slovakian and helped host workshops to train 40 teachers in southern Slovakia.

Both of the workshops were successfully completed by the end of June 2018. In addition, the

first-ever Lions Quest-trained dog has completed the workshop! Endy is a guide dog for the Slovakian translator who worked the workshops. In southern Slovakia, Hungarian is a commonly spoken language and this Lions Quest training session was presented in Hungarian. With both Hungarian-speaking and Slovakian-speaking attendees, a translator was present to ensure everyone could understand the program. Senior trainer Gabor Papp says, “She [Noemi, the translator] was a great interpreter. Actually, Endy the dog was to Noemi in terms of sight as Noemi was to me in terms of hearing and understanding.”

The workshops were a success, so our Foundation has awarded a second grant for US\$15,000 to continue the implementation of Lions Quest. Lions will be able to host three more workshops, finish Slovakian translation of the materials, and begin to train local Lions Quest trainers.

After the program is fully implemented, Lions are hoping it can be accredited and added to the national registry of acceptable programs. This will open doors to schools around the country and hopefully raise more Lion awareness, involvement, and financial contributions for potential program expansions.

The seventh grade students who are benefitting from Lions Quest will gain the skills needed to build healthy, productive lives. Lions Quest builds character by teaching kids about positive behavior, anti-bullying, drug and alcohol awareness, and service learning. They also create a positive connection to school, promoting a safe and healthy environment to continue their education.

The students of Slovakia have a bright future ahead of them. To help expand Lions Quest or establish it in new areas, consider making a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation’s Empowering Service fund.

Visit LCIF.org/BE100 to learn how Campaign 100 will serve youth through improved access to quality education, vital health services, inclusive social and recreational opportunities, and positive development programs.



Little Current Lions “A Family Affair” reproduced with permission from the Manitoulin Expositor

In an age where clubs are having a hard time attracting new members and retaining them, the Little Current club is bucking that trend thanks to a family that believes in Lionism. The Orr/Draper clan are representative of four generations. A Lions objective that stands out to members of the family, to take an active interest in the well being of the community.

Lion **Lori Draper**, the club’s secretary and 2017 winner of the club’s Lion of the Year award, has been a Little Current Lion for the past six years. But this isn’t her first foray in Lionism: Lion Lori was a member of the former **Sheguiandah Lions Club**. She and her husband **Dave** were enjoying the Haweater Festival and joined the club after watching the weekend activities. It wasn’t a stretch for the couple as they had been volunteering with the club.

Daughter **Beth** joined one year after her parents, she too had been volunteering. Beth provides levity to the Lions Club’s popular “Catch the Ace” event and is a voracious seller of the tickets.

Lion Mum or Lion Nana, as she’s known, **Eunice Beaudin**, was the next in line to join. She is Lion Lori’s

mother. “I joined two years ago,” she said. “I was volunteering too with the club and thought ‘what the heck’.” She chuckled at her family’s way of doing things “backwards,” volunteering then joining. “We don’t do anything the right way,” she smiled.

Recently the Lions got their newest, and youngest member, fourth generation Lion **Bryce Draper**. The new high school graduate, at age 18, is a bit of an anomaly for service clubs these days because of his age, but he doesn’t mind. “I’m kind of excited,” he said. Lion Bryce has joined with his friend and fellow teenager **Brandon Boyle**. Lion Bryce’s younger sister, Chloe, is already excited to join the Club too, but she’ll have to wait—she’s only eight-years-old.

“It’s very rewarding to have my family involved,” Lion Lori shared. “I’m very proud of them.”

The family connections don’t just end here, however. Her brother **Tim Moore** and wife **Lisa** are also devoted Lions. Lion Beth’s sister **Cheryl** and her partner **Russ** are also members, along with their daughter **Sabrina**.

The Little Current Lions are entering their 80th year

as a club this fall and there’s a connection there too. Lion Eunice’s uncle **Alvin Orr** was a charter member.

The Little Current Lions are truly a “family affair” and the four generations encourage the community to get involved and consider joining the club that does so much good work.



Global network enables greater reach. Lions know that we can do so much more together than we can alone. Sometimes those helping hands are right in our own community. And sometimes they are on the other side of the world.

Clubs come together to bring new classroom to school in the Philippines

The Kariya Lions Club from Aichi, Japan, donated Php 1,300,000.00 (US\$24,500) for the construction of a classroom building for the Grade 7 students of Datu Lompi Elementary School in Marilog, Davao City, Philippines. The Japanese Lions wanted to provide the proper facilities conducive to learning for the students and sought a host Lions Club in Davao City. The Davao City Maharlika Lions Club responded to the invitation and sourced out the local contractor who constructed the classroom. Officers of the Davao City Maharlika Lions Club then visited the Japanese Lions in Kariya, Aichi, Japan, to cement the friendship between the clubs and reinforce their commitment to the completion of the project. The construction of the classroom was completed on the second week of June.

Five Kariya Lions attended the inauguration in Davao City on June 24, 2018.

The Kariya Lions could not have completed this Centennial Legacy without the help of the Davao

City Maharlika Lions, and is a testament that Lions Clubs International is indeed a global network of volunteers that work together to address the needs of communities in any part of the globe.



District History Project – Bruce Murray International Youth Camp

Past International Director Bruce Murray founded Canada's first International Youth Camp in 1975, and served for six years as director. At that time, **St. Marys Lions** were part of A-9, and Bruce was District Governor.

St. Marys Lions hosted the first camp at Wildwood Park, with 30 youth attending. The camp counsellors were Lion **Royden Brien** and his wife from Stratford, PDG **Bill Moody** and wife **Kaye** from the **Mount Forest Club** with the assistance of Lions **Dr. Jim Loucks**, **Grant Cookson** and his wife **Joyce** who was the camp nurse. Wildwood Conservation Area was near St. Marys; it boasted a variety of water activities and had a large dining shelter, clean washrooms and showers.

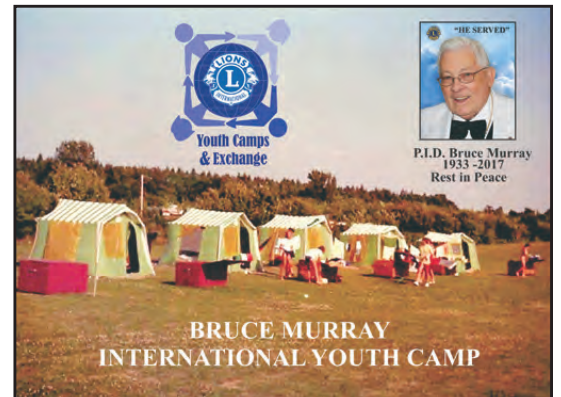
As well as touring the St. Marys and Stratford area, the campers also visited historic Goderich, Niagara Falls and Ontario Place. District A-15 was formed in 1976, with Lion **Dougald Campbell** from the **Elmira Lions** as District Governor. That year, new tents and camping equipment were acquired to provide for the 1976 event, jointly hosted by Districts A-9 and A-15.

From 1988 on, each District opted to hold their own programs. In the late 80's, the A-15 Camp was held at the Walter Tkaczuk All Star Hockey Camp, St. Marys. Subsequently, the camp was relocated to Five Oaks, Paris. A-15 Lions participated in a spring work weekend, grooming the grounds and general construction building and upkeep, earning credit hours against user fees for the camp.

In early 2016, the board of directors of Five Oaks decided to close the camp due to insufficient funds for needed renovations. In 2017 and 2018, the youth camp has been held at the Blue Springs Boy Scout

Camp, near Acton. Our District Youth Exchange program has evolved but still follows the original basic principles of the first exchange to provide youth from other countries an opportunity to learn about Canadian customs and hospitality, see interesting parts of Ontario firsthand, and enjoy a time of recreation and fellowship together. The Lions of District A-15 and other clubs in MD-A continue to be supportive and can be very proud of their Youth Exchange Program.

submitted by PDG Lion Nancy Ransom,
A15 Historian



PASSING
October 28th, 2018
PDG Lion Cathy Tyler (Bock)
"She Served"

Lion Cathy passed away peacefully with family by her side after a lengthy battle with cancer on Sunday October 28, 2018 at the Lisaard House Hospice. Beloved wife of over 13 years to Milt. Loving Mother to Kelly Gibson (nee Bock). Loving Nana to Joseph Gibson. Survived by her brother Michael Doyle and his wife Pat, her sister Mary Olive Doyle and her husband Al. Predeceased by her parents Margaret Doyle (nee Allen) and Michael Joseph Doyle.

A caring and proud serving employee with Brantford Township and Brant County. A dedicated member of the Lions Club serving as District Governor of A-2 (2000 - 2001) with Tillsonburg Lions Club then transferring to the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club to be closer to her family. A Lions Memorial Service was held at Memory Gardens, in Breslau on November 1st.

Welcome to Lion Country

A Conference, a Convert, and Lions' Contagious Kindness

photos and story by Reannon Muth



wearing a lion hat, and, everywhere, the telltale pin-adorned vests; a sea of yellow. The Lions stood out, especially in contrast to the hotel's other visitors—swarms of bathing suit-clad men and women carrying giant inner tubes and three-foot long margaritas. The inner tubes were because the resort's pool was located adjacent to the conference headquarters. The three-foot long margaritas were because, well, it was Vegas and three-foot long margaritas are practically the city's mascot.

across a cornered-off section in the middle of the hall, where a group of Lions sat in folding chairs.

As I got closer, I noticed the medical kits and the men and women in white lab coats and the realization dawned on me: I'd wandered into a blood drive. It was 9:30 in the morning, we were in the world's premier party destination, and dozens of Lions were using their vacation time to donate blood. One of the Lions being prepped was a man wearing a single fluorescent, rainbow-colored shoe. He was missing a leg. He was also missing an arm.

This was my first indication that there might be something special about Lions. Here was this man, who'd clearly experienced more than his fair share of hardship in life, and yet he was giving where he could—donating his blood so that someone facing an even worse predicament might see his or hers fortunes reversed.

In the days to follow, I witnessed this display of unfiltered kindness on numerous occasions. Lions offered directions when I looked lost and a seat at their lunch table when I looked lonely. After I failed to locate my car in the parking garage and security went looking for it, a Lion offered to wait with me so that I wouldn't have to stand in a deserted garage by myself.

Several Lions invited me to visit them in their countries, handing me their business cards and promising me that they'd give me a tour of their hometowns if I ever came to visit. They gave me gifts—flower leis, key chains, stress balls, and pins. They added me as a friend on social media.

