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# Let All Our Lights Brighten the Darkness

Greetings Lions!

It is my great pleasure to address the Lion community for the first time as your International President.

As we enter a new Lion year I have high hopes for us. My focus during my presidency is on fostering diversity in service. After all, there are more than 1.4 million Lions around the world, and each of us is unique. And every one matters. This means that we have to do more than just recognize what makes us different. We have to embrace it.

There is a path I walk in my hometown of Busan,

South Korea. I wake up early, before sunrise, and walk. It clears my head, and it's good for my spirit. I particularly enjoy watching the change from darkness to light. When I begin the day I am in the dark. As I walk, my mind clears and the sky brightens. Over the course of that walk, how I see the world is, literally, transformed.

It's always interesting to see something from another vantage point. Whether it's in a new light or from someone else's perspective. Often, you see things you couldn't see before. Let your fellow Lions and your community be the sun. Let them shine light on what you may not have seen. You may not agree with how they see things, but only by looking at things clearly in the light of day can we hope to find

common ground.

And perhaps among all those points of view you'll be able to see solutions to issues your community faces that you hadn't been able to see before.

I truly believe that by embracing diversity we will grow—as Lions and as people.

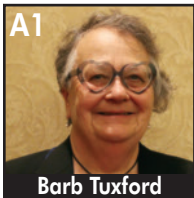
Here's to the beginning of a new year of serving through diversity.

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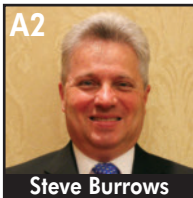
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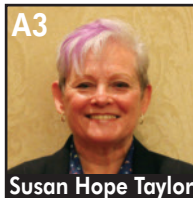
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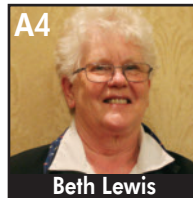
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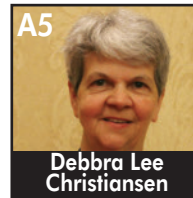
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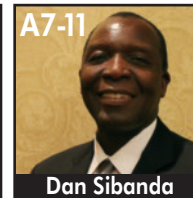
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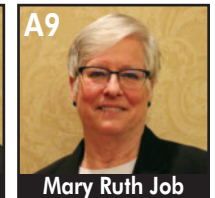
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**Tim Cheung**  
MD'A Council Chair

## A Heartiest Thank You to all MD"A" Lions from IPCC Tim Cheung

Thank you for your support throughout my journey serving as your Council Chair 2018-2019.

We accomplished a lot together over the year. We elected PID Dr. Patti Hill as our next 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International in

Milan in July. MDA achieved excellent results in our support to the youth programs. We showed a strong presence in the LCIF Campaign 100 with our new process. The setup of the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF for Canadian Lions has made it much easier for all of us to contribute to the Campaign. And I know you enjoy reading our LION magazines in colour.

I have many memorable moments while serving as your Council Chair that I want to share with you. I was so moved and proud to carry the huge Canadian

flag representing MDA at the Lions International Parade in Las Vegas. It was so beautiful to see Lions from around the world and spectators along the parade cheering on our team. I was so grateful for the support I received from our Council of Governors.

The fun we had at our Friday dinners and socials, the effectiveness and efficiency of our Caucus and Council meetings, were the other memorable moments to me. We had a very successful MDA Convention in St. Catharines with our very own International Director Tom Gordon from MDA as our International guest. As I was looking out at the assembly of the Convention while making my closing remarks, I could not help from choking up. It was definitely the most memorable and special moment for me, and I can tell you that it is going to stay with me for a long, long time.

Thank you to all MDA Lions for everything you have done for MDA!

Together, We Serve!

*Tim Cheung*  
Tim Cheung – MD'A Council Chair





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all people in all places. Lions are a shining example to the world of the good that can be accomplished by uniting in harmony. We're known for our strength and ability to help others—and this is only accomplished

## Through Diversity.



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# Diversity Bridges All Divides

Creating Harmony Through Service  
With International President,  
**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

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**Hard work.** The importance of giving your all with consistency, vision and passion. Never allowing someone in crisis to go unserved. These are the values passed on by a loving mother to her son—102nd International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi.

As a member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club in the Republic of Korea for over 40 years, International President Choi leads by example. His career and life have been defined by the work ethic instilled in him as a child, along with a passion to bridge differences, connect people and embrace diversity to create harmony for all.

As a young lieutenant in the military, he worked as a translator, empowering a greater understanding of other nations for his fellow soldiers and his country. As a business owner, he worked across borders, establishing trust internationally. As a husband and a father, he has been loving, strong and devoted. And now, as international president, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi is ready to help Lions come together in greater unity than ever before.

He will lead our Lion family with the same wisdom his mother instilled in her family: ***if you work harder than you're expected to, then extraordinary results will come.***







# Diversifying Our Service

## Uniting Clubs and Communities Around the World

good is everywhere 

The world is facing many challenges. Natural disasters, famine and disease. Conflict, prejudice and greed. The unfortunate reality is that there will always be difficulties for us as global citizens to overcome. Yet, history has also shown the potential for creative and peaceful solutions to these problems, a path to a more harmonious existence. While the problems may seem insurmountable when faced alone, we can all take comfort in our strength, our nearly 1.5 million Lions, and our incredible ability to engineer solutions.

### **Love. Compassion. Inclusion. Connection.**

Only through a diverse group of perspectives, including people of all backgrounds and all places, can we realize our full potential as Lions and serve the diverse needs of our communities, and the world. There's a reason we've each chosen to be a part of Lions Clubs International. It's because we value the insight, the beliefs and the heart of others, and we realize the greater good that can only be achieved when we join together as one.



*Each of our 1.5 million members is different.  
These very differences are what make us strong.  
They make us great. They make us Lions.*

**International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**





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# Paying It Forward

## The Moment that Launched a Lifetime of Service

It's morning in Busan, and a young Jung-Yul Choi sits and works. All is quiet, except for the typical sounds of an office—the clatter of typing, pages turning, drawers opening and closing.

But then something happens. There's a loud crash from the street below. At the window, Choi discovers what has happened: a milk delivery boy, no older than 18, has crashed his bike. Glass bottles are shattered and

milk is spilling across the sidewalk while the boy watches helplessly.

Choi rushes out and asks, "Are you okay?"

The boy says he's fine, but Choi can tell that all is not okay. Milk comes at a high cost, and this boy has just lost a lot of it. Surely he will lose his pay, and may even go into debt to pay for it.

And so Choi asks, "How much will this cost you?"

The boy is proud and humble, but he reluctantly replies, "300 dollars."

Choi takes out his wallet and hands the boy the money he's lost. The boy hesitates, but then takes it. "Thank you," he says. "How can I ever repay you for this kindness?"

"You cannot repay me with money," Choi says. "You can repay me by helping another person in need. You can repay me by working harder than you think you're able to, every day of your life."

The boy nods, then gets back on his bike and waves goodbye. The young Choi watches the boy ride into the city, wondering where he is truly going from here.

# A Lion Is Born

## The Importance of Sharing Our Service

In the Republic of Korea, there is a belief that resonates through its over 51 million citizens. It's the belief that all people should live with dignity and that each person should be provided with basic needs. There's an underlying idea that doing good is not a one-time act, but rather a vital part of everyday life.

Helping others live with dignity may be fundamental to Koreans, but this story is the moment Dr. Choi realized that service was more than a duty—it was his calling. And this story almost

went untold. That's because service is seen as a personal and humble experience in Korea, not something to be boasted about.

Dr. Choi, like Lions, didn't do the right thing for attention. He did it simply because it was the right thing to do. The story of selfless service is common among Lions. We are all connected to something bigger than ourselves. We've chosen to dedicate our efforts to the greater good. And the world is a better place because of it.

And while it's in his nature and the nature of many Lions to serve without bringing attention to their good deeds, it's also important that we share and celebrate them.

The story that sparked a lifetime of service in International President Dr. Choi is surely similar to that of many Lions around the world. It's important that we share our stories so we can spark the imagination—and the spirit of service—in our communities and around the world.

# The Many Ways We Serve

## This Year's Global Priorities

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### Specialty Clubs

While Lions serve a wide range of needs in their communities, more and more clubs are forming around a specific area of interest, a single cause or common background. Specialty clubs allow people to join a community focused on common pursuits and interests—growing membership and helping our organization do even greater good.

