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# We Make the Constellations

Greetings Lions,

People are natural storytellers. Consider the constellations. Nearly every culture in recorded history has made a story out of the stars. These stories enabled our ancestors to use the night sky to navigate, pass on oral histories, and to make sense of their world. This is still how we use stories today.

Lions have the greatest stories on earth. Our service transforms people's lives. Lions give their time, energy, and funds to worthy causes because they know that a better life for others will make a better world for us all. And telling these stories is one way to ensure the good works continue.

Telling Lion stories can help other Lions find new ways to serve, they can help inspire others to act, and they can show the

world how Lions are helping to make life better for everyone.

Every act of kindness is another brilliant light. Like the stars, the inspiring work of Lions is all around. It's up to us to tell the stories that give it meaning.

Sincerely,

*Jung-Yul Choi*

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**International President, Lions Clubs International**



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Virtual On-Line Meeting – Oak Brook, Illinois, USA – October 12-21, 2020**



### AUDIT COMMITTEE

- External Audit: The audit firm of Crowe LLP presented the audit and draft audited financial statements of the association for the year ending June 30, 2020.
- Internal Audit Overview: The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans.
- Internal Audit Risk Assessment: The committee received an update of the internal audit risk assessment and proposed audit plan for 2020-2021.
- GDPR Presentation: The project management office and privacy and compliance department staff provided the committee with an update on processes on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- Affirmed the final decision of the Review and Conciliation Committee issued in accordance with the Constitutional Complaints Procedure appealed by the Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club and deemed the complaint denied in full. Declared all matters specifically raised and relating to the complaint of the Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club concluded and final and binding on all parties.
- Recommended no action be taken on the request from the Past International Presidents of India, South Asia and the Middle East (ISAME) related to the validity period of the certified ISAME candidate's endorsements from three (3) to four (4) conventions due to the cancellation of the 2020 International

Convention where four directors would have been elected whereas only two candidates from ISAME will be elected in 2021.

- Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph D. of the Board Policy Manual to add a new Legal Opinion that in the event a waiver of international dues is issued, the payment of international dues should not be considered in determining if a club is in good standing.
- Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2021 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 4(a) and Section 5(a) of the International By-Laws to change the timing requirements for international directors to submit their certification form from thirty (30) days to sixty (60) days.
- Reviewed the election process of the International Board of Directors if the international convention cannot be convened. Agreed that additional analysis is required and approved the further review of this matter at a future board meeting for a possible vote of the delegates at the 2021 International Convention in Montreal.
- Rescinded in its entirety resolution 7 from the October 9-12, 2019 Constitution and By-Laws Committee report related to the dues amendment.
- Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2021 International Convention to amend Article XII, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws to increase annual dues by US\$7.00 over a three year period, beginning with \$3.00 effective July 1, 2022, by \$2.00 effective July 1, 2023 and by \$2.00 effective July 1, 2024.
- Drafted a resolution to be reported to the

2021 International Convention to amend Article IV, Section 1(i) of the International By-Laws to change the name of the Marketing Communications Committee to the Marketing Committee.

### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Approved per diem for convention appointees for the 2021 International Convention.
- Approved the virtual convention component for the 2021 International Convention.

### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- Placed the Lions clubs in Republic of Armenia in protective status. The Finance Committee will consider the clubs for Modified Protective Status during the April 2021 Board Meeting.
- Approved proposals from District 300-C1 (MD 300 Taiwan) to redistrict the area into District 300-C1 and District 300-C5 and the proposal submitted by District 300-G2 (MD 300 Taiwan) to redistrict the area into District 300-B3 and District 300-B5 to be implemented at the adjournment of the 2023 International Convention. To further support the redistricting of Multiple District 300 into five multiple districts, a final map was approved detailing the placement of these new districts along with previously approved districts.
- Approved the proposal submitted by District 324-A4 to redistrict the area into District 324-A4 and 324-A7 to take place at the adjournment of the 2021 International Convention, contingent upon the approval by the delegates at a subsequent convention of the multiple district.

- Revised District Governor and Provisional Zone and Region Chairperson Reimbursement Policy to allow for reimbursement for postage and courier for shipping items needed for virtual meetings and to encourage District Governors and Provisional Zone and Region Chairpersons to use Connect, a free platform from Lions Clubs International, to conduct the meetings.

#### **FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE**

- Approved the 2020-2021 First Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
- Approved ceasing all future Retirement Plan benefit accruals effective December 31, 2020 for all U.S. and Canadian grandfathered participants with original dates of hire prior to January 1, 2007 and to provide employer matching contribution benefits in the Savings Plan effective January 1, 2021.
- Rescinded the October 2019 dues increase resolution and requested the Constitution and By-Laws Committee draft an amendment to the International By-Laws to be voted on at the 2021 International Convention related to International Dues.
- Replaced the purchasing policy with the procurement policy.
- Revised Chapter XXI of the Board Policy manual amending the speaking engagement policy to allow a past international director the ability to accept speaking engagements when they permanently move to a different constitutional area.

#### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the process whereby staff will work with each constitutional area to determine which 2020-2021 institutes will be provided, with Lions serving as the onsite coordinator and staff serving remotely.
2. Confirmed the alternative plan for a virtual 2021 First Vice District Governor/District Governor-elect (FVDG/DGE) Seminar Days 1-3 to replace the seminar content originally scheduled for February 2021.
3. Amended the Board Policy Manual to add the role, responsibilities, and allowed expense reimbursement of the First Vice District Governors/District Governors-elect Seminar associate.

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING (AUGUST 2020 MEETING REPORT)**

- Added two District goals for incoming District Governor teams: By the end of 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will increase the percentage of clubs reporting service (meet or

exceed last years' service reporting numbers) and by the end of the first quarter of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. The district GLT coordinator will report each training using the local training tool in LCI's software application called Learn.

- The committee reviewed progress made on the next version of the plan and would like to convey their gratitude to LCI Project Team Chairperson, Past International Director Joyce Middleton, the entire project team, and staff for their hard work.
- After reviewing the different financial scenarios, taking into account the negative impact of the global pandemic on Lion activities, and the financial burden a one-time dues increase of US\$7 may place on LCI members, the committee recommends that the Finance & Headquarters Operation consider spreading the US\$7 dues increase over three years (US\$3, US\$2, US\$2), and determine whether this dues increase should be effective in July 2021 or July 2022.

#### **MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

- Reviewed and approved new PR Grants and reviewed status of 11 grants awarded this fiscal year.
- Reviewed and approved revisions to plans for this year's Tournament of Roses sponsorship.
- Reviewed a request from MD 325 (Nepal) to add Nepali as an official language of Lions Clubs International. The committee congratulates the Lions of Nepal for the efforts in the country and for meeting criteria for this consideration. The committee requested an evaluation of cost, resource, system, and process implications prior to granting approval and requested the topic to be reviewed at the next board meeting.
- Reviewed draft updates to protocol. The committee will consider a resolution at a future meeting.
- Revised Board Policy Chapter XIX to change the awards table, adopting the International Peace Poster Plaque as the official award for national heads of state, prime ministers, governors, and local government officials.
- Requested a change to the Constitution and By-Laws to change the committee name from "Marketing Communications Committee" to "Marketing Committee".

#### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Changed the Lioness Bridge program, limiting the number of clubs a district can form in a fiscal year to ten, unless otherwise authorized

by the Membership Development Committee.

- Appointed the Leo Club Program Advisory Panelists and their alternates for the July 2021-June 2023 term.
- Updated language in Chapter XXIV to change the goals from the district governor's goals to the district's goals.
- Updated language in Chapter XXIV to include the Technology Committee when a cross-functional committee meeting is held at board meetings.

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

- Resolved to revise the Lions Clubs International Lions Eye Bank Guidelines.
- Approved the Lions Clubs International advocacy strategy, empowering Lions to advocate for awareness, education, and change.
- Received an update on all service programs and global cause strategy development.
- Celebrated the launch of the World Diabetes Day 2020 campaign, encouraging Lions to make time to fight diabetes.
- Recognized increases in service activities reporting during the first quarter of the fiscal year 2020-2021, as compared to the same time-period in the previous year.

#### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

- The committee reviewed the first quarter budget forecast and noted there was a negative variance between budget and first quarter forecast, primarily due to variance in depreciation and amortization. The committee understands the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other unexpected events have impacted the budget but appreciated staff is actively managing this.
- The committee received updates on privacy initiatives and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Staff interactions with the Data Protection Officer (DPO) has been extremely positive. The committee approves the security and privacy initiatives planned for the next three to six months.
- Your committee had a comprehensive discussion on product initiatives. A new member portal launched in July 2020 and a new "Connect" application launched in August 2020 as a beta version, enabling virtual meeting capabilities. The committee learned of a planned redesign of the Lion Account login/registration process, currently planned for Q2 or Q3.
- The committee received an update on the next iteration of the strategic plan. The committee agrees with the three primary focus areas identified in the plan, supports naming and

branding the new plan, “One Lion,” and is excited to contribute toward the implementation of goals and strategies resulting from the plan. The committee would further like to thank LCI Forward Project Team Chairperson Past International Director Joyce Middleton and the entire team on work done thus far and look forward to another update at the next board meeting.