But it was more than just polite overtures and common decency. The Lions I met were open and seemingly unafraid to be vulnerable. One man shared with me his struggles adapting to his teenage daughter's diabetes diagnosis. Another revealed how his life had been changed after a scary medical diagnosis. And everywhere I looked were examples of Lions daring to be their authentic, silly selves—singing folk songs in the parade, dancing in the exhibit hall to Pharrell Williams' song "Happy," and waving



The Lions looked friendly. But as I headed outside toward the exhibit hall, I wondered if my interloper status would be an issue. Would the 15,000 club members attending the conference accept me—an outsider—as one of their own?

I stepped into the exhibit hall—a stadium-sized room replete with stages, murals, quote walls, and tables of shiny gold pins—and walked until I came

I arrived to the Lions Clubs International Conference in Las Vegas with a secret: I wasn't a Lion. I'd never been a Lion. I wasn't sure I'd ever even met one before.

I was a writer from Las Vegas, contracted to cover the conference for Lion Magazine. I knew only what I'd read online: Lions Clubs International was the largest and oldest service organization in the world. Members from more than 200 countries would be attending the convention at the MGM Resort and Casino, and it was only the second time in more than 100 years that the conference had been hosted in Las Vegas.

I studied the Lions around me in the crowded hotel corridor—A Filipino couple wearing tailored blue jackets, a group of Indian men in gray suits, a woman





their hands and singing as a cover band played Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" in the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

Prior to moving to Las Vegas, I'd lived in more than 20 cities—Tokyo, New York, Orlando, Honolulu, and Salzburg, to name a few—and had gotten to know people from a wide variety of countries and cultures. I can thus say with some authority that the Lions I met at the 101st Lions Clubs International Convention were different. They were special.

Giving Changes You

"Why are Lions so nice?" I was standing outside the MGM Grand Garden Arena, pen and notepad in hand, talking to two college students who were wearing red, white, and blue top hats and jackets with the words "Japan Lions" emblazoned on the front and back. Neither student was from Japan. The hats and jackets were gifts from some Lions they'd taken a photo with earlier—a spontaneous moment of generosity.

Fereshta Ramouzi from the Calgary MRU Lions Club

theorized that one possible reason Lions seemed so warm was because they look past the superficial. "People see people for who they are and not their job titles," she explained.

Ramouzi had noticed that to be especially true at

the conference, where despite coming from vastly different cultures, everyone behaved like old friends.

"It's a Utopia. It's like a small country...everyone interacting together."

Christopher Remtulla, also from the Calgary MRU Lions Club, suggested that it was because serving others makes people happier and more positive. "Giving back to the community lifts your spirits," he said.

United for the Common Good

Lion Bradley Barth from the Altoona Lions Club in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, thought that the difference I noticed may be due to Lions' keen communications skills.

"Because we serve, we naturally interact with a lot of people. We go out into the community, so we're used to talking to different people from different backgrounds," he explained.

Simon Domper, from the Norsewood Lions Club in Norsewood, New Zealand, shared a similar point of view, saying he attributed Lions' friendly and generous spirit to the fact that Lions clubs attract a wide scope of people from varied backgrounds. This diversity forces club members to be open-minded, tolerant, and flexible. "It's necessary if you want to be able to work together," he explained.

Domper's village has just 350 residents (20 of which are Lions) and yet: "Everyone has a different background—farmers, teachers, cheese makers. We're very accepting of people of different backgrounds," he said.

I got to see this special brand of inclusivity firsthand during the Parade of Nations, when 10,000 Lions—many of them dressed in the traditional garb of their country—marched with one another through downtown Las Vegas. United in their discomfort under the oppressive desert heat, the Lions walked, sang, and chanted past the law offices, drive-thru wedding chapels, and historic casinos of old Las Vegas.

While the dividing lines between the countries may have been evident at the start of the parade, by the middle of it, the lines had begun to blur. The Nigerians were marching with the Brazilians, the Indians were waving flags from the U.S. state of Iowa, and the



Chinese were leading crowds of Americans in shouting “China! China! Go, Go, Go!” As a first-time Parade of Nations spectator, the experience was surreal. You could see it on the faces of some of the Las Vegas tourists, who looked surprised to have wandered out of their hotels and into a kaleidoscope of colors and cultures.

During one of the Plenary Sessions, the audience was asked to rise to their feet and sing a song. I hesitated before standing. I didn’t want to participate; I wanted to observe. I’d chosen a seat at the back of the auditorium for that very reason. But then the Lions around me looked at me expectantly, with outreached hands, and so I stood. I held their hands and I did my best to sing along. At first, I felt silly and self-conscious, but as the chorus of thousands of voices washed over the arena, I felt moved, too.

On my first day at the conference, Akash Jogi, a Leo from India, had said: “Leos and Lions make it seem that an ideal world is not that far off.” At the time, that comment had struck me as sappy and idealistic, but after watching a stadium of people from nearly 200 countries hold hands and sing with one another, I began to see what he’d meant.

Making a Difference

During the five-day conference, I watched Lions sort hotel soaps for the homeless and brave the triple-

digit desert temperatures to harvest vegetables at a community garden. I heard stories from Lions in India who were working in cancer hospitals, Lions in Panama who were making children’s coloring books, and Lions in the Philippines who were planting forests of mangrove trees.

Throughout, I couldn’t help but think what a gift they’d given themselves. A lot of people may be hesitant to volunteer because they think the world’s problems are too many or massive. But the Lions I met seemed to know better. They knew that the key lies in daring to show up; daring to try.

One of the presentations I attended was by a woman from Leader Dogs for the Blind, a nonprofit that provides the vision-impaired with seeing-eye dogs. She told the story of a man who’d gone blind as a result of a genetic disorder. He’d lost his job and his family and was planning to commit suicide until a Lions member stepped in and helped arrange for him to be matched with a leader dog. “Everybody wonders if they’ve made a difference in the world,” she concluded, “Lions don’t have to wonder.”

What a powerful thing it must be to know, with full certainty, that the work you’ve done will have a lasting impact on the planet. Maybe the kindness I’d seen on display at the conference wasn’t an inherent personality trait but merely the result of living a life imbued with meaning.



Live by Example

A big theme of the conference was the need for change and the need to adapt to new technologies, like social media. Some of the conference's most attended workshops had titles like "Attracting Millennials to Join Lions" and "Learn to Tweet." But if my example is anything to go by, one of the best things Lions can do to recruit new members is to live by example. Whether it's through Facebook or actual face-to-face

conversations, it's Lions' quiet optimism, authenticity, and dedication to service that outsiders will find most attractive. Let that shine through and the recruits will follow.

I would know. While I may have arrived to the conference an outsider, five days and several new friends later, I left the conference with a pin and a commitment to serve. I'm not a Lion—but that may soon change.



The Psychology of Helping Why Individual Stories Matter

by Erin Kasdin

When a photo appeared in September 2015 of a three-year-old Syrian boy who drowned while trying to reach Europe with his family, the world seemed to momentarily open its eyes to a refugee crisis that had been quietly building for years.

The boy's name was Alan Kurdi, and in the wake of his death donations to charities helping refugees surged. Migrant Offshore Aid Station, an international humanitarian aid organization dedicated to providing aid and emergency medical relief to refugees and migrants around the world, received a "tidal wave of support." Donations to the Red Cross, which had set up a fund specifically to aid Syrian refugees in the weeks before Alan's death, were 100 times greater during the week after publication of the photo than the week before.

According to The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in 2015 there was an estimated 60 million refugees worldwide (a number that has since grown to 69 million in 2018). More than 3,770 people died trying to cross the Mediterranean to reach

Europe that year. But it took the image of a boy, face-down on a Turkish beach, for the world to wake up to the crisis.

It is true that a picture is worth a thousand words. But there's more to it than that.

Paul Slovic, Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon who studies risk and decision-making, has a simple explanation for this sudden surge in interest and action: the human brain is bad at math.

In what Slovic calls the "arithmetic of compassion," the human brain fails to multiply one person's suffering by millions. In fact, he says, research shows that "the more who die, the less we care."

Psychic Numbing

The refugee crisis wasn't new, but the photo tapped into what the human brain does best: empathize with the individual. In that one photo many people saw their own child at that age. Or their nephew or grandson or little brother. They could connect emotionally, and

that enabled them to respond with action.

Slovic's research has shown that statistics of mass tragedies don't elicit the emotional response required to provoke action. This is because the brain has two different ways of processing information: fast and slow. Fast thinking relies on instinct and is what we typically call our "gut reaction." Slow thinking relies on careful deliberation and logic. People tend to rely on fast thinking in most daily decision-making. But intuitive feelings don't do math very well.

The brain is unable to empathize with groups, so when presented with a large number of people affected by a tragedy, we can't add up the suffering of one and translate it to the many. This emotional insensitivity is called psychic numbing, and it doesn't just apply to large groups of people. The effect is seen when the number goes from just one to two. "People will risk their own life to save one person nearby," says Slovic. "But as numbers increase, the lives don't feel as valuable."

False Sense of Inefficacy

In addition to psychic numbing, good intentions are often derailed by a false sense that what we can do won't help.

In one study Slovic and his team gave two groups of participants an opportunity to help a starving child. In one group, the participants were shown just the photo of the child. In the second group, they were shown the photo accompanied by statistics about the number of children starving in that region of the world. The researchers thought the statistics might encourage more people to donate. They did not. The participants who saw the statistics donated 40% less. It turns out, people didn't feel as good donating to one child when there were many more they could not help.

The emotional system in the brain lets in irrelevant

"We help others not only because they need our help, but because we get a good feeling—a warm glow—when we help them," says Slovic. "The trouble is that it doesn't feel as good to help someone when our attention is drawn to the fact that there are others whom we are not able to help."

factors that dampen the positive influence of helping. It is wired to search for clues that an action is "good," and will resist actions that may be associated with "less good" or "bad" outcomes.

A number of studies have shown that the percentage of people helped is more important in decision-making than the number of people helped. A percentage gives the brain boundaries from which to evaluate the action. For instance, Slovic found that college students were more likely to support an airport safety measure that helped 98% of 150 lives at stake versus a measure designed to save 150 lives.

This is illogical. But the problem lies in the perception of what is "good." One hundred and fifty is just a number, with nothing to give it context. Ninety-eight percent of 150 is "most" of the at-risk lives, and therefore "good."

Even Partial Solutions Save Whole Lives

Slovic notes that it's important to understand these psychological effects, because that is the only way to overcome them. We can't assume statistics will capture the attention of the community or motivate them to take action, no matter how large the numbers.

"I want to emphasize that the indifference to suffering...is not the result of the behavior of 'bad people,'" says Slovic, in a talk he gave in Kenya in June 2018. "It results from psychological tendencies that affect all of us if we don't understand how they

work and take steps to prevent them from misleading us."

"Be aware and protect against the false sense of inefficacy," he says. "None of us can fix these problems by ourselves, but we can all do something meaningful. Even small actions can make a difference to one or more individuals."