### Members of All Ages

Our members represent every culture, background and generation. This year, we can strengthen our clubs—for today and tomorrow—by inviting young people and seniors to join us in service. This multi-generational approach is critical to unifying people, leveraging skills and experience, and making clubs a welcoming place for all.

### Global Causes

Our new global causes give Lions around the world new opportunities to unite so we can address some of the most pressing issues facing humanity. This year, we're encouraging all clubs to expand their service and use the resources available to them to make an even bigger difference in their communities.

### Service Journey

Learn, Discover, Act, Celebrate. These are the four phases of our new Service Journey, a comprehensive way for Lions to increase their service impact through access to resources surrounding our global causes. When we serve, we grow. And we were never meant to stop.

### Supporting Our Foundation

Campaign 100 is a three-year effort by Lions Clubs International Foundation to raise \$US300 million, with the goal of empowering the service of Lions around the world. As we enter the second year of the campaign, we want to keep our momentum going by encouraging everyone to give what they can. Together, we can bring long-term change and lasting hope to the communities that need us most.



harmony of kindness

# Lions Serve the World

## Strengthening Our Clubs and Communities Through Diversity

Diversity is more than a defining characteristic for Lions. It's also the key to success. Here's how we can help diversify our leadership, membership and service so you can have a stronger club and make an even bigger impact in your community.

### Leading by Example


Great leaders have always been at the heart of great success. This year, we want to make the development of leaders an even stronger focus. Every Lion is a leader, and we want to make sure that all members are given the opportunity to develop as leaders, and that each leader is trained and supported.

### Our Members Are Our Communities

Each person looking to serve brings unique experiences, skills and perspective with them. And each new member can help us do even more good in our communities. Let's recognize the good in all, and make sure those who are ready to make a difference have an opportunity to serve as Lions.

### Expanding Our Service

The needs of our neighbors, communities and the world are great. That's why we have set a goal of helping more than 200 million people per year, every year. So consider supporting one of our global causes or taking on a new project that serves a pressing need in your community.

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Great service demands balance.  
It takes the equal efforts of many  
to improve the world. Every  
person's perspective is required  
for our success.





# Diversify Your Service

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There are many ways to do good.



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# A Duty to Give Back

International President Dr. Choi reveals a life that shaped him to serve.

by Erin Kasdin

## A man becomes a Lion

When International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi was a young businessman, he rented an office on the first floor where he could see out the windows and watch the traffic on the street.

As Dr. Choi watched that day, he saw a teenage milkman drop a stack of 300 or more bottles of fresh milk.

“I really cannot stand to watch it,” says Dr. Choi. “So, I took my staff—at the time I only have three of them—I took them with the mop and we cleaned it up.” Dr. Choi then gave the boy the money it would take to pay back his employer for the spilled milk.

The boy asked how he would pay Dr. Choi back. “You don’t need to pay me back directly,” Dr. Choi told him. “You work hard, make more money, and then when you encounter someone in a crisis, you pay him back. Not me.”

People often talk of the day they joined Lions and the moment when they became a Lion. It’s recognizing the difference between being a member and belonging. The difference between something you do and someone you are.

“That is my moment,” says Dr. Choi. “I started thinking, ‘serving, it’s so important. It makes me so happy.’”

## Don’t be ordinary

Dr. Choi wasn’t always in a position to make a difference the way he did for that young boy. He grew up in the port city of Busan, in the Republic of Korea. His father passed away before he was one year old, and his mother struggled to support him and his three sisters. World War II was raging, and Korea was occupied by Japan. When WWII ended, the Korean War followed quickly on its heels. “It was difficult,” says Dr. Choi. “We were hungry. As a country, we were suffering.”

His mother instilled in him the belief that if he worked harder than ordinary people, he could become successful. He could become extraordinary.

## Love at first sight

On his way to becoming extraordinary, a young Dr. Choi was walking across campus when he passed a girl he had never seen before walking with some other women he knew. “At first I just passed them by,” he says. “But then I backed up. I thought, ‘I really like her.’ So I said, ‘Hey.’” She agreed to a cup of coffee and it was after that first date that Dr. Choi told her he would marry her.

She wasn’t so sure.

“She thinks I am a crazy man,” he says. But five years later they married.

After decades of marriage, their bond is still strong.

“She’s the most beautiful girl, still today,” he says.

The couple had five children together—four daughters and one son—and have two granddaughters. “How can I describe what it’s like to have children?” he says. “Sometimes it’s more important than my life, I will tell you.”

## Work harder. Study harder.

As a young man Dr. Choi made it his goal to become financially successful so that his family wouldn’t struggle again.

He studied horticulture in college, but his real break came from the proficiency he’d gained in English. “At the time, the U.S. Military had 40,000 troops in Korea,” says Dr. Choi. “So, they needed interpreters.”

Dr. Choi served a U.S. general and became a lieutenant interpreter after graduating. When he retired from the Army his English skills made him an attractive candidate for many international companies. After just a year and half at an export company, he decided to start his own business.

It was 1973 and at the time, Busan was exporting 85% of the world’s athletic shoes. Dr. Choi became one of the main exporters. And after a time, he achieved his goal of financial success.

## Facing a new challenge.

What would he do for the rest of his life?

Dr. Choi spent many years serving in various capacities. He was the vice president of his college alumni association and spent more than 12 years as director of the sports association bureau, which oversees amateur sports in Korea. Dr. Choi and his wife, Seong-Bok Yang, are avid golfers.

Though it wasn’t customary for women in Korea to play at the time, Dr. Choi enjoyed it so much that he bought his wife a set of clubs for her 40th birthday. She soon became much better than him. “She beats me, she’s so good,” says Dr. Choi.

But eventually, everything took a backseat to Lions.

## Serving as a kind of religion

Dr. Choi remembers his club helping an orphanage many years ago. They visited the small, isolated island where it was located and spoke with the children and the people running the facility. They saw that they were in need of sporting equipment and other items to give the children ways to learn and play and grow.

The club organized a large equipment and toy drive. “We asked our members to bring the things their children or grandchildren no longer played with. We told them soccer ball, volley ball, guitar—whatever they were not using, bring it!”

The children at the orphanage were very happy with the gifts and the Busan club began holding monthly meetings in the newly stocked library. The Lions played soccer with the children. Their wives made chicken ginseng soup.

“I remember, it was a very meaningful service project for me,” says Dr. Choi.

When Korea was struggling as a nation Dr. Choi remembers receiving aid packages of corn and milk powders from the U.S and other countries. “We were served when we were so hungry,” he says. “Now it’s our turn to give back.”

Today, his work with Lions is his life. “I don’t have a religion,” he says. “Being a Lion is my religion.”





## Report on Milan

by PIP Judge Brian Stephenson

History was made in Milan on Tuesday, July 9th, when our own Dr. Patti Hill was elected to the position of International Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International. Patti is only the fifth Canadian to hold the position, and will proceed to the International Presidency on July 5, 2022 at the 105th International Convention in New Delhi, India.

In Milan, Patti received overwhelming support from the approximately 20,000 Lions and their families from around the world. The Milan Convention saw a “sea of red” shirts with the emblem “Yes Patti” in the International Parade of Nations held on Saturday, July 6th, and they continued to be the dominant dress throughout the balance of the Convention.



When Patti was nominated at the first Plenary Session by Past International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of Hong Kong, the Milan MiCo Convention Centre erupted with a huge demonstration – a demonstration that lasted for at least ten minutes, with delegates from all over the world waving Patti posters and chanting “Patti-Patti-Patti”. The demonstration would probably have continued for many more minutes but for the time limit imposed



by the Convention rules. And when the voting results electing Patti were announced on Tuesday morning, the Centre was again filled with a deafening outburst of approval from delegates from all over the world. It was a moment of unbridled joy for Patti and Greg (and their daughter Jessica), for the several hundred Canadian Lions present, and for the vast majority of representatives of the more than 210 nations and geographic areas of our International Association. As many of the Executive Officers and members of the International Board of Directors were heard to say: “Its a great day for Patti and Greg, a great day for Canada, and, just as important, a great day for the Association”.