- The committee discussed on the technology and administrative implications of supporting a virtual or hybrid convention, should this be required as a contingency to an in-person event.
- The committee was also updated on the implications of supporting a virtual election

and was pleased with the thoroughness of the vendor evaluation presented by staff. The committee was comfortable with any of the vendors under consideration, should a virtual election be necessary.

- The committee reviewed updates from the Membership Development committee on membership backdating. The committee discussed updates from Leadership Development on the Lions Learning Center (LLC) and the local training reporting tool.
- The committee met jointly with the Service Activities committee and approved a plan to improve the quality of service reporting data. This plan includes a currency converter in MyLion to help Lions report funds raised and

donated, capping data anomalies for funds raised, funds donated and volunteer hours, and improving in-product communication. Some elements of this plan have already been implemented.

- The committee discussed current revenue trends for eCommerce and Club Supplies. The committee understood the factors impacting revenue and approved the staff plan to align spending to revenue. The committee also received an update on several ongoing initiatives.

**For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.**



## Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting November 20, 2020



The Council Weekend was conducted virtually due to current Covid-19 protocols. The safety of our Lions is most important as we continue to serve our communities. Congratulations and thanks to all for your great efforts. The following are some highlights from the Council Weekend.

### **CNIB LAKE JOE.**

Guests attending the meeting included Tara Oliphant representing CNIB Lake Joe and A4PDG Beth Lewis. Tara was pleased to present PDG Beth with the award for being the District of the Year for their contributions to Lake Joe. Well done, Lions of A4. PDG Bill Mackenzie also thanked those clubs who had earned Club of the Year awards: A1-Petrolia; A2-Ridgeway; A3-Land O' Lakes, Pittsburgh, Cobourg; A4- Carleton; A5- Sudbury; A711 – Mississauga; A9 – Formosa; A12 – Wasaga; A15 – Fergus; A16 – Coboconk, Uxbridge; 5M10 – Red Lake

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Year End Report (June 30 2020) will show a surplus of funds, due to restrictions imposed as a result of the Corona Virus. Surplus funds will help shore up our Reserves which have been steadily depleting over the years. MD“A” dues continue to arrive and clubs are urged to send theirs as soon as possible. Council approved providing MD“A” Mailing Labels to: Lions Home for Deaf People, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation, Lions Foundation of Canada and the MD“A” Convention Host Committee.

### **CENTENNIAL**

PDG Charles Liddle is pleased to be receiving more reports of the great Centennial Projects being done to celebrate 100 Years of Lions in Canada. Centennial Pins are still available through your District Governor and attractive golf shirts are available by contacting PID Art Woods for an order form.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Council has asked the committee to investigate the legality of allowing 1st Vice District Governors to vote on the election of the Council Chairperson for the following year. If such is deemed legal, it would require a vote to amend the current MD“A” Constitution and By-laws at the 2021 MD“A” Convention, and would become effective for the 2021-2022 Lions Year.

### **CONVENTION ADVISORY**

Plans are still going forward to have some form of MD“A” Convention next May 28-30, scheduled for the Four Points Sheridan in London Ontario. The committee will be continually monitoring Provincial Guidelines and will make a determination no later than their next planned meeting in February 2021. A form of “hybrid” convention is an option being researched.

### **GAT/NAMI**

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has had a negative effect on membership. Congratulations to District A711 for some amazing new club growth. Leadership training continues by way of

virtual platforms and our excellent team has made amazing adjustments to provide great sessions. Districts are at different levels of implementation of our North America Membership Initiative but positive progress is being demonstrated. Never be hesitant to seek help. Congratulations to the Orillia Lions Club who have been chosen as MD“A”'s submission to LCI for the Kindness Matters Award.

### **INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PID Tom Gordon provided many highlights from the most recent International Board of Directors Meeting. Of significance is the proposal for a \$7.00 US dues increase to be phased in over a 3-year period. This proposal will be voted on at the international convention in Montreal. The committee had been asked to review the current method of electing the Council Chairperson and found no reason to change from the current process.

### **LION MAGAZINE**

Decreased funding from LCI has determined that there will be 2 print editions and 2 digital editions for this current Lions Year. The committee continues to try to find additional funding so that more print editions can be created.

### **LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF**

A grant of \$48,322.19 was awarded to the Lions of U1 for a refrigeration Chamber. For the first time, funds donated by the Lions of Canada were used for a grant on the international stage. \$202,080 was awarded to district 351 Lebanon to repair 375 homes damaged in Beirut. What a

great achievement for us! Lately, there has been a decrease in funds coming in and clubs and individuals are urged to donate whatever they can afford to this great humanitarian cause.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Peace Poster/Peace Essay contest has still gone ahead virtually with submissions due by November 15. Youth Exchange is at a standstill due to Covid restrictions. Several Districts are finding the Effective Speaking Contest a challenge but it is hoped some form of competition can go ahead at both the District and MD"A" levels. District coordinators are meeting virtually and more information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

### PROMOTION

Plans continue to have some form of International Convention in Montreal. Those who are not able to attend physically will have the opportunity to attend virtually. It may well be that the largest contingent will be from Canada! Please visit the LCI Convention website to get details on registration, accommodation, credentials, etc. More details will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

### RESEARCH AND LONG RANGE PLANNING

The committee has been tasked with several initiatives. Wording has to be added to the Procedures and Policy Manual to protect MD"A" Convention Host Committees from financial penalty should a convention be cancelled. Deleting now dissolved committees and adding newly

formed committees requires amendments. It is reaffirmed that MD"A" Mailing labels be provided, at cost, to Ontario Lions related organizations and only with consent of Council. Council has requested the committee to investigate ways in which the process for electing the Council Chairperson can be more inclusive, substantive and transparent.

Note: Committee reports submitted are saved both digitally and hard copy by the Council Secretary. They are routinely forwarded in digital format to all District Governors. If District Committee Chairpersons wish to have a copy, please contact your District Governor. As always, the Council Secretary is happy to be of service.

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

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## Relief from the Comfort of Home

by Jamie Weber

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Learning that your child has cancer is unfathomable. It is a moment you will surely never forget, sitting in the doctor's office, trying to understand the words coming from the doctor, feeling as if the world around you is crashing. It is easy to let your mind think the worst, especially in areas of the world without access to treatment or aftercare.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, only one hospital provides cancer treatment for children and until Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) took action, it did not have a follow-up program. Economic hardships and distance make it difficult to maintain regular checkups, so many children and their families are on their own once treatment is complete. With 75 percent of children experiencing complications after treatment, this was a serious inadequacy. Local Lions wanted to ensure their community's children had access to the critical care needed. A US\$36,900 Matching grant from LCIF provided the funding needed for Lions to establish the country's first mobile follow-up program for childhood cancer survivors in partnership with the local non-profit organization Association Heart for Children (AHfC).

Children can experience psychological issues, delayed development, or reoccurrence of the cancer, among other consequential complications. Absence from school can cause children to struggle with learning. They may have a hard time relating to their friends and need a program to support them as they readjust to life and become proactive about their future health. In addition, the

parents and siblings of childhood cancer survivors often experience feelings of anxiety, depression, symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and guilt. These families need guidance on how to be the best support system not only for the child in recovery but for their other children.

Lions purchased and equipped a van with necessary medical equipment, preparing it to travel across the country to children identified by Lions and AHfC. Each visit brings a full team, including a doctor, a nurse, a psychologist, a social worker, and an educator, who all specialize in childhood cancer. In addition, the team will include a peer counselor, often someone who is also a young cancer survivor. The peer counselor can relate to

the child and act as a promising example. The team assesses the children and develops a plan for future follow-up care. Thanks to Lions and AHfC, the van will serve up to 200 children recovering from cancer each year, along with their families, and will provide these services at no cost.

"I am very happy to be sitting in our van, knowing that we will bring a smile to our children's faces," says Nejra Musić, childhood cancer survivor and peer counselor. "We are happy to have lived to see it happen."

To learn more about what LCIF is doing to empower Lions as they work to improve outcomes for children with cancer, visit [lcif.org/childhoodcancer](http://lcif.org/childhoodcancer).



*Nejra Musić, a childhood cancer survivor and peer counselor*



The Lions of St. George are celebrating a milestone event this year, it is not hard to tell what it is by looking at the logos and pictures. The club did have a celebration planned but we all know the reason that did not occur. In lieu of the event the club came up with a novel idea and produced the illustrated signs that were posted on member's lawns. We did not have all the photos at press time, they will be published in a future issue if they become available. The club has a lot to be proud of over their seventy-five year existence. To name a few, community projects have been established such as the splash pad at Sunny Hill Park which was the club's legacy project. Another example are the pavilions at the Sunny Hill and King William parks along with the playground equipment at Sunny Hill. They were a driving force behind the extension added to South Dumfries Community Centre. For a more complete listing of the club's history and community projects google the St. George Lions Club and check out their website and facebook pages. While you are at it you might want to check out the member shown in the large picture, he is Lion Harry Witeveen, ninety-two years young on the facebook page as well, Harry has been a member since 1952 and has quite a history with the club.