What This Means for Lions

Steps you can take to overcome psychological barriers to action and engage your community in causes that matter

- **Make it personal** – Tell the individual stories of those in need on social media or through local media
- **Bring beneficiaries to life** – Communicate the hopes and dreams of those impacted by your cause
- **Give concrete ways to help** – This helps people envision the process and outcomes
- **Think small** – Show your community how a small effort can make a big impact, even if it doesn't "fix" the whole problem

Service Abroad

Stamps Decorate Christmas Mail in Long-Standing Nordic Tradition

ICELAND – If you're lucky enough to get a Christmas card in the mail, you're lucky enough. It means someone is thinking of you.

But if the envelope is adorned with Christmas stamps from Iceland, others are benefitting as well. It means someone probably bought the stamps from the Reykjavik Thor Lions, supporting one of their favorite charities—Dadahus, a summer home for children and adults with special needs.

Thor Lions started selling Christmas stamps in 1967 when many of the club members were artists, and they have sold stamps every year since, says Gunnar Mar Hauksson, a Lion for 50 years.

The stamps are purely decorative, an old-time tradition brought to Iceland from Denmark, and popular in Sweden and Norway as well. Stamp collectors buy them, but so do individuals and companies that want to support a good cause and add a little extra touch to their holiday greetings.

"These were designed just to tell people that there was a Christmas card in the mail," says Lion Oli Jon Hertervig, flipping gently through a thick album that stores his club's collection. "The only problem is that now people aren't sending as many Christmas cards



Reykjavik Thor Lions Gunnar Mar Hauksson and Oli Jon Hertervig look over the collection of Christmas stamps the club has sold in Iceland for 50 years

as they once did. They are using computers more and stamps less and less."

Typically a sheet of 10 stamps costs ISK400, or US\$4, Hertervig says, and on good years, the Reykjavik Thor Lions make ISK200,000 to 300,000 (US\$1,840 to \$2,700) on the sale of them.

The stamps often feature a church scene. "Probably because, as you know, in every country there are a lot of churches, and Iceland is not lagging behind," Hertervig says. But this year the stamp will be designed by a child with disabilities.

Thor Lion Daniel Omar Viggooson, who has a 9-year-old son in a wheelchair, says his club's support



of Dadahus means a lot to families like his who benefit from the house not only being more affordable, but accessible. The home, named for Viggooson's stepbrother, Dadi, who died at age 6, is owned by Throskahjalp, a national organization in Iceland that fights for the rights and promotes the interests of people with intellectual disabilities and challenges. Lions assist with home maintenance and have

purchased equipment for the house, including furniture, appliances, and a lift to assist those with severe disability.

"Making these changes and buying equipment to increase accessibility is really expensive," says Viggooson. "Throskahjalp would not be able to do that without our [Lions'] help."

Dadahus, the handicap-accessible summer house supported by Thor Lions in Iceland, is named for a young boy, Dadi. His grandmother and uncle made a plaque with his picture to identify the home.

The DNA of Lions

By seeking to make a difference in the world, Lions may actually be making an even greater difference in themselves

by Joan Cary and Erin Kasdin

What Drives Lions to Serve

Some people ask 89-year-old Robert ‘Rocco’ Viera, “Don’t you just want to go fishing?”

But the 49-year El Paso Del Norte Lion in Texas laughs at the silly question. “This is my fishing. This is my hobby,” he says. “This is my retirement.”

“This” is Viera’s passion for being a Lion and helping the hearing impaired.

According to Barry Greenwald, clinical psychologist and Associate Professor of Psychology Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Chicago, there are a lot of different reasons why people choose to donate their time, and a lot of it depends on where you are in your cycle of life. The person who chooses to volunteer at retirement is different from someone who may be looking for a way to gain insight and direction for a future career (like a medical student donating time at a local health clinic). Others, he says, are just those kinds of people. “It’s in their personality.”

Viera is just one of those people.

Although he prefers to think of himself as “just a boy from the barrio that did well,” Lion Viera served diligently as chairman of the District 2-T3 Lions Hearing and Speech Committee for 41 years. He formed a partnership with the non-profit community development center Clinica de Salud Familiar La Fe, and at La Fe, founded the Lions’ Hearing Aid Bank.

He has spearheaded Lion volunteers assisting nurses and teachers in identifying students with potential hearing loss, and personally identified, counseled, and referred countless others in need of help and hearing aids. And all this has not only benefitted his community, but inspired the Lions around him, enough so that he was nominated for El Pasoan of the Year in 2017.

“I was fortunate to have good parents,” he says. “They were humble, hardworking people, and they taught me the importance of helping others. I guess that’s why I’m a Lion. To be a good Christian.”

Nina Taylor, of the East London Port Rex Lions Club in South Africa, became a Lion because she wanted to give back after so many years spent immersed in her own studies. “I decided I wanted to make a difference,” she says. “I always had a passion for people and helping others.” She joined a different service-oriented club at school but eventually dropped out. “I hated every second because it was all about raising funds,” she says. “You never saw where it went.”

Greenwald says it’s common for people to begin volunteering when facing a transition in life. It gives them a chance to redefine themselves, find an identity, and gives them a sense of purpose. Especially for older adults, who tend to experience an identity crisis

when they retire, volunteering gives them something new to build their life around. “It’s an excellent antidote to being depressed,” he says.

Research backs this up. It turns out, by seeking to make a difference in the world, Lions may actually be making an even greater difference in themselves.

The Corporation for National & Community Service reviewed research on the health benefits of volunteering. According to their report, a growing body of evidence indicates that there are significant health benefits for those who serve. The impressive number of Lions turning 100 years old endorses what these studies have quantified: Volunteering helps you live longer, and in better health.

One study found that the benefits of volunteering were actually greater for those doing the service work than for those who were getting the help.

And it’s not just the service work alone that makes the difference. One study found that membership in voluntary associations—not just doing volunteer activities—had a significant positive effect on longevity and duration of good health. It also improved a person’s sense of well-being and ability to get out and do things into old age (like go to a movie, attend church, visit friends, walk up and down stairs, or do heavy work around the house).

Besides being generally enjoyable, volunteering gives people an opportunity to fulfill something that may be missing in their day-to-day lives, says Greenwald. As opposed to paid work, “With volunteering you can be flexible, write some of your own rules,” he says. For those at risk of depression, “Doing something throws you back into the world.”

It’s also a self-fulfilling prophecy. One study from the 1980s showed that those who volunteered reported higher levels of happiness, life satisfaction, self-esteem, a sense of control over life, and physical health—including lower levels of depression—three years later. And those who had originally reported higher levels of happiness and overall health and lower levels of depression at the beginning of the study were more likely to volunteer three years later. What this indicates is that people who are healthier and happier tend to volunteer more. And, volunteering makes you happier and healthier.

Why Doesn’t Everyone Do It?

“Some fear getting involved,” says Carol Marshall, of the Albuquerque Breakfast Lions Club. “They fear they are incapable because they haven’t done it before.”

When Doug Day, also an Albuquerque Breakfast Lion, first visited New Mexico’s largest homeless shelter, Joy Junction, and saw the condition of the



Carol Marshall and Doug Day, of the Albuquerque Breakfast Lions. The pair volunteer every week at New Mexico’s largest homeless shelter, where Day rebuilt the center’s library. Marshall loves the “good tired” she feels after a busy day of volunteering

“library”—a walk-in closet stacked floor to ceiling with books, like a giant Jenga game ready to tumble—he thought “no.” He couldn’t fix that.

But then he started to think “yes.”

It took hours, weeks, months. Over the days at the shelter, his perception of the homeless changed. He is honored now that he doesn’t just know the clients’ names, but they know his. They greet him by name at the door. That might have never happened if his original hesitancy to serve had lingered.

Sometimes, Marshall is quick to admit, she gets frustrated that other Lions don’t want to serve the way she does: Often and with gusto. Although the club serves lunch to the homeless once a month, she and Day go every Friday. They also clean up and restock the newly rebuilt library, and take on a multitude of other serving opportunities with other organizations.

But every Lion has to give in their own way, she learned.

“If I see people in need of help and it’s in my capacity, I want to get it done. That’s how I feel each and every time,” says Marshall.

“So many people need help, and I really feel like if you’re well and you can afford to do things, you have an obligation to help others,” says Day. “But you also have to recognize that not everyone is meant to be active in serving. Everyone serves differently, and that’s OK. We all do what we can.”

Brandon Johnson, DG for district 12N in Eastern Tennessee, thinks there are some practical—and preventable—reasons people don’t get more involved as well. “Lions don’t like to publicize what they do,” he says. “I want to share what Lions do with as many people in as many ways as possible, including all forms of social media. That’s how we get other people involved in serving. We need to promote what we do so others want to be a part of it.”

The Club Reflects the Heart of Its Members

Perhaps part of the appeal of the club is the opportunity to belong. It's possible to find a club in your community that reflects who you are, while still being part of a worldwide organization.

"What's so great about this platform is how flexible it is," says Mindy Marks, Division Manager for District and Clubs at Lions headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois. "Each club has the power to decide what they want to do. A group of people can see a need in their community, come together, and solve that problem."

"It really is your club, your way," she says.

This is especially true of the growing number of specialty clubs popping up. Specialty clubs offer the opportunity for groups of people who already have something in common to give something back to the community, together.

Whether it's retirees, professionals, sport enthusiasts, cultural groups, or those united for a common

The Heart to Serve

Robert 'Rocco' Viera, 89, El Paso Del Norte Lions Club

Viera grew up in El Paso's Second Ward, El Segundo Barrio, an historic Hispanic neighborhood that is often called "the other Ellis Island" because so many people immigrate through the area. They had no water and no electricity. He had to go outside to brush his teeth, and walk wherever he needed to be. In 1952, he married his high school sweetheart, Grace, and he joined the U.S. Air Force.

Years later, Viera found himself unable to communicate with the deaf people who worked for him. He noted how segregated, isolated, and underserved they were, so he went to school to learn sign language. Admired for his dedication, he was invited to join Lions.

Over the years Viera grew more and more involved in assisting others. Now, he says, what stands in the way most often is the lack of financial resources.

"It's hard. Money is very limited, especially for the hearing impaired," he says. "But we are very united in our cause. And we help each other. We always all support each other. You have to have the heart, the passion to do what Lions do."



cause, these people are already united under a common interest. By joining Lions, they have the opportunity to come together and use their special talents to help those in need around them.

Often, these are people who might never have imagined they'd be part of a service organization, but find that it enhances the joy they get from what they were already doing. "This is something that I would not have seen myself doing in [my] younger years," says Jason Nunn, from the Anchorage Racing Lions Club. "It's a lot of fun and it's very rewarding."