Another great and happy event was held on Sunday evening on the Convention when hundreds of Lions from all over the world came to our Canadian Reception to show their support for Patti. It was also an opportunity for our Canadian Lions Family to thank

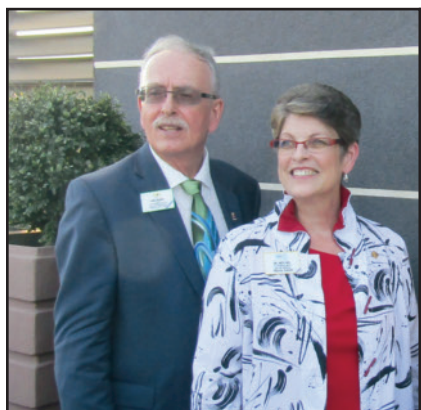


Tom and Gillian Gordon for their outstanding two years representing Canada on the International Board, and to Welcome Past Council Chairperson Allan and Sonja Hunt from Chilliwack, British Columbia, who will represent us for the next two years.



Great credit must be given to Patti’s Campaign Committee, Chaired by Past International Director Marvin Chambers from Saskatchewan (and his wife Lynne), and the following Campaign leaders, all of whom worked countless hours organizing the huge Canadian and International volunteer force, with a special mention to our great friends Past International Director Dave Hajny, his wife Lion Marie, and Past Council Chairperson Ben Apeland, all from Montana, and our Committee members Past International Directors Carl Young from MD “A”, Yves Leveille from MD “U”, our MD “C” Secretary Betty Ann Robson, our new MD Council Chairperson Pauline Cooper, and Past District Governor Christine Lank. Needless to say, many, many others made huge contributions leading up to and in Milan, and especially our brothers and sisters from across our great nation.

It will be great to see our Canadian Flag flying frequently in front of our International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA for the next five years!”



# Sight for Kids, a Powerful Partnership

by Jamie Konigsfeld

## Bubbly Ben

Ben was just 3 years old. He should have felt happy, inquisitive, and brave. Instead, he always seemed to have an angry expression on his face. He rarely smiled. In addition, he had delayed motor skills and difficulty walking; he would frequently run into things. He was frustrated and expressed it through crying and tantrums. Confused by his behavior, Ben's parents were not sure how to help him. What they didn't know was that Ben was struggling to see the world clearly.

Ben's parents suspected there might be something wrong with his vision, but couldn't afford to take him to the doctor. Then they learned about Sight for Kids, a school-based partnership program between Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Johnson & Johnson Vision. Sight for Kids Kenya organized an outreach camp in Ben's home city of Kisumu in western Kenya. Though he was not yet old enough for school, Ben was brought in for a special evaluation. After some testing, doctors diagnosed Ben with a dense congenital cataract in his right eye, rendering him completely blind in that eye. He likely had it since birth.

Ben's parents brought him to the Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital for an operation at no cost to them. A surgeon removed the cataract from Ben's eye, taking away the dark cloud over his vision. After surgery, Ben needed glasses, which were also free of cost. When he put on his glasses for the first time, Ben's angry grimace disappeared. In fact, he grinned. Then he started laughing. He was seeing clearly for the first time in his life.

"A lot of people just do not know what eye health is," says Dr. Tanvi Shah, Senior Optometrist and Sight for Kids Kenya Chairperson at Lions SightFirst Eye Hospital. "Children do not know what normal eye sight is, so a lot of these eye conditions go undetected due to lack of awareness and lack of access to treatment facilities and funds," she says.

Through the caring support from doctors with the Sight for Kids program, Ben's entire life changed. He went from being categorized as a "naughty" child

with puzzling behavior to a happy, healthy toddler with the same capabilities as other kids his age. Dr. Shah even described him as "bubbly."



*Ben has fun playing in his new reality, thanks to Sight for Kids*

## A Partnership for Kids

Sight for Kids is a community-based eye health education and vision screening referral program for children created through the partnership between LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision in 2001. The program mobilizes local eye care professionals, Lions, and volunteers to conduct vision screenings in low-income schools and provides teachers with eye health training. When a potential eye problem is detected, the program refers the student to a doctor for an exam and provides eyeglasses or other necessary treatment. Eyeglasses for refractive errors are the most common form of treatment from Sight for Kids, but the program also catches impairments that are more serious—like Ben's cataract—that could lead to irreversible vision loss, missing developmental skills, and lost social opportunities.

Sight for Kids began with just a few program sites in Asia and a goal to provide schools with as much eye health care, education, and awareness as possible. In recent years, thanks to the global network of support between local Lions, LCIF, and Johnson & Johnson Vision, Sight for Kids has grown to reach new cities in China, Turkey, and Kenya. Today, Sight for Kids is believed to be the largest school-based vision screening program in the world.

Locally, Lions are critical stakeholders for the program. Lions recruit local eye care professionals and help engage and gain permission from health ministries, departments of education, and school leaders to turn teachers into champions of healthy eyes. They also help parents navigate the process of getting eye care for their children, easing their worries about cost and helping them gain access to experienced professionals.

## Shared Values

Sight for Kids' tremendous growth can be attributed to the shared values between Lions and Johnson & Johnson Vision. Johnson & Johnson Vision believes in improving local communities and global health through their vision "to help people see better, connect better, live better." Lions are "knights of the blind," dedicated to ending preventable blindness in

underserved communities all across the globe.

"Sight allows us to uniquely connect with life's moments—and with each other. At Johnson & Johnson Vision, we are connected by a powerful purpose—to change the trajectory of global eye health," says Shlomi Nachman, Company Group Chairman for Johnson & Johnson Vision and Interventional Solutions & Specialty Surgery. "That's why, every day, we work with eye care professionals to connect cutting-edge insights, science, and technology and increase awareness to solve a lifetime of eye health needs. From protecting and correcting vision to allow our youngest patients to grow, play, and learn; to enhancing and restoring vision to fully experience the lives we've built...we're there every step of the way. Together, we are creating a world connected by sight."

**Nearly 19 million children are visually impaired globally. Of these, two out of three need access to simple eyeglasses.**

Through LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision's commitment to healthy vision, Sight for Kids has reached more than 2 million children per year, and recently surpassed 30 million children total in its near 18-year partnership. Johnson & Johnson Vision's support, both in charitable grants, as well as employee leadership and engagement, have helped local Lions put the necessary resources and expertise in place to create healthier communities that give kids a better chance at success.

## Key Sight for Kids Accomplishments since 2001

- 30 million children served across 10 countries
- 170,000 teachers trained
- 600,000+ children treated through no-cost eyeglasses and other critical vision treatment
- US\$4.5 million provided by Johnson & Johnson Vision in local funding

## Future Endeavors

So what is next after serving 30 million children in 18 years? Together, LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision aspire to double the number of children treated, surpassing 1 million treated globally, through Sight for Kids by 2021.



*A Sight for Kids volunteer screens the vision of a young boy in Thailand*



*Ben sits with Doctor (and Lion) Tanvi Shah pre-surgery*

# Making it Easier to Make a Big Impact

## Global Action Team (GAT) Connects Lions Around the World

### What is the GAT?

In the world of Lions there are three letters with the ability to significantly enhance your and your club's service impact: G. A. T. (Global Action Team). By now, you may have heard of the GAT, but maybe still don't fully understand exactly what it does or how it can make an impact on service outcomes. That's okay.

Simply put, the GAT is a global support team. It offers clubs and districts direct access to resources and tools from Lions International headquarters, so Lions can benefit from a wider network and, just maybe, accomplish a project they thought was out of reach.

### You already know them

Each club president acts as the GAT chairperson for their club and each district governor acts as the GAT district chairperson. Do you have a big idea? Want to do something you aren't sure your club can accomplish alone? Talk to your GAT chairperson—your club president—and find out what resources LCI has to help.

### Take a local project and turn it national

The power of the GAT is in the actions of many

Lions working together. Through teamwork, big ideas can be brought to life, even if the club and its resources are small.

In Kenya, when the Ministry of Health made diabetes a national focus, GAT leaders saw an opportunity to expand the work Kenyan clubs were already doing to fight diabetes.

Lions leveraged professional expertise and partnerships with healthcare providers, Lions hospitals, and diabetes centers to provide comprehensive screenings, follow-up care and educational materials and resources to communities throughout Kenya.