## Londesboro and District Lions

Recently the Londesboro and District Lions presented two of their charter members with Melvin Jones Fellowships in recognition of their

years of service and dedication to Lionism. The club was chartered in 1977.



Lion Ian Hulley (R) President Lion Bert Vandendool(L)



Lion Robert Shaddick (R) President Lion Bert Vandendool(L)

## World Diabetes Day

Info from Lion Brian Martin, Fergus Lions, A-15 Diabetes Awareness Chair

In 2007 the United Nations designated November 14th as International Diabetes Day, and bestowed the colour blue and the symbol of a circle to Diabetes. Worldwide, a program called the Monuments Challenge was enacted where every participating country around the globe was asked to light up something symbolic to their country on International Diabetes day. The challenge was answered globally. In Canada, the CN tower in Toronto and Niagara Falls were illuminated in Blue. Nearly every country did something – it did not matter how grand or small.

By the time this issue is distributed November 14th will likely have passed but that does not

prevent all MD-A clubs to get involved in the Diabetes Awareness program. In 2016 Fergus was chosen by Diabetes Canada as a representative community of south-central Ontario, the Lions were asked to select and light something in blue. As the Grand River is symbolic of Fergus, they chose the pedestrian bridge that joins the south side of Fergus to the River Walk Park on the north side. They made a great event of it with fireworks, TV and newspaper articles, raised some funds for Diabetes and provided information sheets. Diabetes Canada staff attended to field questions. The bridge lighting is now an annual event.

So who knows what next November will bring in



relation to the Covid-19 situation but there is no reason MD - A clubs can't be involved in the program and show Lions involvement in their respective communities their commitment to promoting Diabetes Awareness.

## Port Dalhousie Lions

In September the Port Dalhousie Lions recognized three of their members for their commitment to community service.

The club president Dennis Delano presented the awards to Lion **Wayne Stoddart**, Lion of the Year, Lion **John Fedchun**, Helen Keller Fellowship and Lion Dick Wendel, Harry Newman Fellowship.



## New Hamburg Lioness

CCC is a local group with the full name being Community Care Concepts, they work with seniors programs in Wilmot Township. One of them being Meals on Wheels. The Lioness continued with their annual donation towards the program.



Karla Rabadoux, Manager, Community Programs within the organization. On the right is Rosie Martin, Community and Social Services Worker (summer student)



## Forty Years of Lioness In Exeter

In May of 1980, Lion **Gene Seller**, an **Exeter Lion**, encouraged the club to sponsor a Lioness Club. It didn't take long to reach the minimum number required to charter. Twenty-seven ladies committed, and plans were made for a certification ceremony along with a dinner and a dance in October of the same year.

It was an impressive ceremony with District A-15 Governor **Warren Wicks**, assisted by Exeter Lion's President **Earl Wagner** and Lioness Liaison Officer **Frank Giffin** presented the following ladies with their Certificate of Organization: **Lioness' Lillian Beer, Judy McLeod, Diane Darling, Berdene Morgan, Janice Dougall, Sue Pearson, Joyce Eveland, Dorothy Prout, Ruth Eveland, Sally Lou Raymond, Lossy Fuller, Linda Relouw, Louise Griffin, Peg Seller, Carolyn Gilfillan, Fran Shaw, Ann Gray, Elizabeth Stephens, Phyllis Haugh, Rosemary Straw, Beth Jamieson, Doreen Tieman, Marion Knowles, Bonnie Zawalsky, Rose Anne Lavier.**

Charter Officers were **Ruth Eveland, President. Liz Stephens**, Secretary and treasurer was **Peg Seller.**

### Highlights Over 40 years

The Constitution of Lions Clubs International was followed and the club developed bylaws to assist with the everyday operation. The club took the motto "We Serve" seriously and donated 100% of net earnings from fund-raisers back to the community.

Membership peaked at forty-five in 1989. A strong family representation developed with many relatives joining over the years. Currently they have twenty members, including four charter members still on the roster, **Lossy Fuller, Phyllis Haugh, Judy McLeod** and **Liz Stephens**. Our club twinned with the Lioness in Richmond, Michigan enjoying visits back and forth all in the name of Lionism.

Many worthwhile fund-raisers were held over the forty years and to name a few, the Twelve Days of Christmas draw was one, with the club selling Christmas greenery at that time of the year. The well known Chili Luncheon was always a big hit. Sales of solid chocolate bunnies at Easter along with items such as Pineridge Chicken, cookie dough, muffin mix, pizza, cheese, baked goods, and the list goes on. We have sold tickets for Valentine draws, gas vouchers and the running of the balls for a Canada Day event. Over the past three years many community members attended our Spring and Fall Quarter Auction. These auctions along with the bingo were great fundraisers. The annual

"Christmas Craft Auction" was a lighthearted night of fun and games with an elf and Santa auctioneers, auctioning off crafts made by the Lioness members.

The Lioness provided service to the Community by the Exeter Lioness over their forty years, helping out by hiding the eggs for the "Easter In The Park" event that has taken place in blizzards, rain, and beautiful Easter weekends. One of the first big events taken on by the Lioness was the hosting of "Wintario" in 1981 at the South Huron Recreation Centre (SHRC). The club has provided face painting for the children on Canada Day, Family Day and many other events. The Lioness along with the Lions operated the gates and sold bar tickets at the Exeter Rodeo. They joined up with the Exeter Police Service to operate the program called "I-Dent-A-Child" during which four hundred and twenty-five children were registered.

The Exeter Villa Retirement Home provided a great service opportunity. Each month, Lioness groups would arrange entertainment for the residents and run a bingo game. At Christmas, a bus was rented to take the residents uptown to see the parade and then closer to Christmas, a tour to view the Christmas lights in Exeter and area. The Lioness have sponsored the "Lighting of the Christmas lights at MacNaughton Park".

One year after the club formed they assumed responsibility for the Huron County Christmas. The club provided funding for two Guide Dogs along the way as well. They canvassed for the "March of Dimes" as well. For 5 years the "Great Ride for Cancer" took place in April. The members got their bikes out and rode around Exeter to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. We sold four hundred and fifteen bricks for the Ronald McDonald House at \$5.00 each at the Centre Mall in November of 1984. The club has sponsored a BBQ for the summer library reading program for children for over twenty years.

In June of 1983, the club in conjunction with Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, donated funds for new playground at the SHRC. The club assumed the responsibility for the revamping of Victoria Park and since have put in two new playground equipment areas. The improvements included lighting, flowerbeds, new entrance way, benches and sidewalks, the round reading area and the pavilion. Just recently, the Lioness sponsored a defibrillator for Victoria Park. The overall cost for the improvements was in excess of \$100,000.00

Many donations have been made to the Jessica House hospice. There was a donation in 2016 of \$5,000.00 in support of the building the Exeter

splash pad, a project of the Exeter Optimist Club. Monies were donated to the Hensall Public School playground and new play station. The South Huron Hospital has received many donations for equipment over the years. The Exeter Fire Department have helped the Lioness with fundraising and the club donated several pieces of equipment. The Lioness have provided a bursary to the South Huron District High School for selected students to attend Community College. We have assisted the Exeter Lions and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) with the Conservation Dinner over many years.

### Future of Lioness Clubs:

The Lioness Bridge Program makes it possible for Lionesses to honor and acknowledge their proud past while enjoying all the benefits, rights and privileges associated with Lions club membership. Recent updates to the program are: April 2018, the LCI International Board of Directors made the decision to encourage all current Lioness clubs to join the Lions family by extending the Join Together program effective until June 2021. June 2018, additional concessions were made by the LCI Board of Directors to encourage individual Lioness to formally join the Lions family.

April 2019, LCI International Board of Directors made the decision to separate the Lioness Bridge program from the Join Together Program. Consistent with the decision made in April 2018, the Lioness Bridge program will end on June 30, 2021 when all concessions will no longer be offered.

It is obvious from previous comments that we have been a hard working Club, supported



many community, District, Multiple District, and International projects, raised thousands of dollars for worthy causes and contributed greatly to those less fortunate, locally and around the world. We could not have accomplished this without the generous support, cooperation and encouragement of the community. We would like to thank you

and express our appreciation for supporting our projects, fundraisers and activities over the last 40 years.

The members of the Exeter Lioness Club very much regret, that after forty years of service to the community, have decided to disband the Club as of October 18, 2020. The record of donations and

service to the Community and beyond will be a great legacy for the Exeter Lioness.

*Written by Laurie Dykstra, President of the Lioness Club and Liz Stephens, Chair of Disbanding Committee*

*Editor's note: Original article edited for space restrictions.*



## Lions Quest Helps Students Adjust to Changes Caused by COVID-19



by Jamie Weber

It should be no surprise that COVID-19 is affecting today's children and their education. Adjusting to online learning, adapting to a new way of life, and learning about an uncertain and seemingly ever-changing virus is giving children a level of stress they may have never known before. Though life can be a little scary these days, Lions Quest, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)'s social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum, is helping children adjust.