Indeed, Lions has a unique way of looking at membership. "Even though the form is so traditional, it can be whatever people make it," says Marks. "In a way, every club is a specialty club."

But Why Lions?

There are other ways to give back. Why do Lions choose to become Lions?

"Lions are family," says Day. "That's one of the benefits. Lions don't just help others, everybody pitches in to help when a Lion needs help, too."

Viera echoes this feeling. "My club is very much like a family club. We're very united. We help each other. Although we might not agree, we always support each other."

For Club President Nelson Cruz, Lions are, literally, his family. Cruz is president of the Dade City Hispanic American Lions Club in Dade City, Florida. He has always been active in his community. As a letter carrier, he sees it as his responsibility to look after the neighborhood and its citizens. He always carries cards with information for domestic abuse survivors and makes sure he knows where all available housing is in the area.

"Sometimes a small gesture is all it takes," he says. "I might see a kid who's out in his yard and ask 'Why aren't you in school today?' Simple conversation can make a difference."

Cruz joined Lions after he saw a presentation on what the club was about and he realized he could help, given his intimate knowledge of the community and its needs. "I had to bring it back to my family though," he says. Cruz knew he wouldn't always be available for the meetings or service projects, and he wanted to make sure that when he couldn't be there, a member of his family could be. "If I believe in it," he says, "I have to educate my family to get them to also believe in it. We're trying to make it a way of life."

And that's just what PDG Chris Carlone, 55, is hoping to do for the kids in his club's Cub Program. A



Nelson Cruz

couple years ago his club, the Metairie Airline Lions Club in Metairie, Louisiana, consisted of a dedicated group of four to six folks in their very golden years. "The youngest one other than my wife and I was 81," says Carlone.

He learned his first year as club president that he'd have to take it easy with them. After a can-shaking project for white cane day, they all gathered and told him what a great job he did—and to

When I Became a Lion

Brandon Johnson, DG in District 12N

Every time DG Brandon Johnson in eastern Tennessee inducts a new member into Lions, he says, "Welcome to our family."

The youngest district governor in the organization, 24-year-old Johnson officially became a Lion on his 18th birthday.

But it wasn't until November of 2016, when high winds spread a wildfire from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Gatlinburg, 80 miles from Johnson's hometown of La Follette, that he had his "come to Jesus" moment, he says.

People were dying. Homes were being destroyed, and Johnson, then a second vice district governor, was lying in bed at 3 a.m., watching live tweets of the devastation.

"I'm a Lion. Why am I lying here?" he asked himself.

The next day there was a US\$10,000 emergency grant from LCI, Lions were serving on the ground, and Johnson had begun fundraising efforts that would net them another US\$40,000 for fire relief. Among the Lions on the ground was Johnson, who met a young single mother with four or five children who lost their home. Their basic needs were being met with food, clothes, and shelter, but she needed a blender to puree food for her smallest, a special needs child.

"That's not something you would think about in a fire," says Johnson. "A blender? But I was able to get this for her, and that was the moment."

"That was the moment," he says. "For the first time I really knew, 'Wow. This is what it means to be a Lion.' Those kinds of stories happen all the time, all over the world."





The Cub program helped revive an aging Metairie Airline Lions Club, bringing in young families who see Lions as a way to teach their kids the value of giving back

never do it again. “We’re too old for that,” they said. And they really were, concedes Carlone. These were guys who loved Lions and who wanted to give back, but their energy was limited.

Then he happened to run into a woman he had known as a little girl. She had grown up next to

Carlone and expressed her gratitude at having him as a role model. “I want my kids to give back, too” she said. Her kids and some friends had decided they wanted to go read to children in the hospital, she told Carlone. However, it turned out it wasn’t that easy.

“You need background checks, liability insurance, etc.” says Carlone. “They don’t let just anyone in off the streets.” Carlone suggested they join Lions and do the project as part of the Cubs Program. So his former neighbor joined, and so did 13 other moms (and one dad) with their kids.

Cubs now come to the Metairie Airline club meetings regularly with their parents. Each child is challenged to come up with a project of their own and lead the other kids as they do it.

“This is not a babysitting job. It’s designed for kids to learn what it’s like to give back. Each one of these kids had the philanthropy blood in them,” says Carlone. “They just needed an avenue to do it.”

The older members are proud of their club’s new life. “They do all kinds of stuff,” says Carlone. “It has been the life-saving boost of our club.”

Is It in the Genes?

“I don’t know, I’m not a scientist,” says Carlone. “Everyone has a different story as to why they join. But kids are smart, they listen. And if you come home and talk about how you got one over on someone else and how you’re winning, well, they’ll learn that. But if you come home and you talk about how you went to a homeless shelter that day and fed 300 people, then that’s what they’ll see.”

Greenwald says there are some people who just have that desire inside them to help. “They are the ones in your church or synagogue who are the first to bring a meal if you’re sick,” he says. They recognize that there are a lot of needy people in the world and they can lend a hand. “They’re alert to it,” he says. “They do it. They don’t wait for others to do it.”

Want to start your own specialty club? See all the ways your unique interests can help your community. [Link to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pv1u9pwRpz4&feature=youtu.be&list=PLjke7HcmOISSBnzKg1U4F1YsYj_SRJ_dk]

Raising Up New Voices

The New Voices initiative celebrates women’s contributions to Lions Clubs International and focuses on increasing the number of women in Lions clubs and closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions.

“New Voices means new ideas,” says IP Gudrun Yngvadottir.

Speaking to more than 1,000 delegates gathered at the 2018 International Convention in Las Vegas, Gudrun said it wasn’t originally on her agenda to start a women’s initiative.

New Voices

- Celebrates women’s contributions to Lions
- Promotes gender parity by focusing on the increasing number of women in Lions Clubs
- Works to close the gap between men and women in leadership positions

“In fact,” she said, “when I made my first official visits, I was careful not to touch on women’s membership or leadership. But, to my surprise,

wherever I went, I was asked what would be my strategy to promote women in Lions Clubs International. The women would come up to me and say how they were waiting to see what I would do. I thought to myself, ‘If not me, who?’ I felt this is what Lions want. So here we are!”

Why is it Called New Voices?

“As I traveled around the world, I saw a lot of diversity in membership and leadership between men and women. Even in many places where women were not members or leaders, they were playing an important role behind the scenes—in organizing meetings, in running projects, in managing activities. They were silently working, but did not have a voice.

“We don’t have to look for women—they are there—all that we need to do is bring their ideas, their talent, their commitment to the table. They needed a new voice. And I thought this would be the right time to give them a platform so that together we can take this organization forward.”

By working with the Global Action Team, District Governors, and Council Chairs to create awareness,

New Voices will identify Lions who have made a difference but whose voices have not been heard.

Get involved!

Visit the website: Go to <https://weserve.org/newvoices> to learn more about the program.

Read the profiles: Gain inspiration and enjoy the stories told by New Voices team leaders from all constitutional areas as they share their thoughts and experiences as a Lion.

Share your own experience: Post your story on social media about how your work as a Lion has supported women in membership, leadership, service, and marketing, and you may be invited to an exclusive seminar with IP Gudrun in Milan.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsnewvoices/>

Email us: Reach out to us at newvoices@lionsclubs.org and tell us how you’ve joined the move to unleash the potential of women in our clubs.

Blueberry Festival – Minnow Lake Lions

Each year, the City of Sudbury hosts the Blueberry Festival. They grow in such abundance here partly because of the mining industry and early smelting processes which created great soil conditions for the bushes. Pollinated by black flies (yes they do have a purpose) blueberries are free for the picking from about mid-July into late August throughout the entire city.

The Minnow Lake Lions Club has been serving

blueberry pancakes for the past several years for this cause. One of the big attractions is the Blueberry Bear who attends the festival each year. He is pictured here at the Minnow Lake Lions tent while Lion **Keith Argent**, Lion **Shirley Ogilvy** and 2nd Vice District Governor Lion **Anne Dechaine** are busy flipping hotcakes and mixing batter.



Be Yourself

Meet New Voice Global Chairperson – Sangeeta Jatia

When Past International Director Sangeeta Jatia first took on a Lions leadership position in 2004, she thought she had to mimic the male leaders around her — talk like them and dress like them.

A Calcutta Midtown Lion since 1988, she was preparing for her role as district governor in 322 B1, and she thought she should wear a suit jacket like the male leaders she knew in India where the climate is not conducive to jackets, and women traditionally wear sarees.

She ordered some jackets. She began to throw her voice at meetings, to be more aggressive, adopting the back-slapping camaraderie of the men, she writes in her New Voices online biography. She thought it would send the message to others that she was truly a leader to be listened to.

But she soon learned that the Lions were not impressed with mimicry. They appreciated her for her different ideas that she expressed in her quieter, feminine voice. She realized the voice she really needed to listen to was her own.

She stopped trying to fit in.

“Being authentic was liberating,” she says.

Now Jatia, as the global chairperson for New Voices, encourages women to not be like her, but to be themselves.

She also erroneously believed the divide in how men and woman behave as Lions was only present in small, conservative towns, she says. “But to my surprise it is in every culture, in every place. Many women did not know they could be Lions. They came to projects, worked at meetings, but did not have a say in club affairs. Even now, you have to tell them ‘you can lead.’”

“They need mentoring. They need a nudge. And once they get involved, there is no looking back.”

Jatia suggests Lions work to make clubs and districts women friendly, with late evening meetings and Sunday meetings that include family. Lions need to be the ones to educate society that Lions are indeed both men and women. And while these Lions—men and women—work daily to meet the needs of all those they serve, she says, “We need to understand the needs of each other.”



Knowlton Lions

At a ceremony held in Cowansville on May 30th 2018, Nolan Russell of the Massey-Vanier High School, from the Lake Brome area, was awarded the Knowlton Lions Club bursary, for his academic achievements.

In his thank you letter to the Club, Nolan stated: “I greatly appreciate being recognized for my academic efforts and my successes at Massey-Vanier High School. In the next few years I will be studying at Champlain St. Lambert in the General Social Science program. My goal is to improve my grades as much as possible in order to transfer into the Police Technology program at John Abbott College. I hope to become a police officer. Giving back to the community has always been a goal of mine, and I hope my chosen career path will allow me to do this. This award will greatly reduce my financial burden in the months to come, as it will help me pay for the cost of the textbooks and all my other school related fees.”



L - R: Lions members John Staton and Gabrielle De Winter, the bursary recipient Nolan Russell and Lion member Eric Dupré

Lors d’une cérémonie tenue à Cowansville le 30 mai 2018, Nolan Russell de l’école secondaire Massey-Vanier, a reçu la bourse du Club Lions de Knowlton, pour ses résultats scolaires.