With the help of the GAT, what began as Lions seizing an opportunity to meet community needs by providing diabetes education and care grew into a movement, serving nearly half a million people.

### Activate the global Lion network

In Malaysia, Jayden, a young boy with a brain tumor was looking at a grim prognosis. His doctors in Malaysia, unable to provide the necessary sophisticated medical procedures needed to cure him, had almost given up hope after his initial treatments.

But then his parents heard about Lions.

GAT leaders from multiple countries arranged to meet at the international convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, to discuss how they could activate the global Lion network to help get Jayden treatment.

Less than a year since the initial meeting at convention, Jayden has been sent home cancer free.

Through the network that is the GAT, Lions from three nations came together to help get Jayden the treatment he so desperately needed to have a chance at life.

"This is a great example of how the GAT activated the global Lion-to-Lion network," says Global Action Team Chairperson, Past International President Kajit Habanananda. "Lions were able to reach across borders in service."

### Reach out

Think you could use the help of the GAT? Find out more at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team>

As a Lion, you have more power than you think.



## District A-2 Announces Candidate for International Director 2021-2023

Lions District A-2 and the St. Davids Lions Club announces

### Past District Governor Allen Snider

as our district's endorsed candidate for International Director 2021-2023  
Lion Allen was installed as our District Governor in Busan Korea in July 2012.  
During his year as our District Governor, Allen promoted 'Grassroots Lions'.

*Fun, Food, Fellowship and Service*

District A-2 is confident that PDG Allen and Lion Susan will represent Canada globally as our 'Grassroots' International Director.

LCIF

**The world is moving forward and so is LCI.** Five years ago LCI announced the strategic plan to serve 200 million people annually by focusing our efforts in areas we felt would best get us to that goal.

### It's amazing what we've done so far.

Over the past four years Lions have participated in LCI forward by

- Enhancing service impact and focus
- Reshaping public opinion and improving visibility
- Pursuing excellence at the club, district, and organizational levels
- Improving membership value and reaching new markets

## LCI Forward Update

These may seem like abstract ideas, but your club may be participating without realizing it. Did you know that getting out and talking to your neighbors can help reshape public opinion? It certainly increases visibility. And a more visible Lions club is one that has a better chance of attracting new members.

And when your club chooses to focus on one of our main cause areas—like diabetes, hunger, childhood cancer, vision, or the environment—then you are enhancing your service impact.

When you are constantly asking how you can make your club better, then you are in pursuit of excellence. You are improving membership value when you give Lions a great experience serving. And you reach new

markets when you reach out—to young people, to families, to busy working parents who want to serve but can't commit to monthly in-person meetings.

LCI Forward has been a successful initiative so far and it's thanks to Lions. Congratulations on helping us work toward our goal.

### Share Your Story

Looking for great resources that can help you promote your club in the community? Then check out some great social media tips at [lionsclubs.org/3FacebookTips](https://www.lionsclubs.org/3FacebookTips).

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*ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME*





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**FOUNDATION**

# TOGETHER, WE CAN

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Changing the world. It's why you became a Lion. It's also why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) – *our* foundation – is empowering your service through its most ambitious fundraising campaign in history.

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As we embark on our second century of service, we see a world in need and caring Lions ready to change it. But the reality is this: comfort and compassion alone can't heal those suffering through disease, disaster, and other devastation. It takes funding. It takes *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*.

It takes *every* Lion worldwide both **doing and giving**. Together, we'll raise **\$300 million** to:

## INCREASE

our service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts

## FIGHT

the global epidemic of diabetes

## EXPAND

our global causes to childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment

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**WELCOME TO CAMPAIGN 100**  
TOGETHER, WE'LL CHANGE THE WORLD

# YOUR WORLD IN NEED, YOUR FOUNDATION IN ACTION



253 million individuals are blind or visually impaired. ▶



LCIF will reduce avoidable blindness and visual impairment, and improve quality of life for those impacted, through SightFirst grants.

2/3 of children report being victims of bullying. ▶



LCIF will provide access to education, health services, and social programs, and provide youth skills-building programs, including Lions Quest.

Our planet experiences a 15% rise in natural disasters every year. ▶



LCIF will deeply engage in disaster relief efforts, preparing for whenever and wherever devastation strikes.

245 people die every day from measles. ▶



LCIF will support programs addressing the needs of at-risk and vulnerable populations disproportionately impacted by social and economic factors.

425 million people live with diabetes; this number may approach 630 million by 2045. ▶



LCIF will respond to the diabetes global epidemic through multi-faceted, comprehensive health initiatives.

Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer. ▶



LCIF will strengthen medical and social services, increasing global life expectancy of children living with cancer.

820 million+ people go to bed hungry each night. ▶



LCIF will expand resources and infrastructure needed to address food shortages worldwide.

By 2025, 50% of the world's population will live in water-stressed areas. ▶



LCIF will protect environmental health globally, generating positive ecological and humanitarian impact.

## YOUR US\$100 GIFT CAN FUND...

- Cataract surgery for 2 sight-impaired people
- Lions Quest curriculum to a classroom for 1 year
- Immediate relief to 4 victims of natural disaster
- Diabetes screenings for 18 at-risk people
- Equipment serving 8 young cancer patients
- Access to food for 14 chronically hungry people

**MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

Donate online at [lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca](http://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca), or turn the page to make your impact now.



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## ONE LION CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH; TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD



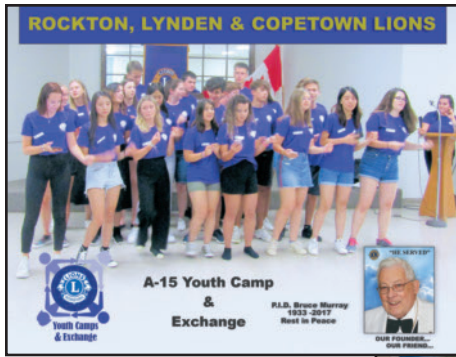
In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to be Knights of the Blind. Ever since, we've met challenges head-on, healing one victim, one family, one community at a time.

As the only high-volume cataract treatment facility in British Columbia, Chilliwack General Hospital Eye Care Centre was performing 5,000+ procedures every year, yet patients often had to wait more than a year for treatment, slow and outdated equipment impeding the ability to keep pace with demand. As they so often do, Lions stepped in, securing a US\$100,000 grant from LCIF and raising money locally. Funds, used to purchase much needed surgical equipment, were augmented by thousands of volunteer hours from local Lions, who helped transform the centre into a state-of-the-art facility. Today, medical professionals at the Eye Care Centre deliver enhanced treatment to more patients in a timelier manner, restoring the gift of good sight to thousands of British Columbia residents.

Many say the world's needs are too great. Lions step in and serve. Together with *our* foundation, we offer hope and impact lives. Campaign 100 will enable us to serve hundreds of millions of people here at home and continents afar.

*Together, we can. Together, we will.*





# Youth Camp and Exchange International Dinner

On July 21st the Lions of **Lynden, Rockton and Copetown** hosted the International Dinner for the Bruce Murray Annual Youth Camp and Exchange program. This is the third consecutive year the three clubs have provided the meal and the facility. It took place at the Copetown & District Community Centre. Twenty-three youths were at the camp this year, spending time with their host families and at the Boy Scout Camp in Acton with a full

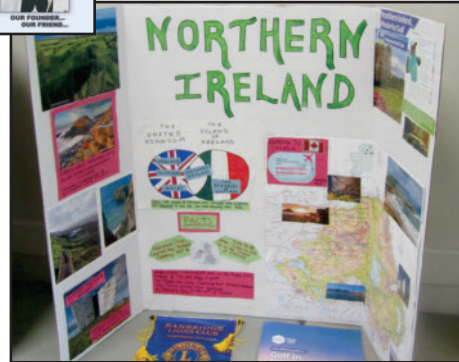
schedule of entertaining events.

From all reports it was a great year for the youth guests and this particular event is always a popular part of the program. The youths put on a great show with music and dancing and, as always, a little bit of humor.

The youth are shown in the group photo and there are photos of their displays, obviously all twenty-three of them could not be shown

A BIG LIONS ROAR goes out to **Allison and Mark**

**Henkell** and their daughter and all the volunteers and the host families for being part of another great camp. It is a big commitment, but an enjoyable one.