Lions Quest teaches children life skills that help develop happy, confident children who make choices for a successful future. Children learn decision-making skills, communication skills, and how to say no to drugs and alcohol. They learn positive behavior such as managing emotions, and showing empathy. In addition, service learning helps the children understand the importance of serving their communities.

Teachers in Calumet City, Illinois, USA understand that COVID-19 has caused stress and made teaching Lions Quest a priority, which is why they are making sure the children still receive their Lions Quest lessons. In fact, for the first week of the 2020-2021 school year, teachers focused solely on SEL. "We understand that this pandemic has been traumatic and there is no way we could expect our students to jump right in and start performing," says Dr. Tamara Young, Director of Special Education for the school district and a Lion at Calumet City Lions Club. "We needed to make sure their social and emotional well-being was intact before we started academics."

As the school year started out online, teachers delivered Lions Quest lessons over video. Since the program began last year, Dr. Young has noticed

an improvement in the school climate, adding that Lions Quest provided teachers the tools needed to have conversations with their students on tough topics.

Lions Quest also inspired events for the children as they started out the new online school year. Principal Regina Huston, also a member of Calumet City Lions Club, hosted a parking lot orientation to help students adjust. It was a socially distanced outdoor event, which provided the students hot dogs and trinkets to take home. It was the perfect opportunity for children and their parents to meet their teachers and the other students in their class.

Later in the year, when the new Lions Quest journals were ready for pick-up, the district took the opportunity to create a fun event for the children. The students were invited to wear their Halloween costumes and received bags of candy along with their new journals and classroom materials.

"Bringing social and emotional learning into our schools is the best thing we could have done," says Dr. Young. "In today's world, school is not just about academics anymore. It's also about the social wellbeing of our students. Lions Quest helps support where we are now."

To learn more about Lions Quest, visit LCIF at [www.lionsquest.ca](http://www.lionsquest.ca).



## North Bay Lions

A club that was able to continue with fundraising during this pandemic state was North Bay Lions. They operate a TV bingo, and were able to continue with this project in spite of the Covid cancellations of community projects. If there was something good to come of the situation was the fact their bingo sales doubled allowing them to continue with their service to the community. Donations were made to the listed organizations:

\$10,000.00 donation to the North Bay Hospital Foundation; \$5,000.00 Gathering Place Soup Kitchen; \$5,000.00 Salvation Army; \$1,000.00 One Kids Place; \$5,000.00 Crisis Centre; \$5,000.00 each food bank in the North Bay and surrounding area.



To the Gathering Place – Lion Wendy Porter-Greison, Dennis Chippa director chief cook and bottle washer, Lion Norm Hillock



Presentation by Lion Wendy Porter-Greison, to Salvation Army soup kitchen employee, Lion Norm Hillock



Back row L-R: Lions Jeff Oerton, Lyle Gawley, Henry Larochele, Madeleine Larochele. Middle L-R: Lions Glenda Chappelle, Kim Ransom, Ellen Thibeault, Sharon Fleguel. Front L-R: Lions Nora McKerron, Thelma Porter, Wendy Porter-Greison, Shorty Jodovin

# The Pianist

## A post-fire recovery center becomes ground zero for acts of kindness

by Joan Cary

GATES, OREGON – One warm September day a young man drove up to the Lion’s food tent near Gates, Oregon, pulling a flatbed with a grand piano on it. He is a pianist in a large orchestra, but due to COVID-19 all of his performances were canceled. Since the people couldn’t come to him, he took his music to them.

His audience on this day was one that desperately needed it.

The pianist played for an entire day next to the tent where the Silverton Lions and members of the Silverton Elks Club served hot meals to hundreds. About three quarters of the diners were survivors of the Beachie Creek fire that just weeks before took at least 1,000 homes in the beautiful Santiam Canyon and killed five people.

The piano music and hot meals were “Fuel for the body and comfort for the heart,” says Silverton Lion Heidi Ostrom.

### *The Worst Kind of Wakeup*

For people in the small town of Gates, Oregon, and all around it, the fire came out of nowhere on the night of Sept. 7, taking their homes, barns, vehicles, livestock, and their security. The flames spread quickly in the high winds, and many woke in the middle of the night to see trees ablaze outside their door. For some, their homes were already burning.

With just the clothes on their backs and pets in their arms, they fled and drove through flames and falling trees. Their tires burned to the rims and the soles of their shoes melted from the tremendous heat.

The Beachie Creek Fire began as a small contained blaze on Aug. 16, according to the U.S. Forest Service. But the unusual Sept. 7 windstorm, like few in Oregon’s history, transformed it overnight from 469 acres to more than 131,000 acres, and in the end, fire damage totaled 200,000 acres.

### *The Recovery*

Silverton Lion Ward Frederick, who like many



*In September a pianist played all day as the Silverton Lions and Silverton Elks Club members served hot meals to hundreds*

club members was evacuated but lives in an area that was unharmed, has 30 years in the restaurant business behind him. He immediately focused on how the fire victims could be fed. Also a member of the Silverton Elks Club, Frederick brought the two organizations and their resources together, and when the roads opened on Sept. 19, he sadly saw what he expected. Most homes in the town of 500, and about the same number around it, were reduced to rubble. But to his pleasant surprise, three buildings stood: The Gates United Church of Christ, city hall, and the fire department.

The next day, the Lions began to set up a kitchen outside the church, which was being used for relief aide. And on the day after, they served hundreds under a roof overhang and a tent, using the grills and supplies the Lions had ready in their trailer for their annual harvest breakfast that had been canceled because of COVID-19.

By the end of that first week, the team of volunteers grew, and so did the number in need. In one day, 500 people were fed.

“Ward did an amazing job at organizing all of this,” says Ostrom.

By mid-October, roughly 300 people a day were still coming to the tent for breakfast, lunch, or dinner “of restaurant quality,” adds Frederick, “and under COVID restaurant guidelines.”

The Albany Lions and Stayton Lions, as well as Lions from Eugene, Oregon, had also come forth to help.

### *A New Perspective*

“The volunteers have been amazing, absolutely incredible,” says Ostrom who was also evacuated in the wee hours of the morning but remained unharmed. Her long days at the food tent gave her time to get to know the survivors as they mourned their losses. But she noticed they were all quick to give thanks for their survival and the kindness of strangers.

One man, a retired emergency response consultant, told her he has now seen disaster from both sides. He and his wife lost their historic home, their outbuildings, and all their possessions, suffering burns during their failed efforts to save their herd of goats and their cats while fleeing the fire. Only one goat survived. It rode with them in their Subaru to safety.

He is hopeful, and has plans to rebuild, but a month after the fire, some families still live in tents they pitched alongside their burned home. Others, without family or the means for a hotel, manage out

of borrowed campers, vans, and trailers. The Lions food tent remains open.

### *Acts of Service Spread*

Frederick says the team of organizers decided only one of three things would make them discontinue their food service: No more need, no more money, or no more volunteers.

More than a month after that dreadful night, 200-300 people come every day for food. The money has continued to come in from generous donors, and dedicated volunteers are still plentiful. They give in multiple ways.

What is perhaps most striking about the relief efforts in Gates is the way the good deeds seem to be spreading. As residents saw the need that Lions filled and the relief it brought survivors, they began looking for their own ways to help.

One woman wanted to honor her husband who died in March during COVID restrictions. She posted a notice on Facebook that she was starting a tool lending library and accepting donations of good used and new tools to take to the people of Gates in a U-Haul truck. Within a few weeks she was on the road with her fourth truckload of tools.

Workers from a bakery arrived with desserts galore. A jazz band came to perform. And one morning the weary diners enjoyed pans of fresh cinnamon rolls made by women from the Mennonite church in nearby Scio. The women returned multiple times to bring items for the children and to help clean and cook. One day they provided the makings of homemade biscuits they baked on site to go with the Lion’s country-style gravy.

“People have been so generous. The Silverton Elks have been terrific partners, and we have met amazing, absolutely incredible people,” says Ostrom. “I am honored to be working in Gates. From the beginning, I have felt that I am gaining far more than I am giving by being there.”

“It feels good to see our services being utilized,” says Frederick. “But it’s also sad. You wish you could do more for them than just giving them a meal.

*“It’s good that instead of them having to come to us, we’re coming to them,”* he says.

And they’re bringing more with them. More folks who see a need and jump in to help. More people willing to come to those in need, bringing their own unique skills and resources to provide some small bit of relief.

Just like the pianist.

## Improving Vision and Well-Being in Palestine

by Jamie Weber

In the State of Palestine, lack of eye care, often attributed to poverty and restricted access to health services, has caused undue personal and financial hardship. Lions see the hurt this causes their communities and with support from LCIF's SightFirst program, they are changing that reality.