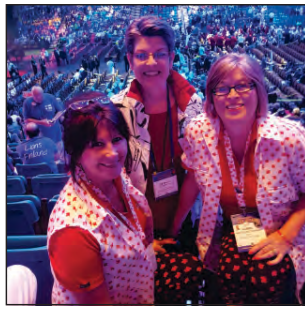
Dans sa lettre de remerciement au Club, Nolan a déclaré : « J’apprécie grandement d’être reconnu pour mes efforts académiques et mes succès à l’école secondaire Massey-Vanier. Au cours des prochaines années, j’étudierai au CEGEP Champlain de Saint-Lambert dans le programme général des sciences sociales. Mon objectif est d’améliorer ma moyenne afin de poursuivre mes études dans le programme de technologie policière du CEGEP John Abbott. J’espère devenir policier. Redonner à la communauté a toujours été un de mes objectifs et j’espère que le cheminement de carrière que j’ai choisi me permettra de le faire. Ce prix réduira considérablement mon fardeau financier dans les mois à venir, car il m’aidera à payer le coût des manuels scolaires et tous mes autres frais de scolarité. »

G à d : les membres Lions John Staton et Gabrielle De Winter, le récipiendaire de la bourse Nolan Russell et Eric Dupré, membre Lion.

Brampton Village Lions

This year was the 165th year for the Brampton Fall Fair and the Brampton Village Lions were proud to partner with the Fair Board to help make it a success. The Lions are proud to report both of these events met and exceeded the club’s expectations in raising funds for their community projects. *Keep up the good work Lions!*





**Far Left Freda & Karen with IP Gudrun Centre Freda & Karen with PID Patti Hill
Lions Freda Walker & Karen MacDonald**

Freda & Karen with Lion Elizabeth Young & PID Art Woods

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
LAS VEGAS 2018
WE SERVE, YES WE DID!**

MDA - District A15 Woolwich Community Lions members Lion Freda Walker and Lion Karen MacDonald, took WE SERVE beyond their community and their country. They Served on this year's International Convention host committee; as welcome ambassadors, greeting 1000's of Lions from around the world, both in the convention center and at the information booth. They were also asked to oversee a Service Project, "Clean the World".

"Serving as Lions on the host committee, we learned a lot about clubs in other countries as well as our own... Who knew we had the first Lions Cubs group in BC, Canada (not us). We visited with many Lions, had our pictures taken with them like Canadian Stars. The members of the host committee were fun to work with, they enjoyed our Canadian spirit."

"When we were called and asked to lead the Service Project, only one answer came ... **FOR SURE** happy to help. The Friday morning Service Project got underway at 7:30am, we had 24 Lions helping to clean the world with the hygiene project. We had breakfast together, then were bussed off to learn how Vegas was giving back to their community and the world. By collecting soaps and products from the many hotels and casinos; they recycle them, sanitizing the products and making them into bars of soap. Then they package the new soap with cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hair products etc., making packages to hand out to the homeless and through shelters."



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Serving as Lions is very rewarding we enjoyed being part of it!



**Lions Freda Walker & Karen MacDonald
Woolwich Community Lions**



*Editor's Note: Page created by Lions Freda & Karen, Woolwich Community Lions "Great Job!"

Halton Police Trauma Dog

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If life is a journey this Journey is about making life less stressful for people who have had a traumatic experience. Halton Police has added its newest officer to help with this goal. She goes by just one name — Journey. She is an 18-month-old yellow Lab who is the first graduate of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides who has been trained for this purpose.

Initially considered as a candidate for the foundation's autism support dog program Dog Guide officials believed Journey's gentle demeanour could be used for another purpose, helping children and adults in crisis, either as victims or witnesses of a crime or sudden tragedy in their dealings with police and the justice system.

She was picked specifically for her temperament. Alissa Mendelson, primary trainer of Journey stated "We picked her specifically for her temperament — calm, gentle, affectionate, intuitive and a quick learner."

So Journey began her ... journey to become a support dog for the Halton Regional Police Victim Services Unit. At seven weeks old she went to live with a foster family, the Gagnons, in Erin, Ont. She stayed with them for almost the entire time, until she was about 13 months old, learning to be around and socializing with people. After that, Journey went to the Lions Foundation for about five months of intensive training.

"Journey is the foundation's first Support Dog Guide. She was selected for her calm demeanour, and trained to the highest level of obedience and to be non-reactive in different types of situations," said Sandy Turney, executive director of the Lions Foundation. "We hope to train many more as one Support Dog Guide can help hundreds of victims."

Support Dog Guides are intended to provide unconditional comfort to those involved in traumatic situations. "The Dog Guide will provide on-scene support when requested to those most vulnerable in

our community, as well as provide added support to persons providing difficult disclosure to police for crimes such as child abuse, sexual assault, etc.," said Kimberley Clark, Halton police's victim services unit administrator. Clark said the service had been mulling over the value of pursuing a support dog for about two years.

Halton officers will have the ability to ask a victim or their family if the presence of a dog would be welcome when police talk to a victim, either in their home or at a police station.

"When an officer arrives on a scene, like with an elderly person who has had their home broken into, the officer might think the dog would be a help in the situation," said Clark.

The Lab might even go to a courthouse to be with a witness, possibly even in a courtroom, with the permission of a judge. The dog's other benefit is for officers themselves. "Particularly for officers who may have had a difficult day," Clark noted.

Longtime Lions Foundation instructor Alissa Mendelson, Journey's primary trainer, said that unlike other Dog Guides, who are usually off limits to the public when it comes to physical interaction such as petting and hugging, the general public can touch a support dog, with permission from its handler. It's even more hands-on for victims involved with police. Mendelson says they have "free rein" to touch Journey. "She's the first Dog Guide who should have a sign that says, 'Touch me.'"

Mendelson said she worked with Journey every weekday, spending about one-1 ½ hours each day with her, among the eight-10 Dog Guides at one time that she helps train. As far as Journey's attributes. "It's been a great learning experience for her," said Mendelson. "Hopefully she'll be helping hundreds of people."

She said Journey's foster family "did an amazing job" with her. Bonnie Gagnon, who fostered Journey with her husband, was at the hand-off of Journey from the Lions Foundation to Halton police. They hadn't seen each other for a couple of months but when Journey saw Bonnie the normally docile dog



jumped excitedly and swirled around Bonnie's feet, "It's lovely to see her remember."

Bonnie said being a support dog is a natural role for Journey. "It's so her personality. I guess all those nights snuggling up with her paid off."

Clark said Journey will have her own office and bed on police grounds and will go home at night with her civilian police handler. "I think every (police) victim services unit should have one," she said. She noted in this area only Toronto, Brantford and Niagara police have one.

It is not cheap to train a Dog Guide. Each one costs an average of \$25,000 to train, but they are provided free to qualifying Canadians. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides receives no government funding and relies solely on donations from individuals, corporations and fundraisers.



Kimberley Clark, Jan Johnson & Kathleen Cox, Halton Police & Journey

Leaside Centennial Lions

The Lions of Leaside were busy a while back, collecting eyeglasses in support of Lions International mandate to fight blindness. It was a successful venture that culminated in a “Special Delivery” of 500 pairs of glasses to the Lions Club of Narayan & Leo Club of Narayangarh District 325 that were ultimately destined for use in the Bharatpur Eye Hospital. Club member Lion Tulsi Dharel,

completed the delivery, subsequently they received a Certificate of Appreciation as shown. A photo of the club in Nepal is also included.



A-2 Lions and Lioness

Lions **Alan Beamer** and **Susan Beamer** (Lions A-2 District Diabetes Chairs) met with the Diabetes Educators at the Welland Hospital Diabetes Clinic to experience firsthand the iPads purchased by the Lions Clubs of our District.

carbohydrates & sugars all in an effort to keep their blood sugar in balance. The Beamer’s learned that there is an ‘app’ for children to use when they are at school to help inform teachers & other students about diabetes & what the student has to do to stay healthy.

The devices allow newly diagnosed clients to practice (with assistance from the educators) and then to transfer those learned skills to their home computers to manage their specific dietary program. Staying on track is very important in managing diabetes!

Thank you to the Lions and Lioness of A-2 who funded these important tools!

Nurses Rose (left) & Kim (right) demonstrated how the iPads are used with clients to plan meals, look up foods to count



Hanover Lions Club

Members of the Hanover Lions Club unveiled a Friendship Arch in the town of Hanover recently. Club

members are shown with town mayor Sue Patterson and other Hanover town officials for the ceremony.



Lions Extend a Hand to Kids Going Hungry

by Jamie Konigsfeld

Starvation is a terrible reality for people of all ages, all around the world, with more than 800 million people going to bed hungry on a regular basis. La Guajira, one of 32 departments in Colombia, is home to the Wayuu—Colombia’s largest indigenous group. Within the last decade, nearly 5,000 Wayuu children have died of malnutrition. Lions clubs in La Guajira want to help relieve this devastating situation through nutrition centers, which will provide children with regular, nutritious meals. Lions of La Guajira collected donations for the project and also secured a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to help with the centers.

The Wayuu people used to depend on access to the Ranchería River to grow their crops, but due to a 2011-built dam that now diverts the river to neighboring municipalities, the Wayuu are forced to walk more than three hours to access wells. The Wayuu’s livelihood hinged on the river, which has been routed to other locations for domestic use, irrigation, and for Cerrejón—Colombia’s largest coal mine. Even when they make the long walk to the well, the water there is contaminated with bacteria. To add to the problem, a drought that has persisted since 2011 is killing off their crops.

Lions have responded to this urgent crisis through the construction of six nutrition centers, two of which have been fully constructed and open since December of 2017. The centers are located near local schools, each built with a dining hall, a kitchen, space for food storage, and restroom facilities. Operation expenses, food, and staff will be provided by local municipal governments.

Since the opening of these nutrition centers, hundreds of local Wayuu children have regular meals with the nutrition they need to grow into strong, healthy individuals. The centers also encourage school-attendance, so more of the children are staying in school and, with full bellies, they’re able to pay close attention to their classes instead of where their next meal will come from.

Visit LCIF.org/BE100 to learn how Campaign 100 will work toward a world in which no one goes hungry, expanding resources and infrastructure needed to address food shortages in our communities and around the world.





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What are we working on right now?

Re-introducing our programs for schools – We need to promote the new program to current Lions Quest teachers, and introduce it to new teachers as well. Early response is extremely positive, and we need to spread the word. We continue to deliver the most effective programs to support the social emotional development of our young people and remain a leader in the field.

Expanding our work into communities – We have workshops and train-the-trainer options to involve all adults in supporting our children and youth with the same positive youth development approach we use in schools. We say it “takes a village to raise a child” – we need to help the villagers be effective in their role.