## District A-3 and A-4

In the April/May /June issue there was an article on page 13 that referred to Districts A-3 and A-4 and the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation and the Lions donation to help in the purchase of a new Lenstar Optical Measurement Device to be used for cataract surgery. Three clubs were mentioned in the article. We have since learned many other clubs were involved as well. The following local Lions Clubs are longtime supporters of KHSC and Providence Care and have donated to numerous projects at all sites.

The following Lions Clubs helped support this extraordinary gift: **Amherstview Lions, Amherstview Lioness, Bath and District Lions, Belleville Lions, Elgin and District Lions, Ganoaque Lions, Kingston Lions, Kingston Lakeshore West Lions, Odessa and District Lions, Pittsburgh Township Lions, Newburgh-Camden Lions, Sharbot Lake and District Lions, Storrington Lions, Sydenham and District Lions, Verona Lions** and the **Westport Lions**.

Quote from the Health ScienceCentre, "We are so fortunate to have strong support from the Lions Club which has enabled us to provide our patients with the best possible technology," says Dr. Martin ten Hove, Clinical Department Head, Ophthalmology, Kingston Health Sciences Centre. "We perform more than 3,000 cataract procedures each year so the impact of this device will be noticed immediately throughout the region."



## Monkton Lions Club Fishing and Outdoor Camp for Kids 2019



"If you can dream it, you can do it". That's how the Monkton Lions Club Fishing and 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 persistence, the Monkton Lions Club hosted their 9th Kids Camp this year 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, businesses and individuals donating time, resource and finances, the committee that is constantly learning and adapting the camp experience, to 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. Mary's, Stratford, Guelph, K-W Community Spirit, Kitchener, Woolwich, Elmira and Bellwood**.

For further info check the camp website:

[monktonlionsclubkidscamp.com](http://monktonlionsclubkidscamp.com)



# Kevin Frost is a three time world speed skating champion

*Editors Note: While assembling this issue I came across this article in the LCI Headquarters Magazine, obviously it is worth reproducing in our version of the magazine.*

*I reached out to Lion Kevin and have also included some of the material he submitted, an amazing story!*



## Orleans Lion, Ontario, Canada

An elite speed skater, Kevin Frost, 48, races at speeds up to 32 miles per hour despite being almost completely blind and deaf. He credits his astounding success to having a positive attitude, training hard and helping others.

Kevin Frost is a three-time World Blind Champion in short track speed skating and ranks 13th in the world against able-bodied skaters. Lions have sponsored Frost in many competitions.

## Compound Loss

I've worn hearing aids since I was 11 years old. When my night vision got bad when I was 27, I found out that I have Usher syndrome type 2, which causes hearing loss first and vision loss later. I currently have 9 percent of my hearing and 2.5 percent of my vision.

## Hitting Rock Bottom

I had been a workaholic and was married with three kids. I lost my job and my driver's license. My marriage ended. I had refereed over 20,000 hockey games, and my dream was to be an NHL linesman. I had to give that up.

## Finding Hope

I had to put my energy into something. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind gave me the tools to get back into society. I received my first miracle guide dog, Nemo. Then I tried skating.

## Therapeutic Sport

When I'm speed skating, it feels like I'm driving again and I have my sight back. It's pure freedom.

## Tenacity and Strategy

It's hard work. I've had a lot of falls. People ask how I do it. I count strides, learn the oval [rink], communicate with my coach through a wireless receiver on my hearing aid. I can't hear the starting gun so I feel for it. An orange flag is waved at the end for me.

## More than Medals

I've won medals and set world records, but that's not why I do it. I'm working toward creating a movement for visually impaired skaters. It also enables me to help people—the young boy in Mexico who was transformed after helping him receive a hearing aid. The girl who overcame her embarrassment of using a white cane after I took her around town with our canes. And the girl who overcame her fear of dogs, thanks to Nemo.

## Secret to Success

My childhood was tough. I was bullied and teased. When I speak to schools, I talk about turning a negative into a positive and succeeding no matter what. It's about karma: the more you give, the more that comes back to you.

**Created the nonprofit Visually Impaired Speed Skating Association to help the sport become a Paralympics event**

**Has conducted hearing aid missions to Mexico for 15 years**

**Has given more than 300 motivational talks around the world**

During the last 2 years, Kevin has won 16 gold medals and set 9 World records in Blind speed skating. He is a three-time World Champion in Blind Long Track and Short Track speed skating. He also consistently ranks in the World against able-bodied Master speed skaters; so far, winning 60 medals against able-bodied skaters.

In addition to speed skating, he trained 5 years on Team Canada Development Rowing, two years with the Paralympic Team Canada Blind Team in running and made the Canadian Standards. This year Kevin also made the Canadian standard for tandem cycling and trains at the Velodrome in Milton on a tandem bike. He won a silver medal at the Canadian Para Championships.

In 2017 he took up blind golfing and won low net at Canadians/ Provincial and 2nd overall at USA Blind Championships in Texas a month ago. This year in Cranbrook BC, he was at the Blind Golf Canadians



Championships and finished 2nd runner up low net overall.

In 2009, Kevin skated 100 km on the Ottawa Rideau Canal to help raise \$5000 for the Rotary Home. He has given over 275 motivational talks around the world and during his spare time, he volunteers for missions in 3rd World countries. He has helped 28 deaf children hear again, as well as, get visual aids to many children during the last 15 years. In 2010, he won the Community Builder Award for United Way. He had a movie made of his journey that was shown in October 2012 in Ottawa. In 2015, Kevin was honoured in the House of Commons for being a role model for the a deaf-blind Canadians.

Kevin is an active member of the Orleans Lions Club.

His message is; never give up in your dreams and always smile.

*Learn more about Frost*

*at [deafblindspeedskater.com](http://deafblindspeedskater.com).*

*Website [www.deafblindspeedskater.com](http://www.deafblindspeedskater.com)*



## Onaping Falls

During the 50th anniversary year of the Onaping Falls Lions Club's Charter, Lion **Larry Gauthier** introduced a complimentary spaghetti dinner to their community as a way of thanking them for their support throughout the years in his battle with cancer. Unfortunately Lion Larry lost his battle with lung cancer. The dinners continue in his honour and the proceeds are donated to a different cause each year. This year, they chose to make and donate blankets to patients that are undergoing chemo treatments at Health Sciences North. The Club is very proud to donate 25 blankets lovingly made by their Lions and Leos members in order to provide a little comfort to those with cancer.



## Whitefish District Lions

Whitefish District Lions Club Lions **Sheryl and Eric Hansen** take the Lions motto "We Serve" literally as part of the amazing Monday night team at the Elgin Street Mission. The group typically serves dinner and cleans up for around 200 people. Everyone is welcome at these dinners and for many this is the one hot meal that they get. On this Monday they also gave a cheque to the Mission to assist with other expenses.



## Ralph Kitchen Memorial Ride

The sun was shining and BBQs were fired up for the 6th Annual Ralph Kitchen Memorial Ride.

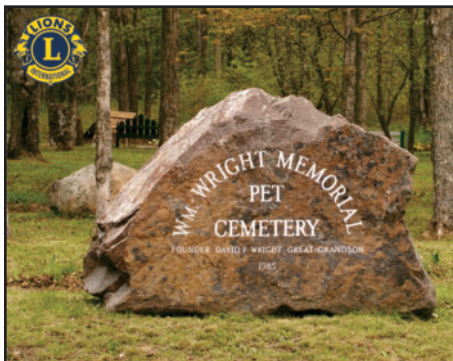
A great turnout of Motor Cycle Riders supported the Kitchen Family. **Madoc Lions** donated all proceeds from the BBQ to the "Brain Injury Association Quinte District". Accepting the donation from Lion President **Tom Simpson** was Margriet Kitchen, wife of the late Ralph Kitchen. Also on hand were Lions **Rob Pownall, Debbie Boyle, Rosemary Ramsey.**



## St. Joseph Island Lions

The William Wright Memorial Pet Cemetery is located on St. Joseph Island. The death of a pet can be difficult, for some it is comparable to the loss of a family member. Mourning can be intense for owners who were emotionally or physically dependent on their animal friend. Having a beautiful resting place for their pet helps with coping as well as gives them an opportunity to visit. The cemetery was started by David Wright, who inherited the property from his grandfather William Wright. David operated the cemetery until his health forced him to give it up. It was then that he approached the St. Joseph Island Lions Club and asked if they would take over the operation of the Pet Cemetery. The members agreed and the deed to the property was transferred to the club. The only stipulation was that they keep the name in honour of William Wright. This non-profit cemetery remains a safe haven for deceased pets and all proceeds are used for charitable purposes, as David

Wright had wished. Since the St. Joseph Island Lions have taken over, several additions and improvements have taken place. There has been two new sections opened when the original site was filled, the tool shed was wired to provide winter storage and ongoing cleanup is done each year.