Determined to improve community health and well-being, Lions are using a US\$426,655 SightFirst LCIF grant and collaborating with St. John's Eye Hospital Group (SJEHG), the primary patient referral center for the Palestinian Ministry of Health, and the only referral for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

SJEHG examines and treats 128,000 people annually, while also performing more than 5,000 major surgeries. Sadly, need outpaces demand, and SJEHG's main hospitals in East Jerusalem, Hebron, Anabta, and Gaza have been unable to manage patient volume. Equally as unsettling, advanced equipment critical to performing complex operations is lacking.

Together with SJEHG, and as stewards of LCIF funding, Lions have begun a two-year project to increase service capacity as well as procure medical equipment to enhance the hospitals' vitreoretinal, retinal laser, and other retinal services. As they oversee the project, Lions are also working to

increase project visibility in their communities and organizing fundraising events. Additionally, Lions who are medical professionals are providing technical advice.

In year one, the project enabled nearly 11,000 additional patients to receive life-altering care, exceeding the estimated number by more than 4,000. To keep providing vital eye care to patients during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, the hospitals implemented preventative and protective measures. In addition, the hospitals prioritized retinal patients, as they are at the most risk to have irreversible vision deterioration if not treated in time.



### Meet Khawla

"I don't want to think of what could have happened," said Khawla, a 66-year-old widow

in Beit Sahour, Palestine. Diagnosed with retinal detachment, Khawla was in need of emergency surgery, which she received at SJEHG. "This Lions project saved my sight, and in many ways, my life."

### Meet Naima

With severe diabetic retinopathy and in danger of losing her eyesight, 54-year-old Naima, in Bethlehem, was terrified about her future and ability to care for her 10 children...until she received life-changing surgery at SJEHG. "I would have become blind by now," said Naima. "They saved my sight."



## Kendal Lions - Dog Guide

Through the Lions Foundation of Canada, Kendal Lions are thrilled and excited to share some great news on sponsoring an Autism Assistance dog guide for a local Newcastle boy.



Alex is ten years old, lives in Newcastle and attends a French Catholic school in Oshawa. For him, meeting his new dog guide was a long time coming, as this was to take place in the last week of

March, but because of the pandemic, it was postponed. However as it turned out Thursday, October 8th was a exciting day at the Lions Foundation of Canada in Oakville, as two dogs became officially certified in the Dog Guides autism assistance program. The special event was the first graduation ceremony held since last spring. AND best of all... Alex finally got to meet his dog guide, named "Stanley". Alex's mom was thrilled to get a call to attend a week of training prior to graduation. As she said, "This will be a life-changing experience for Alex and our family."

Each and every year, the Kendal Lions Club lends support to LFC

Dog Guides with donations from fundraisers, participation and support in Dog Guide walks, and by contributions sent to the club in memory of departed Lions. As Lions, we are so happy that we can do our part to help Alex and his family and hope it will provide comfort and safety with dog guide Stanley's help.

The Foundation is happy to get a start on re-connecting people who are in need of a dog guide. Classes have now resumed, but are taking place in a modified way... this is just one of the first steps on their return to regular training. Autism Assistance Dog Guides help children between 3 and 12 who are on the autism spectrum. They provide safety, companionship, and unconditional love. They offer a calming relief for children in high anxiety situations, and reduce the stress commonly experienced in public places.

*Keep up the Great Work, Kendal & LFC!*

## Lake St. Joe and Hagersville Lions

Lion **Bruce Roulston** from Hagersville, Ontario, was a farmer for practically his entire life until he lost his vision to Retinitis Pigmentosa. “I was 53 when I left the farm, it was too dangerous. I realized I needed support and that’s when CNIB became a big part of my life,” says Bruce. With the help of CNIB He is learning how to adjust. First introduced to CNIB Lake Joe in 2011 he immediately felt included and supported. “It always feels really good to be at CNIB Lake Joe. We’re all one big family, and I’d like to keep coming back as long as I can,” says Bruce. “I want to help. It gives me the satisfaction, happiness and pride that I’ve helped others who are blind or partially sighted like myself. I want to support just as others have supported me along the way.”

For being such a selfless Lion, Bruce was honoured with the prestigious CNIB Colonel Baker Award that recognizes an individual’s exceptional community involvement. “Bruce is all over town. He has a can-do attitude and is one of our best Lions,” says John and Joyce Harvey, Past District Governors, District A2, who nominated Bruce for the award. “He’s the one that delivers the flyers, collects and canvases for items, a great listener and thinker, very humble and good-natured. He’s very proud to be a Lion.”

“When I had to get off the farm, my life completely flipped, from working every day and not getting out that much to now working in the community and being involved with CNIB Lake

Joe, “I now feel like I have something to work towards for the rest of my life. It’s meaningful and fulfilling” If you, like Bruce, would like to learn more about how to get involved and help support CNIB Lake Joe, please contact Sherri Helsdingen at [sherri.helsdingen@cnib.ca](mailto:sherri.helsdingen@cnib.ca) or call 705-241-2907.

*CNIB is pleased to announce the 2019/20 Lions Club of the Year Award Winners.* This award acknowledges the Club in each District that raises the most funds in support of CNIB each year. With thanks and congratulations to:

A1 **Petrolia and District** /A2 **Ridgeway** /A3 (3-way tie) **Land O Lakes; Pittsburgh Township and the Cobourg** /A4 **Carleton Place Lions Club** /A5 **Sudbury** /A9 **Formosa District** /A7-11 **Mississauga Central** /A12 **Wasaga Beach** /A15 **Fergus** /A16 (tie) **Coboconk and District** and **Uxbridge and District Lions Club** /5M10 **Red Lake District Lions.**

The 2019/20 District of the Year award winner is District A4, the top-contributing district in MDA! CNIB is excited to present this award to Jean Lauziere at the Lions November Council Meeting. Congratulations to the hard-working members of District A4!

*Support CNIB Lake Joe while Celebrating those who Serve*

While these Club and District of the Year awards are presented

annually, Lions may nominate individuals they feel demonstrate a passion for helping to change what it means to be blind. Throughout the year, Lions may bestow this outstanding recognition by purchasing the prestigious Colonel Baker Award and the Knight of Lake Joe Award. With fundraising opportunities limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the perfect way for Lions to honour someone special for their service with all proceeds going to CNIB Lake Joe. And it’s easy too.

Contact Sherri Helsdingen, CNIB Lake Joe, at [sherri.helsdingen@cnib.ca](mailto:sherri.helsdingen@cnib.ca) or 705-241-2907 to place your order. We are pleased to make arrangements if you are interested in having someone from CNIB Lake Joe attend an upcoming virtual Lions meeting.



*Bruce Roulston (centre) accepting the CNIB Colonel Baker Award from Lion President Doug Donovan, Lion Dan Matten (far left) and Lions Joyce and John Harvey (right)*

## St. Davids Lions Burger Sales Fundraiser

Recently the St. Davids Lions wrapped up their Friday evening burger barbecue fundraiser, and they realized a profit of \$20,000.00 to support community projects. Lion **Ed Pittman**, with his wife Sue, took on the organization of the event. The Lions had to cancel their annual carnival and popular fish fries because of the pandemic, and Lion **Joe Typer** came up with the idea of a drive through burger pick-up, which proved to be more successful than they could have imagined, says Pittman.

Their final barbecue of the season was “phenomenal,” he says. “A huge number of people showed up, since it was the last night. We ran out of burgers, so we had to close up early.” They had about 35 vehicles left in line when they closed, and once they ran out of beef for burgers, they offered Peameal or hot dogs, and gave away extra fries to make up for the wait time.

“Everybody was fine about it, just taking what we had left. We’ve had such wonderful support from the

community. They’ve been fabulous for all eleven weeks. A good turnout every week, good weather, the volunteers were great, and our worked well.”

Some of the funds money raised has already gone to help pay for a service dog, and for a food program for kids, says Pittman. The Leos wanted to pitch in, and “were absolutely fantastic. We had five or six Leos every week, taking orders, delivering food to vehicles, and doing a lot of running. They would do whatever jobs came up,” he says. “It was good to have some young [future members] helping out.” During the 11 weeks of Friday Night BBQs the LEOs raised over \$900.00 towards their 2020 Walk for Dog Guides.

The next fundraiser

for the club is a return to the fish fries in November, says Pittman. Club members are already working on how to manage them safely, likely keeping the orders simple because they will have fewer volunteers in the kitchen. The fish and chips will be delivered to vehicles in a drive-through, similar to the way the burgers were, he says. We usually do them from November to April or May.

*Edited from article by Penny Coles, Niagara On The Lake News*



*St. Davids LEO Zoe Abraham helps with food ordering*



*LEO Jason Christie deliver an order to a BBQ guest*

## London Central Lions Club

In 2003 two of our members had an idea that London Centre Lions should be in the business of refurbishing bicycles to assist the Club's fundraising and to ensure kids would have safe bikes to ride, Lions **Henry Feenstra** and **Wilf Klopp** started us off in the bicycle business. Lion Henry with the help of any members he could convince they would have a fun time, scoured the city in search of bicycles in need of repair. Then they took them to Lion Wilf's garage for repairs to have them ready for sale which usually took place once a year. In the last few years this project has been taken over by Lions **Wayne Morrison**, **Doug Speares** and **Greg Millar**. To date we have repaired and sold over twelve hundred bicycles earning over \$50,000.00.