How can you help?

Lions Quest Fellowships - For **\$500**, you can honour someone with a Lions Quest Fellowship. The application is available on our website at www.lionsquest.ca. Our goal is to award 100 Fellowships this year.

NEW!! Q-Bear Fan Club – For **\$100**, you can join the Q-Bear Fan Club. Personal donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. As we launch this new initiative, our goal is to have 300 Q-Bear Fans this year.

Promotional Contest – Clubs will be receiving tickets for our 2018-19 contest. Two books of 20 tickets each will be sent to clubs this fall, with each ticket representing a \$10 donation to Lions Quest. Three prizes will be awarded – each prize will be *airfare for 2 plus registration to attend the Lions International Convention in Milan, Italy* next July. This is a promotional contest, not a traditional raffle, so you can donate using your activity funds and possibly lottery funds if eligible in your municipality.

Walden Lions

The Walden Lions Club were busy Wednesdays during July and August with the Anderson Farm Farmers Market and the Rock the Farm Concert series. These two major fundraisers are vitally important to the continuation of the Anderson Farm Museum Heritage Society. The Lions assisted with the set-up and take down of the event displays, conducted a 50/50 draw and manned a Lions information booth. They also assisted the local Trinity Youth

Group with their fundraiser at these events. The Walden Lions community partnership with the Anderson Farm is an important part of their club and in supporting their community.



Lions Mait Wilson, and Diane Tait (also a Trinity Youth Group Leader), Trinity Youth members Elijah and Gabriel Tait, Kristin Gibeault (Trinity Youth Leader) and Lion Don Dodds



Hickson Lions

On September 29th the Hickson Lions officially opened their new parkette in the town. It is a place where the people can stop, rest and relax. The Lions provided a light lunch for those on hand, which judging by the photo of the young lad was very enjoyable. The facility is situated in the centre of town for all to see and enjoy.



Vice District Governor Tracey Robinson on the left is shown helping out with the ribbon cutting along with many club members

Amherstview Lions & St. John's Ambulance



Members of Amherstview Lions Club along with DG Lion **Frank Hewitt**, were given a demonstration by St. John's Ambulance how to use defibrillator and CPR at the Community Hall in Amherstview. Purchase and training in the use of these life-saving devices are available through your local branch of the St. John's Ambulance. *Sounds like a great Service Project!*



Delaware Lions

Recently the Delaware Lions officially donated \$10,000 to Middlesex Centre, towards the cost of a new floor at the Delaware Community Centre. The floor, complete with Lions Logo, is a source of pride for the Lions and the community.

Lion Chief Frank Berze presenting cheque to Scott Mairs, Director, Community Services, Middlesex Centre



A15 Autism Assistance Dog Guide – DG Project (2017-2018) – WE DID IT!!!!

Members of the A15 Team travelled to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides facility in Oakville to present them with a cheque for \$13,900.00 on behalf of every Lion, Lioness and LEO in District A15. The team's goal was to raise funding to sponsor an Autism Assistance Dog Guide Team which is \$12,000. The amazing Lions, Lioness and LEOs in A15 helped to surpass that goal to give such an amazing gift to a child on the Autism spectrum and their family. Well done everyone in District A15.



Region Chair Harvey Wood, Cabinet Treasurer Peter Oswald, District Governor Char Dwyer and Dennis Lougheed, GLT Coordinator



High Park Centennial Lions Club – Charter Night

In August of this year the A711 Lions were pleased to welcome their newest club, the Toronto High Park Centennial Lions Club. Pictured are the Charter members of the club at their Charter Night Celebration along with IPDG Lion **Surinder Sharma**, District Governor Lion **Jeffrey Friedman**, and 2nd VDG Lion **Tebo Richards**.



Lion President Chris Simola of the sponsoring club, Thistletown Lions, handing over Gavel to Lion President Glentis Samuel of the newly formed High Park Centennial Lions Club



St. Davids Leos and Merritton Lions



When the Merritton Lions learned about the St. Davids LEOs goal to sponsor an Autism Assist Dog Guide the Merritton Lions proposed a funding partnership.

The LEOs \$5000 in raised funds plus the \$8500 proceeds from a recent Merritton Lions Dog Bowl was more than enough to meet the LEOs \$12,000 goal. On November 14 a bus full of Lions and LEOs travelled to Oakville for the formal cheque presentations.

A job well done by both clubs!



Madoc Lions Halloween Safe House

Great turn out for “Family Fun” at the Safe House. Apple Bobbing, Heart on the Skeleton, Dice Throwing, Pumpkin Carving and a photo with Madoc Lions Ghost. Thanks to Cooney Apple Store for apples and Jeff Fleming for the pumpkins.

Trick or Treaters enjoyed Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Prizes and a bag of candy. A Great Time was had by all in this popular community event.



Courtice Lions

Recently the Courtice Lions presented two Lions park benches to the Courtice Community Complex commemorating 100th anniversary of Lions International, and 20th charter anniversary of Courtice Lions Club. The benches are at the entrance to the complex and provide a convenient place for people to relax after visiting the pool, older adult centre, fitness centre or library, and to become aware of what the club does for the community. “On behalf of the Municipality of Clarington, I thank Courtice Lions Club for their generous donation to the community,” said Mayor Lion Adrian Foster.



L to R: Lion Arshad Salam, Councillor Willie Woo, Lion Jack Fisher, 2VDG Lion Barry Chisholm, Mayor Lion Adrian Foster, Courtice Community Complex Manager Mark Sutherland, and President Lion Evelyn Fisher

MD'A' – Special Olympics

Lion Clubs from across Ontario have donated over \$40,000 this past year for Special Olympics! Thank you to all the Lions Clubs in MD'A' who supported this project. A big thank you to the Special Olympics District Chairs who have brought awareness of Special Olympics to Lions Clubs in their District.

The Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games were held in Antigonish, Nova Scotia from July 31st to August 4th. Congratulations to all members of Team Ontario for their outstanding performance, bringing home a total of 372 medals!

What an amazing accomplishment!

None of this would be possible without the commitment and dedication of the coaches, volunteers and mission staff.

The team from Almaguin came home as Silver Medal Winners.

District A9 Chair for Special Olympics Lion **Dennis Flavell** reported that the **Kincardine Lions** on September 15 helped out the Special Olympics by providing BBQ services for a Regional track meet held in Kincardine. The Lions provided the BBQ, propane, and Lion-power for the event and local businesses provided the food. There were about 60 athletes plus their families

at the event. Many in attendance left donations for the food, it was donated back to the local chapter of Special Olympics.

Everyone had a great time, as did the athletes, and hope to do it again next year.

PDG Harold Hobson

MDA' Lions Special Olympics Chair



Valley East Lions

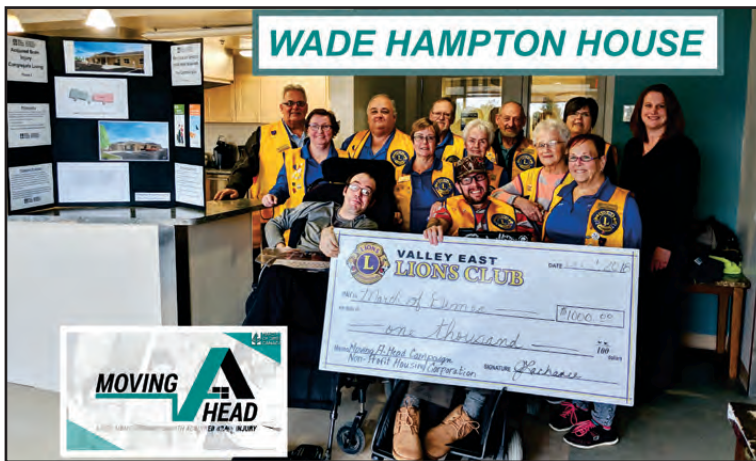
The Wade Hampton House was established as an accessible and affordable accommodation for persons with physical disabilities. This home is the only one of its kind in Northern Ontario. It is important for the families of these individuals to have their loved ones close to home rather than having to drive four or more hours away to another facility.

In support of this campaign, the Valley East Lions Club presented a cheque of \$1,000.00 to the March of Dimes Wade Hampton House. This project has a personal meaning to the Valley East Lions since Lion Ken Vandelight from the club is a resident.

Front Row - Derek Bradford (resident), Lions Ken Vandelight, Jeanne Lachance

Middle Row - Lions Sylvia Lagrove-Emmell, Joanne Vandelight, Andrea Beaulieu, Huguette St-Onge

Back Row - Lions Gilles Prevost, Lucien Lariviere, Ray Emmell, Andre Beaulieu, Colette Prevost, Deanna Chisholm staff at the home.



Wasaga Beach Nancy Island Lions Club – Painting with a Purpose

In some sectors of the community women with limited resources have to make a decision on whether to buy food or feminine hygiene products. The idea of a project to support this need was presented to our club, and was enthusiastically received. Lions **Adriana Andrade, Barbara Bennett, Nila Picchi, and Stephanie Weaver** (shown in photo L-R) volunteered to take this project on. And so "Painting with a Purpose" for Project Period grew from the concept. Tickets to the event held on October 20th sold out and the hall was full of budding artists interested in supporting the project, \$4000.00 was raised.

Many local businesses in Wasaga Beach contributed funds and Silent Auction items towards its success. One of the Pharmacies, offered to provide feminine hygiene and incontinent products at cost in lieu of a donation towards the event. A big thank you goes out to them all for recognizing the need faced by many women in our community. The Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank was very excited to learn of

this project and agreed to store and distribute the supplies to those in need.

submitted by Lion Richard Ratensperger



Copetown Lions

The Lions of Copetown held their annual Turkey Roll on November 18th. A sell-out crowd helped to make it a great night for the event and set a record for this function in generating funds for charitable causes supported by the club. At the end of the night \$6,251.00 was raised. During the event the Lions made a donation to the Canadian Diabetes Association of \$2,500.00. We are looking forward to next year's event.



It came as a surprise but we had two special guests come for the evening – Bridgette and her Lions Foundation of Canada dog guide Estelle. Bridgette is Deaf-Blind, she and Estelle came on stage and gave a short presentation about the value of her dog that drew a heart warming response from the approximately 200 in attendance. Estelle is primarily a hearing dog but Bridgette told those in attendance how much Estelle helps her in many other ways. In fact you could have heard a pin drop while she was speaking, the crowd were not so quiet during the rest of the night.



Lion Chief Dan Bingham (L) and Tail Twister Moe Crickmore (R)



Bridgette and Estelle

Madoc Lions and Madoc Legion

Madoc Lions Club members participated in the 2018 Remembrance Day Service held by Madoc Legion Branch 363. The 100th celebration was well attended by a large crowd of residents.