## Lions Do Canada Day in a Big Way!

This past July with **Atwood Lions** taking the lead and the clubs from **Milverton** and **Monkton** assisting with great help, there was another great Canada Day Celebration for the 62nd year. The day is always steeped in tradition and reflects how the community supports all of the efforts of this and other events in the overall area.

There is an annual elimination draw that is the lead into the main event and there are also two preliminary dance events, one of them is designed for the "Calmer Folks" and a Video Dance for those looking for a lively event. A Ball Tournament is part of the two-day event, accompanied by a beer garden for both days of the holiday.

The traditional parade is attended by participants and spectators alike. It took almost an hour for the parade to make its way through Atwood. All the local dignitaries from the Mayor right on up to the MP are always available.

For those with a bit of a gambling spirit there is Bingo and a Cake Roulette where players can bet on a number on the wheel and perhaps win a cake; all the cakes are donated by the Lions and the booster club.

There is a kids game area with everything from a fish pond to paddle boats, rock walls, gladiator ring and several other events for the young at heart to try. This portion of the overall event is the Lions contribution back to the community. The concept is to have interaction with the youth and their families and everyone gets a prize and there is also a train ride for all to enjoy, not to mention a free swim at the Lions pool. And how about the great pork chop supper with over 850 being served this year.

Of course this great community event could not be a success without the help of the Milverton and the Monkton Lions. Their work on manning and running the food booths and other points of interest always help this event go off without a hitch. Staff from the municipality of North Perth are also vital in making this event a success.

*submitted by Lion Scott Eveland, Atwood Lions*



## Waterloo 2019 Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides a Success



On May 25, 2019, the **Bridgeport, St. Jacobs, and Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions** held a successful Walk for Dog Guides at Waterloo Park. In spite of the rain, 42 walkers turned out for the event. Thank you to the **K W Leos Club** for their assistance with the Registration. Contests were held, and prizes were won, followed by lunch compliments of the St. Jacobs Lions.

Tag Days were held previous to the main event, at Pet Valu on the Boardwalk, and at the Scotia



Bank in St. Jacobs. Several Lions Foundation Canada puppy/foster parent teams, including some **Mosborough Busy Busy Lions** and a few grandkids helped out, to attract the passersby. The Waterloo Walk raised over \$29,000. Our thanks to all our sponsors, donors, and helpers to make this annual event a success once again.



## Knowlton Lions Club's eyes screening program for local students

With the help of a local ophthalmologist, Dr Adèle Simard-Lebrun, the members of the Knowlton Lions Club have completed an eye screening program open to all the kindergarten students of the Knowlton Academy, l'École St-Édouard and Sutton School. The objective of the activity was to identify any existing vision problems and prevent the misdiagnoses of learning disabilities. When we know that 80% of learning is through vision, systematically offering a summary eye exam means acting responsibly for the future of our children.

Each student was put through a rigorous series of tests, carried out by Dr Adèle Lebrun, covering notably perception of colour, depth and visual accuracy from near and far. The results of the operation proved the apropos of the exercise as 23 of the 58 students examined were identified as requiring further attention by an eye specialist.

The members of the Knowlton Lions Club would like the express their appreciation to Dr Lebrun for the time and effort she put into this activity.

*Dr Lebrun administering a test to one of the students*



*Le Dr Lebrun administrant un test à l'un des étudiants*

## Programme de dépistage visuel du Club Lions de Knowlton pour les étudiants locaux

Avec l'aide d'une ophtalmologiste locale, la Dre Adèle Simard-Lebrun, les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton ont complété un programme de dépistage visuel ouvert à tous les élèves de maternelle de l'Académie Knowlton, l'École St-Édouard et de l'École Sutton. L'objectif de l'activité était d'identifier tout problème de vision existante et de prévenir les erreurs de diagnostic des troubles d'apprentissage. Quand on sait que 80% de l'apprentissage se fait par la vision, proposer systématiquement un examen sommaire de la vue signifie agir de façon responsable pour l'avenir de nos enfants.

Chaque élève a été soumis à une série de tests

rigoureux, réalisés par la Dre Lebrun, portant notamment sur la perception de la couleur, la profondeur et l'exactitude visuelle de près et de loin. Les résultats de l'opération ont prouvé l'utilité de l'exercice, puisque 23 des 58 élèves examinés ont été identifiés comme nécessitant une attention supplémentaire de la part d'un professionnel de la vision.

Les membres du Club Lions de Knowlton aimeraient exprimer leur reconnaissance à la Dre Lebrun pour le temps et les efforts qu'elle a consacré à cette activité.

## Community Fish Fry

The **Rockton Lions** held their 14th Annual "All You Can Eat" Fish Fry on June 1. It was a ROARING success with over 1000 in attendance! It was the epitome of a team effort with almost every member attending to help. The **St. George Lions** cooked fries, **Lynden Lions** ran the bar and the St. George United Church kept the Beverly Community Centre clean throughout the whole event. We couldn't have done this without all the outside help. The volunteers were fantastic!

The night is a great community event. We have a Silent Auction heavily supported by local businesses and individuals, and a Children's Activity area which the little ones love! And a 50/50 draw! This year's winner was Peter Zuccolo from Dundas who won \$1557!!!

The majority of the proceeds have been designated to support the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Since 2013 we have sponsored 4 Canine Vision Teams, 2 Diabetic Alert Teams, 2 Service Dog Teams and 1 Autism Assistance Team. We have also donated \$10,000 to the Foundation Construction drive! All of this has been possible through our Fish Fry.

This event always runs on the first Saturday of June. See you next year!!



*LFC Funding Coordinator Kelly Russell on left, 50-50 winner Peter Zuccolo on right. The Lion in the middle hamming it up is Doug Cassan from Rockton*



## Long Point Lions

Long Point Club President Lion Chief **Dennis Parrish** made a point of celebrating the Long Point Lions' continued support to the community by presenting a cheque for \$5000 to the Valley Heights Secondary School for the addition of basketball scoreboard. Receiving the cheque is former coach and teacher Lion **John Krestel**.

Lion Chief Dennis thanked club secretary **Tom McLarty** and club treasurer **Mike Richard** for their administrative support to the club and community. Both Tom and Mike were recognized as "Helen Keller Fellows".



## London Central Lions

On June 13 during our Installation Night dinner Lion **Lee-Anne Lillico** and Lion **Tricia Lystar** presented a cheque for \$16,000 to Juliette from DeafBlind Ontario Services.

This was the money raised at our Fight for Sight event in May. This donation is going to make a huge difference in the lives of deaf and blind people.



As well, our Lion of the Year this year is Lion **Joanne Lystar**, who quietly works hard whenever and wherever she is needed, and much more than people realize. Congratulations to Lion Joanne for a well deserved award. Presented by Lion Chief **Jason Cheese**.



## Dorchester and District and Thorndale Lions



Dorchester Turns 65..... Members from both the Dorchester and District Lions Club and the Thorndale Lions Club got together recently to celebrate their 65th Charter Anniversary. Thorndale

was the sponsoring club in 1954. Newly elected 1st VDG Dan Armstrong was not able to attend but Members and guests made sure he was not forgotten!



## St. Mary's Lions – Not Your Average Induction Ceremony

PDG Lion **Karen McNeight**, President of the St. Marys Lions Club, conducted an induction ceremony in May for our two newest members in an unique location, the CN Tower, the ceremony occurred both at the bottom and top of the tower. Inducted were Lion **Gwendolen Boyle**, and Lion **Jonah Mitchell**, Assisting Karen is District Governor **Kevin Banfield** of the **Lions Club of Kitchener**. Several of Karen's family members, including husband, Lion **Bill McNeight** were present for the ceremony. Following the formal induction ceremony, Lion Karen, Lion Gwendolen and Lion Jonah completed the EDGE WALK on the CN Tower where they were asked the final question, "Are you ready to join the St. Marys Lions Club and serve your community", and of course the answer was "YES"!