The Lions Club is always interested in bike donations from the general public. The bikes should be in repairable condition. We will pick up, preferably on Monday evenings! To donate please contact Lion Wayne email: lionsbikes@gmail.com

Our bike project went very well again this year, Lion Wayne ended up with an almost empty garage and a bundle of money for the club coffer to support their many community projects. The sale raised \$3055.00. A huge thank you to the clubs individuals who enthusiastically supported this

project.

Also at our October Board meeting Past President Lion **Tricia Lystar** presented a number of Lions with their 2019-2020 awards. Lion **Pat Nolan**

is Lion of the Year, Lion **Lee-Anne Lillico** received the Judge Brian Stevenson award, Lion **Rick Letton** received the Melvin Jones award, and Lion **Christine Aben** the Helen Keller award. Congratulations!



Lion Wayne Morrison at the bike shop

## Capreol Lions

No, don't worry, the Capreol Lions were not arrested. That is just Officer Rick Carr volunteering his time to make sure that the Great Capreol Lions Hunt ran safely. Families in the community register, and then the parents and children go out "prowling" the town of Capreol to find the Lions posters that have been hidden in various locations. They write down where they found the posters and then bring back their cards to turn in for ballots for draws.

Everyone had a great time while at the same time having a Co-Vid safe event for the whole family. Special thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make this event possible. And a special thanks to Office Rick for making sure that no Lions were harmed during the hunt. The Lions are looking forward to the next time to have this event. So until then be prepared for the next Lion safari because for now: "The Lions Sleep Tonight!"



L to R: Lion Julie, Lion Cathy, Lion Jocelyn, Officer Rick Carr, Lion Steve and Lion Dorothy

## Elliot Lake Lions

Tim Hortons has always been a supporter of children's charities and the Lions.

This year, they again partnered with the Elliot Lake Lions Club to decorate and sell "Smile Cookies" at their local Tim's. Together they raised \$5,086.00 to go towards the MCTV Lions Children's Christmas Telethon.

Once again, this small community has done a Roaring Job supporting this campaign helping the Lions provide kids with Christmas gifts.



Lion President Roger Collett and an employee of Tims

## Ridgeway Lions

The Ridgeway Lions and the Chute-Pelosini Family partnered to host a golf tournament in an effort to support Benjamin Chute-Pelosini. Benjamin suffers from a rare disorder called septa-optic dysplasia. The disorder causes blindness and severe immune system vulnerabilities such as autism and he requires costly speech and physiotherapy therapies.

The Chute-Pelosini Family were scheduled to have their own tournament in July but when COVID-19 hit back in March, golf courses were not able to open. So, the hope of that was squashed. Last year Lorrie Chute came to The Ridgeway Lions for help in seeking a service dog for Benjamin. Because of his young age The Ridgeway Lions could not fulfill that request at that time but told her when he is a bit older and can handle the dog they would be there to help.

When Benjamin's families golf tournament was cancelled and the Ridgeway Lion's Annual Service dog tournament would probably be cancelled, Ridgeway Lions members **Bruce Schinkel** and **Ron Brunner** put their heads together and said "why not do our tournament for them when we can". The Ridgeway Lions Golf Committee and Chute-Pelosini Family members **Lorrie** and **Tim** started laying out the tournament. They approached Larry Gibson (Gibby), owner of the Fort Erie Golf Course learn the safety procedures of hosting a COVID-19 golf tournament. Lorrie and Tim already had some hole sponsors and prizes as they running their own tournament. Now, with the partnership of The Ridgeway Lions, the tournament took off! Newspaper advertising, flyer ads and social media went full steam ahead.



**Golf Day Organizers – (L to R) Lions Bruce Schinkel, Vic Docker and Ron Brunner**

In the past six years the Ridgeway Lions would normally have 110 to 120 golfers the play at their service dog tournaments. However, this year the community rallied with 160 golfers plus Bronze to Platinum hole sponsors, two 'hole in one' sponsors and a contest run by the Last Chance Horse Rescue. The golfers in the first two hours got wet while the rest got to play with overcast then sunny skies. All day the volunteers were busy checking in golfers, handing out goody bags, managing the prize table selling 50/50 tickets, and running around the course making sure that all was going smoothly, which it did!

The Chute-Pelosini Family were incredibly humbled by the support by the Ridgeway Lions and the community response. The Tournament was a huge success for Benjamin raising just over \$21,000 with more donations expected. The Ridgeway Lions have made a commitment to sponsor a Lions of Canada Dog Guide for Benjamin once he is of age.

**Benjamin, Mom & Dad**



## Carole Woods Passing



Normally the magazine does not make note of the passing of Lions members, but an exception has been made in this instance. With profound sadness; yet wonderful memories, we announce the death of Lion **Carole Woods** after a variety of health issues spanning a period of seven years. From major pneumonia, kidney problems requiring dialysis, minor heart attacks, aorta repair and hernia surgery, she cheated death on numerous occasions. Her strong heart and determination allowed her to live on and enjoy six more years. It was only recently with a stroke and looming cancer issues that ended her life. Wife and best friend of Lion **Art Woods** for 58 years. Dear mother of Steve (Wendy) Woods. Beloved nana of granddaughter Zoe and special grand-dog Dime. For many years her passion has been playing bridge. Over the years she enjoyed bowling, curling, and golf. Carole was loved by all who knew her. Her family, her wide circle of friends and our extended Lions family. Her infectious smile and her great ability to make people laugh and be happy served her well. For over 30 years she faithfully and totally supported Art as they traveled extensively throughout North America and other parts of the world to hundreds of Lions meetings, conventions and forums. She, without complaint, sat at the head table where she listened with feigned interest to his speeches and politely endured his oft repeated and purportedly humorous stories, always politely laughing at the appropriate time. **Rest In Peace Carole.**

*"For Sure"*

## Arthur Lions Club

### Wightman Communications Donation & Brant Barnes Memorial Bench

Wightman Communications held a fundraiser to assist the Arthur Lions Club's Skateboard/BMX Park project that resulted in a cheque



presentation to Lions **Wayne Horton** (left) and President Al Rawlins (right) by Wightman representative Jack Walsh. The project has a goal of \$200,000.00 and is to be completed in 2022.

The Arthur Lions Club and Arthur 2nd Look Store donated a Memorial bench in memory of Melvin Jones recipient **Brent Barnes** at the new Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus. Lion Brent was instrumental in our club providing over \$70,000 to the planning and construction of the new hospital which opened this summer. In the photo (before masks were mandated) are Joyce Barnes along with



seven members of the club, unfortunately Brent passed away in 2018.

The bench has been dedicated and is in the memorial garden of the new Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus.

# Chemung Lake District Lions Club

On Saturday November 21st, the Chemung Lake District Lions Club presented Lesley Heighway, President and CEO of the PRHC Foundation with two donations. The first donation for the Childhood Cancer Clinic was funds raised by Lion **Lydia Elliott** and her committee of members and volunteers on October 17th, when the group served a “drive through” pasta dinner to community members at the Wesley United Church. The event raised over \$500.00 and the club voted to add an additional \$500.00 from other donations to present a gift of \$1000.00 to PRHC’s efforts to fight Childhood Cancer.

The second gift was from funds that have been set aside for major donations. Over the years, the Chemung Lake District Lions Club has been a strong supporter of our local hospital. The club supported the Cath Lab efforts over twenty years ago and then in 2010 made a sizeable donation to assist with the Cancer Treatment efforts begun at PRHC.

The Cardiac Cath Lab project will assist many in the community to lead a healthier and happy life. The motto of the Lions Club organization is “We Serve” and Lions believe that one hundred percent of money raised in the community should

be returned to the community. Members of the Chemung Lake District Lions had the foresight many years ago to set money aside for larger donations when needs arise and through the stewardship of members over the more than forty-five years of the clubs history, they were able to donate \$250,000.00 to the Cath Lab Project.

“We’re so grateful to the Chemung Lake District

Lions Club members for their visionary support of this project,” said Heighway. “Every year, thousands of patients from all over central eastern Ontario receive lifesaving, minimally invasive cardiac stenting and diagnosis at PRHC’s Cath Lab. Without the Labs, they might have to travel as far away as Kingston or Toronto at a time when every second counts.”



L-R: PDG Lion President Gord Taylor, IPDG Susan Taylor, Lion Doug Packman, Lion George Hacock, Lion Keith Elliott, Lion Bob Herr, Lion Dale Warren, Lion Larry Donoghue, Lion Linda Kubas behind Lion Lydia Elliott, Lion Treasurer Paul English



## Words of Wisdom from PID Lion Carl Young

Having accepted the invitation to submit a short article for the Lion Magazine I turned my thoughts with trepidation to, “what shall I write about”. I discovered that the only real choice was, “ Covid 19 and how it has effected our world of Lionism both in Canada and Worldwide”.