There was a special fly by at 11:00 A.M. with a pair of helicopters from the Canadian Forces Base in Trenton. Comrade Jack Frost officiated and Padre Harry Toews led the Remembrance address with a meaningful tribute.



Emanuel Christian Academy students were on hand to recite Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields"



Lion Tom Simpson laid a wreath on behalf of the Madoc Lions

Lindsay East and District Lions

The Lions of Lindsay East and District recently did a road cleanup on a nearby highway that we are adopting. In mid July, our crew of Lions collected over 130 kg of garbage and recycling from the roadside. They also completed a similar event in late October during the District Governor's Service Week.



Madoc Lions

The Lions of Madoc continue to support the community. This time around it was to supply the resources to provide for the installation of a new two person teeter-totter in Ivanhoe Park, obviously to be enjoyed by all, including Lion **Deb Boyle** and Lion

Pauline Bowman seated and waiting their turn were Lions **Tom Simpson, Rob Pownall, Larry Bradley** and **Lee Bowman**.



Knowlton Lions – Remembrance Day

We are proud to announce that on Sunday November 11th over 400 local residents participated in this year's Remembrance Day Brunch at the Knowlton Academy, in the presence of local veterans. Not only was the event an occasion to recognize the merit of our veterans but it was also the occasion of a great community getting together. At the risk of

forgetting someone, to whom we express our sincere regrets, we would like to recognize the contribution of the following to this success: Knowlton Academy, The Knowlton Harmony band, Brome Lake Ducks, Le Relais Restaurant Bistro, Virgin Hill Coffee, l'Érablière de Winter, BMO, IGA Gazaille, and Uniprix. Also the Girl Guides and many volunteers.



Nous sommes fiers de l'annoncer le dimanche 11 novembre plus de 400 résidents locaux ont participé au brunch du jour du Souvenir à la Knowlton Academy, en présence d'anciens combattants locaux. L'événement était non seulement une occasion de reconnaître le mérite de nos anciens combattants, mais également l'occasion d'une formidable réunion

de la communauté. Au risque d'oublier quelqu'un à qui nous exprimons nos regrets les plus sincères, nous tenons à reconnaître l'apport de ce qui suit à ce succès : Académie Knowlton, groupe The Knowlton Harmony, canards du Lac Brome, Bistro Le Relais, café Virgin Hill, l'Érablière de Winter, BMO, IGA Gazaille et Uniprix. Aussi les Guides et de nombreux volontaires.

Langton and Vittoria Lions

The Langton Lions are celebrating one of the most successful fundraising initiatives the club has ever undertaken.

Since 2015, the Langton Lions have rallied support from Lions Clubs in the Norfolk County communities that surround Delhi, Ontario to support a Community Medical Centre. The medical centre then evolved into a regional health facility.

Langton Lion **Frank DeDobbelaer**, PDG of A-2 a past district governor, undertook the local fundraising campaign with Dr. Colin Barnes of Delhi. "We went to all the clubs," DeDobbelaer said. "Each club made a donation according to what they could afford – anywhere from \$500 to \$15,000."

In November 2017, the Langton Lions was informed by the Lions Clubs International Foundation of a matching LCIF grant to the medical centre in the amount of US\$100,000 (CDN\$125,000). Securing the grant was a team effort and continues with the recent \$5,000 contribution by the Vittoria Lions.



Langton Lions celebrate LCIF Grant

Vittoria Lions Contribution

Onaping Falls Lions

The Lions of Onaping Falls can always be counted on to help out in their community. Each week, the club holds a charity bingo with one special bingo each month for a specific charity. In October the Lions donated to the Cartier Community Centre to help keep their doors open. Cartier is a small town of 302 residents, many retired and the Centre is the lifeline of the community. A giant roar to the Onaping Falls Lions for always putting their community first.



Strathroy, Petrolia and Ailsa Craig Lions



At the A1 convention, International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Lion **Mariette Desjardine** from Strathroy Lions for Service,

Lion **Cheryl Schleihaut** from Petrolia Lions for Membership and Lion **Barb Tuxford** from the Ailsa Craig Club for Leadership.

Minnow Lake Lions and Our Children, Our Future

Minnow Lake Lions Club and the Our Children, Our Future organization worked together on a service project at Adamsdale public school. Approximately 60 children were outfitted with backpacks, lunch kits and running shoes. The children created Thank You cards during the event. Lions **Linda** and **Shirley** worked with the children on the cards. Lions Linda and Shirley and President Lion **Blaine** presented a \$1,000.00 cheque towards this program on behalf of the Minnow Lake Lions. Also present for the presentation was Lynne Ethier from Our Children, Our Future.



Simcoe Lions Centennial Project

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness. In 1964 Simcoe Lions decided to highlight its commitment to its major work, eyesight with a 20 foot miniature lighthouse in downtown Lake George. This beacon of light was the focus of the club's work for their crusade against this devastating disease for many years.

As time passed the icon began to deteriorate and in June 2017, 53 years later it was removed and purified by fire at the annual club barbecue. Out of the flames that night came the resolve to replace this beacon of light. Thinking that this would be a fitting project for our Lions 100th anniversary, planning and work began on a new structure. After much hard work and many volunteer hours from club members and others in the community a new lighthouse came into being. It is larger than its predecessor with state-of-the-art construction and LED programmed display lighting. The original information plaque was lost over the years but a new engraving on a large rock repeats the wording of the original:



ORIGINAL

"Eyesight: the gift of God.

This Lighthouse, erected in the hope that you, who can see this light, will think of those who cannot.

submitted by PDG Don Daley





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Ralph's Ride

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CANADIAN DIABETES RESEARCH**

DIABETES CANADA

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the first Ride for Diabetes that Lion Ralph of the Ingersoll Lions took part in.

Ten years ago Lion 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 the generosity continue.

Make this a special year, not just for Ralph and the Lions, but for Canadian Diabetes Research in their fight against this dreadful disease, which effects so many of our families and friends.

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**LION BOB PEARSON
EDITOR**

Community Drop-in Celebration – Long Point Lions 80 Years of Service



In recognition for outstanding service, Past Council Chair Jack Buchner presented Helen Keller Fellowship Awards to Past President David Carroll (top left), Lion Allan Carroll (top right) and Lion Richard Denn (bottom right)

To commemorate 80 years of service to the Port Rowan community the Long Point Lions held a community open house. In response, over 125 community members joined the Lions Club's celebration. During the open house club President

Steve Irwin presented Norfolk County Mayor Charlie Luke with a \$10,000.00 cheque: the completion of the club's \$25,000 pledge towards the development of a new park in Port Rowan.

Governors Council Presentations



At the September 8th meeting of the MD'A' Council, PCC John Whyte presented the International Presidents Certificates of Achievement to Lion Susan Taylor, Literacy Chair and Lion Bill MacKenzie, Sight Conservation Chair. A big "Lions Roar" to both!

Presentation made at MD'A' Convention



Presentation of International President's Medal to PCC Harry Marissen by International VP Gudrun Yngvadottir and CC John Whyte

Marmora - Crowe Valley Lions



November 2018 Lion President Wilson White on the left and Lion Al Fluke received Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Lion Judy Stone was presented with Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award



Long Serving Niagara Falls Lions Member Recognized





Executive members of the Niagara Falls Lions visited club member **Larry Morningstar**'s retirement residence to thank and recognize Larry for 61 years of 'perfect service' to the Niagara Falls, Ontario community. (Larry never missed a meeting!)

Lion Larry was the club's carnival chair for 30 years, led the club's annual 'major draw' activity for 25 years and served as club president 1980 -1981.

Pictured with Lion Larry from left to right are: Lions Don Wallace, Lem Hicks, Ken Warren and Lion Chief Dieter Lueloff

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' LIONS CLUBS

TREASURER

“Management Position”

Multiple District 'A' Lions Clubs requires a qualified individual to fill the position of TREASURER, effective July 1, 2019.

The Multiple District 'A' Treasurer shall manage the M.D. 'A' financial functions as detailed in the Multiple District 'A' Policy & Procedures Manual under the direction and supervision of the Governors' Council.

KEY SKILLS:

- Possess proven accounting skills, including financial planning, budget preparation, reconciliation of control accounts & preparation of financial statements
- Possess a thorough knowledge of Quickbooks Pro 2014
- Have a thorough knowledge of the financial implications throughout the MD 'A' Policy & Procedures Manual
- Have a good understanding of the Lions Constitution & By-Laws, and a thorough knowledge of those areas covering the application of the Rules of Audit
- Possess previous Management/Administrative skills
- Be a member in good standing with a Lions Club located in Multiple District 'A' and have a good general knowledge of Lionism
- Possess excellent communication, problem solving & organizational skills
- Attention to detail and able to meet deadlines

This is a part time, home based position with varying weekly time commitments throughout the year. It is a five year appointment with an annual honorarium. As Treasurer you will sit on the R&LRP Committee, Lion Magazine Committee, Administration Committee & the Promotion Committee. A detailed job description is currently in the Multiple District 'A' Policy & Procedures Manual which can be downloaded off the MD 'A' Website – www.mdalions.org

Interested applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume no later than Friday, January 25, 2019, to MD 'A' Administration Committee, c/o PCC Stew Patterson, Chairperson, 2019 Main Street South, Jarvis ON N0A 1J0 or email to ndp@kwic.com

While all applicants are thanked for their interest, only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

Monkton Lions Club Fishing & Outdoors Camp for Kids

"If you can dream it, you can do it." That's how the Monkton Lions Club Fishing & Outdoors Camp came to be. When Lion **Tim DeBlock** first approached his club about his dream of doing a kids camp you can imagine the multitude of questions and uncertainty he received. Thanks to networking and a little persistence, the Monkton Lions Club hosted their 8th Kids Camp this past July on the south shores of Fraser Island on Lake Nipissing.

The camp is offered to children ages 9-11 who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience such an adventure. Or maybe there's just been a lot of hardships a family has recently had to deal with and the child just needs a little 'sunshine' in their life. While at camp they spend their days swimming, fishing, canoeing, and playing games. There are campfires, a movie night, and projects –

building bird houses, memory boxes, and fishing lures.

In order to make this all happen the Monkton Lions Club teamed up with other Lions Clubs, businesses and individuals to help source the children and provide resources. These relationships are key to the success of the camp. From the various Lions Clubs that sponsor and find the kids in their communities to businesses and individuals donating time and resources; and financially, the committee that is constantly learning and adapting the camp experience, plus the counsellors and staff that work toward creating

a positive and welcoming environment for all the campers. It is a complete team effort with the foundation being the children!!