Not to miss a fund raising opportunity the organizers were able to raise almost \$3,000.00 for the LFC from sponsors for the event. Their support is greatly appreciated.



Top left(l-r): Lion Gwendolen Boyle, and Lion Jonah Mitchell, Assisting Karen is District Governor Kevin Banfield. Top right and bottom left: Group Photo Bottom right(l-r): Lions Gwendolen, Karen and Jonah

# MD'A' Environment Photo Contest by Randy Hargrave, PDG, MDA Environment Chair

The MDA Environmental Photo Contest was held and judged at this year's MDA convention. All districts were asked to hold photo contests at their district conventions and submit their winning photos to be judged at the MDA convention.

Congratulations to the winners. First place winners will be receiving \$150 each and second place winners will receive \$50 each. Thank you to all Lions and districts who participated in this year's photo contest. Start snapping photos now to be ready for next year's contest.



The winner in Our Natural Environment category is: Bill Crawford, South Brant Lions with his photo of a cat in snow



Second place is Donna Huelin, Lindsay East & District Lions with her picture of the chipmunk



The winner in Lions in Environmental Service category is: Linda Zwier, Sharbot Lakes Lions and the Lion & child planting tree



Second place is Jacqui Copeman, Almaguin Highlands Lions, tree planting with the dog

# Capreol Lions

The Human League Association is a not-for-profit organization based in the City of Greater Sudbury. The Association is home of the Breakfast Club for Kids, which provides local children with a nutritious breakfast every school day, and the PLAY Program, which provides access to extra-curricular activities for children of low-income situations. It may be summer break but the Capreol Lions are still working hard for the community. They donated \$1000.00 to the organization to assist in maintaining their programs.



# Nanaimo and Thistletown Lions Twinning Clubs

The MD A Magazine's District Reporter for A7/11 has taken the position to a new level.

**Astrid "Chris" Simola** is the MD A Mag's first "Roving Reporter". Lion Chris is a Thistletown club member. In July she made a trip to Nanaimo, British Columbia, the trip included a visit to the local Lions Club on July 15th.

Thistletown and Nanaimo are LCI Twinning Clubs, Learning and Serving through Club Twinning which is an excellent opportunity for Lions to and extend their service mission beyond their national borders. When possible, twinned clubs are encouraged to seek opportunities to serve together. With the help of social media and virtual communication tools clubs can plan a joint activity, report results, and share photos and stories with fellow Lions. Follow this link to learn more about club twinning. LCI does have a "twinning patch" available. <http://members.lionsclubs.org/print/EN/serve/global-outreach/club-twinning/index.php>

Club Projects: SPOT Scanner Eye Screening, Annual Christmas Parade, Public Skating, Fence Project, Ramp Program, Lions Great Bridge, Millstone River Bridge, Lacrosse Boxes, Lions Pavillion and the Lions Manor to name a few.

Further details on these projects can be found on the club website @ <https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/nanaimo/projects.php>



# Elliot Lake

At the Canada Day parade on Saturday June 29th in Elliot Lake, the Lions Club had a float in the parade which won first prize. The Lions were happy to take part and the Lions mascot was there on a great looking official Lions scooter covering the parade route. There was a great amount of Community and Country pride on display and the Lions were there to proudly display their support.



# MD'A' Kicks off 2020 100th Anniversary of Lions in Canada

Multiple District A is getting ready to celebrate Canada's 100th Anniversary of the country's presence in Lion International. It all started in 1920 when Windsor Lions received their charter.

No better place to get the ball rolling than the MD-A convention. Lion Art Woods gave a great presentation and had help from some of the other convention attendees.



L to R are PCC Tim Cheung, PID Tom Gordon, Mijayla Ansley – Lions International Peace Contest Blind Essay winner sponsored by the Blyth Ontario Lions, PID Art Woods, DG A-16 Debbie Dawson – Lions New Voices spokesperson and PID Carl Young

# District A1 Zone 6

In a cooperative effort the clubs from Zone 6 in District A1 donated \$6918.81 to Diabetes Canada in July as part of the LCI initiative. The funds will go a long way to assist children from the Sarnia Lambton area attend Diabetes Summer Camp. The clubs involved were **Arkona, Petrolia, Bluewater, Sarnia** and **Wyoming** Lions.



Back L-R: Lion Gord Perry -Petrolia Lions and Norm MacPherson -Arkona Lions; Front L-R: Lion Frank VanKempen Bluewater Lions Sarnia; Lion Ken Cryderman Sarnia Lions; Laura Toito Diabetes Canada; Lion Stan Hladki Arkona Lions

# Madoc Lions – a Great Community Effort!

Hits for Hospice - a ball tournament to fund raise for the Heart of Hastings Hospice House.

Madoc Lions were on site on site with BBQs and Deep Fryer in support of the tournament. Lions **Deb Boyle, Karen Jones** and **Janet McCoy** on BBQs and Lion **Tom Simpson** looking after the French Fries. Congratulations to **Matt** and committee for hopefully making this an annual event.



**Single-use plastics banned at Amherstview Lions Club**  
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## Wheatley Lioness Club

Each of the 22 members of the Wheatley Lioness Club was allotted \$500 to donate to their favourite charity, for a total of \$11,000 to be donated to various groups and organizations. The Lioness raised the funds by volunteering at Chances Gaming Lounge in Leamington.



Front L-R: Lioness Nancy Wright, Doreen Armstrong, Marjorie Jackson, Lucy Hodovick, Darlene Priestley, Andrea Maceyovski, Nancy Springthorpe, Lorna Bell, Pauline Sample, Cathy Neroda. Back L-R: Linda Humphries, Debbie Seili and Dale Dierckens. Absent from photo: Sharon Aitkenhead, Tammy Krawchuk, Mary Mahovlich, Shirley Settrington, Ann Mocan, Geri Vary, Karen Vary, Judy Malott

One of the donations was to the Wheatley branch of the Chatham Kent Public Library in support of the municipality-wide Literary Angels Program. New books of various adult fiction genres in large and regular print were purchased with the donation from the club.



L-R: Wheatley Lioness members Judy Malott and Lorna Bell and librarian Amy Osborne

## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – September 13-14, 2019
- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – November 15-16, 2019
- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – February 21-22, 2020
- Council Meeting – Convention – May 1-2, 2020

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A-1	Best Western Plus, Stonebridge, Lambeth	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 27 - 29, 2020
A-3	Best Western Plus, Cobourg	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-4	Nav Centre, Cornwall	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-5	Kilarney	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-711	Sandman Signature Mississauga Hotel	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-9	Best Western, Walkerton	April 17 - 19, 2020
A-12	Holiday Inn, 20 Fairview Road Barrie	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-15	Quality-Festival Inn, Stratford	April 3 - 5, 2020
A-16	Holiday Inn, Peterborough Waterfront	April 17 - 19, 2019

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2020	Muskoka, Ontario	May 1 - 3, 2020
2021	London, Ontario	May 28 - 30, 2021

### International Conventions

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
108th	Mexico City, Mexico	July 4 - 8, 2025

### USA - Canada Forums

Sept 19 - 21, 2019	Spokane, Washington
Sept 15 - 16, 2020	Louisville, Kentucky
Sept 9 - 11, 2021	Des Moines, Iowa
Sept 15 - 17, 2022	Calgary, Alberta





# St. Davids & District Lions MD'A' Convention 2019



The annual MD'A' convention was held in St. Catharines for the second year in a row. Lions **Bradd Anderson** and **Al Snider** headed up the organizing committee again and just like last year they did a fantastic job with the support of their valued volunteers. A big "LIONS ROAR" is well deserved.



*Lion Angela Day of A-12 receiving her Top Ten Youth Camps and Exchange Chairperson Award 2017-2018 from LCI. L-R ID Tom Gordon, Lion Angela, Council Chair Tim Cheung and PDG Randy Hargrave of A-12*

Dog Guide Program and the always popular 50/50 draw, this year the prize was \$8,291.47 won by the **Niagara Falls Lions Club**.