Lions in the wild are known for their great strength, their regal bearing, their exceptional courage, their deep sense of loyalty to their family and their immense sociability.

We, the great Lions of Service to and for mankind, demonstrate many of these same traits. Our great expression of strength lies in our membership numbers and in our determination to succeed in our projects regardless of the obstacles which many times lie in our pathway to success.

We Lions show our regal bearing in the manner in which we, through the many projects we undertake, extend a greatly needed helping hand to our less fortunate fellow citizens and in so doing, enable them to become well in mind and spirit and

in turn these citizens many times then assist us to carry on our essential service in our communities.

We, the Lions of Service, demonstrate our exceptional Courage by unflinchingly identifying and then undertaking to ease, control and where possible eliminate scourges of mankind such as blindness, diabetes, hunger, the environment and now the pandemic Covid 19.

We as Lions are certainly loyal to our own families but as well we are intensely loyal to our Lions family. In common with the King and Queen of the jungle we share this binding presence of sociability. In short we like to spent a significant amount of time in each others’ company. This is the definition of fellowship as we Lions understand it. When we view and experience the scourge of Covid 19 on mankind and even now only dimly begin to comprehend the effects of this disease, we realize how very, very important our Association’s Initiative is to humanity. If anything we must renew our commitment to local service and our support of LCIF’s “ Campaign 100”.

Our International President Dr. Jung - Yul Choi has reminded us regularly over the last eight

months that we must continue, to the best of our ability, to bring service to those of our citizens who so desperately need help. President Choi has asked us that while we are carrying out our Lions activities that we safeguard our members’ and citizens’ health and that we observe the health regulations in each of our local jurisdictions.

Our Lions in Canada have excelled in creativity and effort in our adoption of the virtual reality of our world today. All of us are by and large learning and mastering skills that we never even dreamt existed. Our Members, Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts have rapidly adopted and adjusted to the new reality of our times.

I congratulate all of you on your commitment, your courage and your determination to carry out our service duties in these challenging times. As Canadian Lions we are currently celebrating our 100th anniversary, “Canadian Lions Centennial Celebration - Lions 2020” . I am confident that we as Lions will more than live up to our expectations and our Country’s needs at this time.

Take care and keep safe,  
**Lion Carl Young, PID**

## Azilda Lions - Lion Sharon Beck

District A5 has a lot of special Lions, but this one was recently recognized in our local online paper. Lion **Sharon Beck** is committed to her family, friends and community and believes that volunteering only helps to improve these relationships. Lion Sharon grew up in the Toronto area with her two siblings but they moved often. "As a result," said Beck, "we kids didn't keep friends for very long, moving from place to place so much as a child, I hadn't made any lasting connections, but when my husband and I settled in the North, all that changed. Today, I'm blessed to have many long-time friends, including Janet, my BFF for more than 50 years."

Sharon first became involved in volunteering when her daughter joined the Brownies. She became a Brown Owl and Pack Leader. After her daughter left their organization she continued to as a leader with the Guides and trained other leaders and eventually became part of the district commission. After 15 years, she left the Guides and stepped back for volunteering and concentrated on retirement and her flower bed. However, after several years, she began to miss the interaction with other people. That is when Lions entered her life. A

mother and daughter, who were her tenants, were Lions Club members and asked for Sharon's help at a spaghetti supper fundraiser. That first experience with the Lions was wonderful. I felt so welcomed that I asked if I could join the organization." It is hard to believe that that was only 5 years ago. Lion Sharon has been an active member of the Azilda Lions Club and is always there to help any Lions that asks for it. She has served as club secretary, cabinet secretary and help out at almost all of their fundraising events, even as chief cook and bottle washer.

"Getting involved with the Lions was a real pick-me-up!" Sharon also belongs to the Royal Purple, a women's club dedicated to community work and volunteering to help especially seniors and children. She serves as their treasurer and can be found helping at every fundraiser she can. Lion Sharon believes that people volunteer from the goodness of their hearts.

### Sharon's Volunteer Words of Wisdom

*"I encourage everyone to explore volunteering and search for an organization that has special meaning to you. You will get far more in return than*



*you give. The support is truly reciprocal. When you are a volunteer, there are so many friendships to be formed, not only locally but around the world. I could move anywhere in Canada and know that I would be welcomed by members of the Lions Club or Canadian Royal Purple. It's an acceptance and special connection you rarely find. Volunteering is an excellent learning experience. I never imagined being qualified for leadership with the Girl Guides, but the training and mentorship I received gave me the confidence to coach and encourage others. Your volunteer heart opens when you give your time to an organization."*

## Lakefield Village Lions

The Lakefield Village Lions held a celebration in Isabel Morris Park, Lakefield, on Saturday September 26th, to award Lion **Ruby Smith** the Melvin Jones Fellowship. District Governor Lion **Don Radnor** made the presentation & was accompanied by his Region 10 Team.

Lion Ruby has been an active member for over 36 years and having just celebrated her 100th Birthday on August 25th still is a member of the Board of Directors of the club. She is loved by her community, friends, & family and has dedicated her life to Lions & our community.

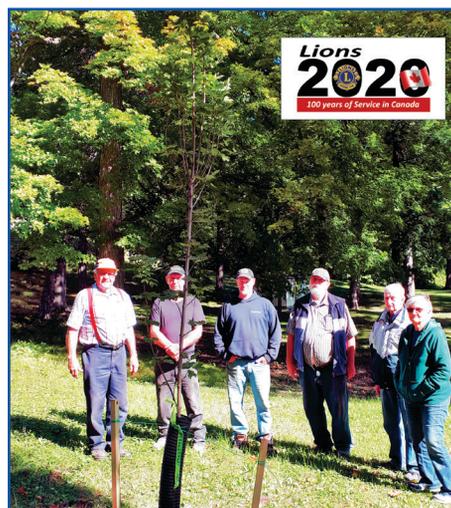
Congratulations and well done Lion Ruby. Happy Belated Birthday!



Lion Ruby receiving plaque from DG Lion Don Radnor

## Newburgh-Camden Lions

Members of the Newburgh-Camden Lions Club planted four trees in Centennial Park on September 20th as part of the Lions of Canada Centennial Celebration. The trees are 15 ft. Comfort Sugar Maples. These seedlings were propagated from seeds collected from the Comfort Maple, which is estimated to be 440-540 years old, located in the town of Pelham.



L to R: PDG Victor Smith, Lion Roy Bradshaw, Phil Gibson, Lion Len Burley, PZC Ralph Boomhower, Lion Anita Monk

## Amherstview Lions

The Amherstview Lions Club promoted the sale of pumpkins at Foodland in Amherstview. There were the Traditional Orange Pumpkins and Exotic Pumpkins. For every Orange Pumpkin sold Foodland donated \$1 to the Amherstview Lions Christmas Hamper fund and \$2 for each Exotic Pumpkin. One child balanced a pumpkin in his stroller and threatened to scream if anyone tried to take it away. The Lions successfully enjoyed a screaming week for Pumpkins at Foodland!



## Simcoe Lions

During normal times the Simcoe Lions spend the week prior to Thanksgiving at their Norfolk County Fair food trailer; however, Covid-19 changed things!

The club came up with a replacement event and set up a Thanksgiving weekend (Friday through Sunday) replacement fundraising event. On night one the Simcoe Lions Burger Masters served over 250 meals thanks to the club's loyal following.



*Simcoe Lions Burger Masters: (left to right) Lions Zeke Gulabsing, Dave Abbey & Gene Walley Sr. cooking up some tasty BBQ*

## Sault Ste. Marie Lions

The Sault Ste. Marie Lions club held a 50/50 draw recently to help support the Sault Area Hospital Foundation. The proceeds of the draw have gone to assist in the purchase of a blood culture analyzer for the hospital.

This integral piece of diagnostic equipment had reached the end of its life and is in need of replacement. The timely and reliable blood culture results are a necessary component in providing quality care for the patients of this and nearby communities.

The Sault Ste. Marie Lions appreciate the ongoing support of their sponsors, volunteers and the community that help to make this donation possible.



*L-R : Lions- 2nd Vice President Carol Russell, Vice President Cheryl Pavoni, Melissa Watson from Sault Area Hospital Foundation; President Jim Russell, and Secretary Debbie Kidd*

## Aldershot Lions

It may not look like much now but, with time and luck, a four-foot tree will eventually grow in Aldershot to serve as a reminder of the work of Lions across Canada. The Aldershot Club completed the planting of the tree in Bayshore Park on the weekend. The planting was done in cooperation with the City of Burlington, as part of the Lions National Centennial Project celebrating one hundred years of Lions Clubs in Canada. Commenting on the Centennial Celebration President Ron Hardy said: "The club is pleased to be part of a team that has helped build better communities across Canada for a century". The tree is a European Larch. Eventually, it will grow to 60 feet tall and 30 feet wide. It is one of the few coniferous trees that loses its leaves in the winter.