Thank you to the following Lions Clubs: **Atwood, Mitchell, Milverton, Exeter, New Hamburg, St. Marys, Stratford, Guelph, K-W Community Spirit, Kitchener, Woolwich, Elmira, and Bellwood.**

For further info check the camp website: monktonlionsclubkidscamp.com



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We hope you enjoy the new look, there is a cost increase and we are looking at ways to generate additional advertising revenue to offset the changeover to the colour process. There are probably members out there that might have some suggestions. Please contact the editor: mdathelionmag@hotmail.com



MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- 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

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Lions all, we're thrilled to announce that together we raised \$1,256,420 to help give Canadians a "new leash on life!"

We are incredibly thankful to our title sponsor Pet Valu and supporting sponsors, VIA Rail Canada, Rayment & Collins, and Cadillac Fairview. Thanks to our sponsors, 100 per cent of the funds raised will go directly to the Foundation. We're also very grateful to our foster families, Walk organizers, walkers and volunteers that participated in the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides.

Thanks to the success of the Walk, the Lions Foundation of Canada can continue to assist Canadians with

a medical or physical disability by providing highly trained Dog Guides at no cost.

A big congratulations goes out to this year's prize winners:

Linda Kittmer, winner of the grand prize of a \$1,000 VIA Rail Credit voucher and Samsung tablet;

John Bell, winner of an iconic Hudson's Bay blanket;

Shelly Brown, winner of a six month membership to GoodLife Fitness.

We can't wait until next year's Walk!



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 19 - 21, 2019	Spokane, Washington
Sept 15 - 16, 2020	Louisville, Kentucky
Sept 9 - 11, 2021	Des Moines, Iowa

Knowlton Lions - First Responders

At the cheque presentation, from left to right; First responders Steve Russell and Alan Bowbrick, Lion member Eillen Mason, first responder Angela Dupras and Lion member Errol Frechette



Lors de la présentation du chèque, de gauche à droite les Premiers Répondants Steve Russell et Alan Bowbrick, Eillen Mason, membre des Lions, Premier Répondant Angela Dupras et Errol Frechette, membre des Lions

Les Lions de Knowlton soutiennent le service des premiers intervenants de la ville de Brome Lake en versant une contribution de 3 000 \$. Ce service existe depuis mars 2003. Il s'agit d'un service essentiel qui a permis de sauver de nombreuses vies grâce à ses interventions en cas d'urgence. Le Club soutient régulièrement ce service depuis sa création en contribuant à l'achat des « Jaws of Life » et de leurs uniformes, d'une unité d'oxygénothérapie et d'un défibrillateur.

The Knowlton Lions support the Town of Brome Lake First Responder Service with a contribution of \$3,000. The service has been in existence since March 2003. It is a vital service and has saved many lives through its interventions in emergencies. The Club has been a regular supporter of the service since its creation, contributing to the purchase of the “Jaws of Life” and, their uniforms, an oxygen unit and a defibrillator.



New Hamburg Lioness and New Hamburg Lions

The New Hamburg Lions and Lioness pooled their resources to purchase and paint a car for the first Annual Soap Box Derby as part of the William Scott Festival in New Hamburg and on Canada Day the Lioness and friends were busy serving ice cream. At the New Hamburg Canada Day celebrations, they scooped upwards of 450 ice cream cones.



Shown are Lioness Susan Hammer (R) and helper Carling Massel

Doug Dickson – Lambeth Lions

Lion Doug was a teacher early in his career and became an elementary school principal. His first appointment was in Port Dover. Three days after he arrived the president of the **Port Dover Lions Club** paid a visit and explained the mayor, police chief, fire chief and school principal were always members of the Lions club and that Doug had to join. That was 60 years ago. Following a move to the London Board of Education he transferred to **London North Lions Club** which ultimately disbanded and he transferred to the Lambeth Lions Club.

Doug has been club president on more than one occasion, award winning bulletin editor several times. He has hosted the Effective Speaking district finals several times. Doug has natural leadership skills, a wry sense of humour, excellent planning skills and was always involved in club activities. Perhaps one of his best service activities was his service to his country as a young man in WWII.

At the ripe old age of 94 years young, he now calls Parkwood Veterans Hospital his home.

A big Lions Roar Lion Doug!

submitted by Lion Gary Martins, Lambeth Lions



Lion Gary Martins pinning Lion Doug, Lion Terry Lane looking on

Lions Club of Merritton Welcome Ten New Members!

The Lions Club of Merritton started the new Lions year with a ROAR, installing 10 new members at their August 22nd meeting. Lion President Amber Ferguson is pictured below with cake to celebrate this significant event for the club.



New Lions are, starting at left in back row, Andy Dermatus, Jason VanValkenburg, Tom Collins, Mike Larocque, Brady Lawrence, Austin White, Lauren King, Lee Robb. Front row has Deborah Glenn, left of President Amber and Dawn Bell (Amber's mother), to her right

Community Teamwork – Loyalist Lions Fishing Derby

Amherstview, Bath and District, Odessa & District Lions, Ontario Provincial Police and Region of Greater Napanee

On Saturday, August 11th a family fishing tournament was hosted by the **Amherstview Lions** with a helping hand from the clubs from **Bath** and **Odessa**. The OPP were represented by Officer Jackie and Region Chair **Fred Brown** also helped out. Upwards of 100 children attended and they all got a prize. The event took place at the Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre in Adolphustown. A BBQ lunch was served and a lot of patience was shown baiting hooks and untangling lines, a whole lot of fun and a great example of community teamwork!



Angler "Penny" is shown with her monster catch

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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.



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....

Arkona Lions

In the spring of 2018, the Arkona Lions Club were instrumental in arranging for a husband and wife team of physicians to practice at the Medical Centre in Arkona. For several years, since the retirement of the former physician, medical care for patients has consisted of a variety of solutions and travel to various locations for treatment. The medical board, and club members worked diligently to raise funds to complete needed renovations to the centre for the citizens of Arkona and the surrounding area. Club members stand proudly in front of the Medical/Dental Centre, which has been operating since October 1969.



Amherstview Lions



Amherstview Lions Club collected non-perishable food in school bus provided by Stock Transportation, the bus was parked at the Foodland Store in town. Jason Bellamy, owner of Foodland, arranged to have bus parked in front of the grocery store complete with the sign promoting the event. Local school bus drivers showed up with several boxes of food to help out. The store owner had packages of food ready for purchase for the event. A bargain in everyone's eyes, judging by the amount of food collected. Cash donations were also made, The food collected was destined for the Lions Christmas hampers. A conservative estimate was that upwards of \$1000 worth of groceries had been donated.

Photo: Amherstview Lions **Del Weber, Mike Kubisheski**, "Resident Lion" and Lion **Bruce Johnson** at the "Stuff the Bus" Project

Knowlton Lions

Yet again this year, as it has been the case for nearly 50 years, the Knowlton Lions Club's Santa Claus Parade was a success with over twenty-nine entries and a great turnout along the route. The smiles of the little ones make it all worthwhile. This would not be possible without the generous participation of many in the community. At the risk of forgetting someone, to whom Santa offers his sincere regrets, he would like to recognize the contribution of those who prepared entries for the parade, Glen Whitehead of Pro-Construc Inc. for the garage, trailer, James the driver for Santa's float, Lise and Jean-Yves Lepage for Christmas trees, IGA Gazaille for juices, Virgin Hill for hot chocolate, Windmill Plastics for the float parking, Thomas McGovern, Knowlton Academy, The Harmony Band, First Responders, Santa's helpers, the Star Fairy and the Elves, the Banner carriers, TBL fire and rescue department. A true community effort!

Caption for photo: Next to Santa's float. On the left of Santa, Ebenezer Scrooge and the Star Fairy, to his right the two Elves and the three Banner carriers.

De nouveau cette année, comme depuis près de cinquante ans, le défilé du Père Noël du Club Lions de Knowlton, fut un succès, avec plus de vingt-neuf inscriptions et une grande foule le long du parcours. Le sourire sur le visage des jeunes spectateurs lors de l'événement en témoignait. Tout ceci ne serait pas possible sans la générosité de nos concitoyens. Au risque d'en oublier, et le Père Noël s'en excuse d'avance, il aimerait souligner les contributions suivantes : ceux qui ont participé à la parade, Glen Whitehead, Pro-Construc inc. pour le garage, le camion remorque et James son chauffeur pour le char allégorique du Père Noël, Lise et Jean-Yves Lepage pour les arbres de Noël, IGA Gazaille pour le jus, Virgin Hill pour le chocolat chaud, Windmill Plastics pour le stationnement, Thomas McGovern, Knowlton Academy, The Harmony band, les premiers répondants, les porteurs de bannières, la fée des étoiles et les lutins, Ville de Lac Brome et les pompiers et premiers répondants de Lac Brome.. Nous désirons également souligner que nous avons toujours besoin de jouets neufs pour enfants jusqu'à l'âge de 10 ans pour nos paniers de Noël. SVP les remettre au Centre communautaire ou à l'Académie Knowlton avant jeudi le 13 décembre.

Sur la photo : À coté du char allégorique du Père Noël. À la gauche du Père Noël, Ebenezer Scrooge et la fée des étoiles, à droite les deux lutins et les trois porteurs de bannières.

Mountain Township & District Lions



Mountain Lion's Club has two Dinner & Dance events every year as part of their fundraising events. Entertainment this time a round was provided by a group called "Almost Abba". The success of this Dinner & Dance event is due to the efforts of Lion's Club members under the supervision of **Lions Bob and Sandy Weagant**. The Spring and Fall shows have been active for close to twenty years and the proceeds have been utilized to support the community. The Weagant family have been in the farm equipment business for over 65 years and have been recipients of the North Dundas Community Business Award.



Petrolia Lions



Members of the Petrolia Lions are shown at their annual Breakfast with Santa. Approximately 350 pounds of food was collected along with over \$350.00 in donations for the Petrolia Food Bank. Close to 400 community members attended the event.



It is with sadness the Perth Lions Club advises of the passing of **Lion Ed Firlotte, PDG**. Lion Ed held numerous offices during his 34 years in Lions, including club President and Secretary, Region and Zone Chair and was so proud of being a District Governor in 1995 - 96. He cherished the honours/awards he received including Life Membership in LCI, Helen Keller Fellowship, Melvin Jones Fellowship. **Being a Lion was his passion.**

"HE SERVED"



Editors Note:

Pages 35 & 36 of this digital edition are not part of the print magazine. Due to the high volume of submissions, some of the later ones have been included in this format and are available via the MyLion app, a free download and on the MD A website as well. This is a new approach designed to alleviate a backlog and perhaps lower the frustration level of clubs that are doing excellent service work but getting the well deserved recognition. The editorial staff would appreciate feedback. Please direct your comments to:

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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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Thank you again for supporting Patti Hill!
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