The service project, eye glass recycling, was very well received with over 50 willing hands participating. 12,000 pairs were boxed up and ready to ship. Good luck to the hosts for next year in Muskoka, we hope the experience this time around was such that all will want to head a little further north for the 2020 event.



The **St Davids and District Lions** would like to thank

all the Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests for taking the time to attend the MD'A' 2019 Niagara Convention in St. Catharines. As in last year's event we worked hard to make the shortened Convention Schedule a success and an event that will be remembered as a chance to renew friendships and have a lot of fun.

The Hospitality Room was a welcome feature judging by the noise and laughter coming from the basement rooms.

The agenda for the convention was second to none with the "Dog Bowl" event, raising funds for the LFC

PID **Tom Gordon** and his wife Lion **Gillian** were the special guests for the weekend and Tom was kept busy with excellent presentations and participation in the service project. His experience as a teacher and a trainer is obvious and his knowledge of Lionism is second to none.



*Vicky Davis, Hospitality Manager, Melvin Jones Fellowship, for the special care and dedication she has given to our District A-2 Convention over the past years that we have been at this the Holiday Inn & Suites in St. Catharines. Presentation by PDG Bill McKenzie*



*Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock is presented with an appreciation certificate from International President Gudrun Yngvadottir for her work with the MD A Peace Poster and Essay Contest, making the presentation is International Director Tom Gordon on the left and Council Chair Tim Cheung on the right*



*Lion Bob Pearson received a Helen Keller Fellowship award for his work with the Lion Magazine, making the presentation is International Director Tom Gordon (L) and Council Chair Tim Cheung(R)*

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## Women in Lionism

### PDG Diane M Smith, A-15

On May 30th nearly 90 Lions from across Canada gathered to celebrate Women in Lionism with a New Voices Symposium held in Ottawa. Our Canadian membership has seen growth success and this is due in large measure because of an increase in female membership. Currently our percentage of female membership has reached 32.4%.

At the Symposium we had the pleasure of hearing from a number of keynote speakers including Madame Sophie Gregoire Trudeau, the Honorable Myriam Monsef and International Vice President Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan. We heard their enriching life stories as well as information on leadership and gender parity with International Director Tom Gordon and Lion Paul Baker. Lion Dr. Gail Tanner detailed for us a vision service project and the continued need for eyeglass collection.

The day concluded with a reception attended by several members of Parliament all of whom acknowledged the



*PID Art Woods, PDG Diane Smith, Family and Women's Specialist (MDA), DGI-Elect George Corrin, Kyle Boutillier, Leo/Lion Board Liaison*

much needed service Lions provide.

Thanks to Lions Nicole Heon Lepage, Gail Haight, Val Clarke and Debbie Dawson, our Canadian leaders in the New Voices initiative.

*Women are a good thing for Lionism and Lionism is a good thing for women.*

## Minnow Lake Lions Donation Blitz

The Minnow Lake Lions have once again been out and donating to many good causes in our community with donations to Maison McCulloch Hospice, Neo Kids Foundation (for children's equipment and care at hospital), Alzheimers Society, Finlandia Sisu (Finnish seniors' community in Sudbury) and Camp Quality (northern cancer camp for kids). \$5,500 in all.



## ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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## Knowlton Lions bursaries for Brome Missisquoi Campus continuing education students

At a ceremony held in Cowansville on June 6th 2019, two graduates of the Brome Missisquoi Campus continuing education program, from the Lake Brome area, were awarded bursaries offered by the Knowlton Lions Club. The Center provides opportunities to earn accreditation and to gain the knowledge and skills leading to employment, vocational and CEGEP studies and personal development.

The recipients were Wyatt Johnston who plans to attend CEGEP, then study Law, and Isaac Flanagan who also plans to attend CEGEP and then become an elementary school teacher. Congratulations to the recipients.

L-R: Wyatt Johnston, Lion member Joan Treacy and Isaac Flanagan



G à D: Wyatt Johnston, Joan Treacy membre des Lions et Isaac Flanagan

## Bourses des Lions de Knowlton aux finissants du Brome - Missisquoi Campus Continuing Education

Lors d'une cérémonie tenue à Cowansville le 6 juin dernier, le Club Lions de Knowlton a octroyé une bourse d'études à deux finissants du Campus Brome - Missisquoi for Continuing Education. Les récipiendaires sont Wyatt Johnston, qui a l'intention de compléter son CEGEP, puis d'étudier le droit et Isaac Flanagan, qui prévoit aussi étudier au CEGEP et ensuite devenir enseignant au niveau primaire. Nos plus sincères félicitations aux récipiendaires.

## 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](http://www.mdalions.org) and clicking on "**Lions Resource Centre**" on the left side of the page.

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## Incoming Council Chair

Warmest welcome to all MD'A' Lions, Leos and Lioness to our Lions year of 2019-2020, in which we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of a club outside of the United States. There will be many ways to celebrate this milestone. Keep your eyes open for information about "Canadian Lions Centennial Celebrations Lions 2020" in the coming weeks. Campaign 100 is now entering its second year. We are approximately one third of the way to our goal of 300 million dollars in three years.



It has been about a month now since we attended Lions Clubs International Convention (LCICon) in Milan, Italy. I can now officially report that everyone is back home and safe. It was a busy time for all Canadians while in Milan. Our members were attending plenary sessions and many were busy helping our Canadian Candidate for Lions Clubs International Third International Vice President, Lion Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton. The effort was worthwhile as Lion Patti was victorious. This is the first time we have had an international officer since Judge Brian Stevenson served as President in 1987. We should all be very proud of this achievement.

At the "Parade of Nations", it was a true honour and privilege for Jen and I to lead the members during the LCICon parade. It is quite a sight at the very front looking back to see the sea of red and white and all the smiles. The same feeling held true for the rally and victory celebration for Dr. Hill.

With everything happening at LCICon, we still had a chance to get together a number of nights, break bread, and share our stories of the day. One of our favourite spots to eat was at a small restaurant called L'Imagine Bistrot. This seemed to be the "Official Canadian Restaurant" during our stay in Milan as Canada took over this restaurant each night of the convention.

Since LCICon, it has been a busy month for your new council preparing for the ensuing year. There have been many calls made, face to face, and Zone Meetings in forming the strategies for the year ahead. I am very happy with the team we have and the direction each of our committees are heading.

Jennifer, Rory, and myself have had a chance to visit a few districts to check out their projects, including the St. Davids & District Lions Carnival and Mount Forest to celebrate the life and service of Lion Ken Hincks, a member of that club who had served for 59 years. From all accounts our districts that hosted Youth Exchanges were successful. A job well done to all of the district teams! I also received a report on The Kirkfield Lions Club's 50th Anniversary – one of the many anniversaries our clubs have celebrated.

I could not imagine taking on the role as Council Chair when I first joined Lions in 2003 and I have enjoyed every moment. As I continue my journey, I find that I am learning new skills that are truly transferable to my family, friends and business. I would encourage each of the members of MD'A' to embrace the many training programs that your club, district, MD'A' and LCI offers. You will not be disappointed in the time you spend at any of our programs.

If you have not heard yet, the theme Our International President Dr. Jung-yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, has introduced this year is "Embracing Diversity to Create Harmony for All". He believes in greater Good through diversity, because Lions don't just serve the world, WE represent it. I would ask everyone to think about this and try to bridge all of our divides within everything we do. Paying it forward is the key. The simple act of a smile to a stranger, may make a difference in someone's life.

I look forward to serving you this year as your MD'A' Council Chair. I wish everyone a very safe rest of the summer and look forward to seeing you on our road of service together.

We Serve.

**Kevin Banfield, MD'A' Council Chair**



## Congratulations Dr. Patti Hill

History was made in Milan on Tuesday, July 9th, when our own Dr. Patti Hill was elected to the position of International Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Patti is only the fifth Canadian to hold the position, and will proceed to the International Presidency on July 5, 2022 at the 105th International Convention in New Delhi, India.

Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton, Canada, is a psychologist, business owner, and member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club. International Director from 2007 to 2009, she served as the Leadership Chair. Dr. Hill has also served on Global Membership and Global Leadership Teams, as a Multi-National Coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, Institute Faculty, Committee Member for USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and presenter at Forums and International Conventions. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Dr. Patti Hill also received the Inspiring Woman Award and remains active in service and in her professional organizations.

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