The Aldershot Club began nearly 60 years ago and has contributed significantly to the community in a variety of ways. Donations have helped

the Carpenter Hospice, the Compassion Society, Kidney Camp Dorset, the Burlington Food Bank, dog guide training, enhancements to Bolus Gardens Parkette and construction of a pedestrian rest area at the corner of Plains and Francis Roads.

Since 2018 the Club has raised funds with garage sales. The monthly sales are popular in the community and profitable for the Club which, in turn, budgets annually for local causes.

Aldershot City Councillor Kelvin Galbraith joined the weekend tree planting celebration.



## Fergus Lions

In October the Fergus Freshco sponsored a food drive for the Centre Wellington Food Bank. The Fergus Lions were asked to operate a BBQ for the event. Always willing to help out the Lions looked after the monetary aspect. All proceeds went to the Food Bank. The BBQ was a huge success and the proceeds were rolled up in the combined day donation total of \$2700.00 along with one thousand bags of food.



*Lions Mike Fleming and Doug Fulford at the grille*

## Minnow Lake Lions

Members of the Minnow Lake Lions were looking for a way to help out our frontline workers in our area and came up with a good idea.

One day a week, the Lions decided to deliver coffee and treats to each of the nursing homes in the Sudbury area and some of the retirement residences in our Minnow Lake area. They contacted local Tim Horton owners – the Mackenzie family – and they were more than enthusiastic. They donated all of the coffee we needed for the project and the Lions supplied muffins and donuts to go with the coffee.

Upwards of 1,100 workers on three shifts at the Pioneer Manor, Finlandia, Extencicare Falconbridge & York, and St. Joseph's Villa nursing homes, Lasalle and Westmount residences and Wade Hampton House were treated. Thanks to all of the frontline workers that help to keep our seniors safe and healthy.



## Mountain Township and District Lions

The Mountain Township and District Lions were eager to get back out into the community.

Over the summer members volunteered to park cars at the Outdoor Movie Nights organized by the Mountain Township Agricultural Society. Six double feature Movie Nights were held over the summer at the South Mountain Fair Grounds. Due to COVID restrictions the event required strict planning to ensure that the vehicles were parked at a safe distance apart.

This involved marking and numbering the parking spaces. Lions members then guided the vehicles to

their spots, while also reinforcing COVID rules and explaining the Concession available through a contactless payment system. The evenings presented a night out for the community and displayed the Lions community support.



## Strathroy-Caradoc Lions

Recently the Strathroy-Caradoc club held a food drive to benefit the Salvation Army. The response was overwhelming. It is comforting to know how the townspeople stepped up and helped out during the pandemic. In all the club raised over \$1000.00 in monetary donations and collected upwards of two thousand pounds of food. Thank you to our host businesses Walmart, Superstore and Food Basics.



## Keene Lions Club

Each year the Keene Lions offers scholarships to young members of the community entering into first year of post secondary education. Knowing that this year would be difficult for many students, the Keene Lions increased the number and amount of the scholarships.

Scholarships were handed out in early October, all candidates met the pre-requisite as follows: Applications are invited for the Keene Lions Scholarship from qualified residents of Otonabee-South Monaghan Township. The scholarship is presented every year to deserving students who have successfully graduated from Secondary School and are planning to attend a University or College. A transcript of

grades is required along with a fully completed application form. *A strong record of community involvement is an asset.*



L-R: Winners – Mackenzie Barrett, Mackenzie Hope, Daniel Milburn. Unable to attend Marha Nydham

## Bradford Lions

The Bradford Lions identified a need and wanted to help the front line health care workers at Southlake Hospital. The members rallied and acquired items to stock their wellness cart in the hopes of making their day a little easier. These front line workers were and continue to face turbulent times each and every day. This club's project has proven to be an excellent service initiative for the club with feedback from the hospital:

“Thank you so much for donation of items for our wellness cart. It helps us keep it stocked with a great assortment of snacks and juices. We see anywhere from 200-400 staff members a day depending on how many people we have working on the carts. Your supplies will help increase our stock and keep us supplied for the coming weeks. Most importantly, we share with staff the resolve of our community to support them at this difficult time at work. They are very grateful and in awe of the show of support from organizations like the Bradford Lions Club.”



## Formosa and District

Formosa Lions President **Frank Jacobi** presented Patricia Leslie a cheque for \$5,000.00 on behalf of his club for the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce (south building). Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce is a community-operated eight-bed Residential Hospice based in Owen Sound.



## West Grey-Durham Lions

The West Grey-Durham Lions Club has taken the lead in developing a park at the entrance to the Durham Heritage Walkway Bridge. The former railway trestle crosses the Saugeen River and connects the east and west parts of Durham. The proposed park would replace the current version developed in 1984.

The club engaged the services of an architect, who prepared a draft drawing which was to be reviewed by the partner organizations on July 15. At that point the final renderings will be created. The park will include a promontory overlooking the Middle Dam, the Saugeen River, the former mill and the bridge along with the Durham Art Gallery. Benches for seating are included in the plans. Interpretive plaques with information by local historians will highlight the history of West Grey/Durham. Low maintenance plantings and surfaces will help to keep the park attractive. The town Christmas tree will continue to be a central feature of the park.

Fund-raising will include the purchase of space for engraving family names and

messages on granite slab seating, which will be launched in the fall. Other parts of the park will be available for plaques. As part of the lighting on the bridge, consideration will be given to make the bridge dark-sky friendly. The club is seeking a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, work that is excluded from the grant application can begin soon.

“It’s a huge project for the Lions Club echoed the members, we really want to do something significant for Durham and we think Durham deserves this ... I think everyone is going to be so proud of it and happy that we did it.”



L to R: Lions Andy MacGregor, President, Pat Morden, Past President and Darlene Hastie, Director

## Elmira Lions

In 1980 Elmira Lions Club celebrated the opening of the Elmira Lions Trail. Now, 40 years later, the route has seen some modifications to its layout, including work done by the Grand River Conservation Authority that kept it closed until the end of August. Part of the trail is located on GRCA property, with the Lions Club given permission to use it under the provision that members undertake general maintenance such as bush trimming and mowing the area.

Long-time Elmira Lions Club member **Art Woods** has seen much of the development of the trail, noting one particular difference between then and now: its popularity. The trail wasn’t embraced in its early days, he said, though today it’s a busy place used by many. Initially, the trail began at Homer Schwindt’s farm lane and ran along the Canagagigue Creek, with a stretch of trail running through Martin’s property. Crossing private property was something of an issue then, though it’s a common feature of Woolwich’s more extensive trail system. Woods says it’s only through the hard work of volunteers

and the generosity of those allowing use of their land that a project as ambitious as the trail has been kept alive all these years. He praised all those involved for making it possible.

The Elmira Lions Club has a long history of trail work in Woolwich Township, something the group has kept doing even as its ability to raise funds for such projects has been curtailed by the coronavirus crisis. The Lions Hall, for instance, has seen bookings drop off dramatically, though Canadian Blood Services has continued to rent the space for its monthly blood-donor clinics. Still, the usual revenue

streams have all but dried up, leaving little money for operations.

Though not holding its usual fund-raisers, the club is still accepting donations from the public in support of its many community projects.

*Edited from original article by Damon MacLean, Woolwich Observer*



## Stephenson District Lions Club

The Stephenson Lions recently held their annual Duck Race.

Unfortunately, this year it was a waterless race.

The proceeds were split between the Table Food Bank in Huntsville and Hospice Huntsville.

Lion Gord Looker hands out the cheques to these very deserving organizations.

And a huge Lions Club thank-you to everyone who supported us and made these donations possible.



## Hanover Lions

The Hanover Lions Club was recently awarded the “Not for Profit Excellence Award” by the local Chamber of Commerce, for their work in their community. Pictured are three members of last year’s Executive accepting the award: **Kim Catalano**, Membership Chair; **Brenda McRae**, President and **Carol Becker**, Director.



## Mountain Township District Lions Club

For almost forty years, the Mountain Township District Lions Club has participated in the North Dundas Christmas Fund. Support comes in the form of cash and other donations (food, clothing, toys, etc.) from community individuals, church groups, hospitals, schools and local fire departments.

The club and volunteers distributed fifty-two food baskets and snowsuits for the children. The Christmas Event consists of two days of work sorting food items, toys, and clothing. The following day consists of basket pick-ups by families and deliveries to other families by Lions members. The club is fortunate to have members and volunteers who devote hours of their time to assist. Lions Member, **Terry Foley** and his wife Mayanne, have been involved from the beginning. Lions Member, **Bob Weagant** and his wife Sandy, have

been involved for the last ten years. Donations are being accepted for this year.



Ready to go in 2019...

## West Grey-Durham Lions

Have you wondered where all the money raised from the Catch the Ace lottery goes? The funds raised from the West Grey Durham Lion Club Catch the Ace does go back into our town of Durham. The club recently donated \$500.00 to the Durham Figure Skating Club.



L to R: Vice-President Sue Cummings, President Katie Pothier of the Durham Figure Skating Club accepting their cheque from Lions President Andy MacGregor

## Copetown Lions

The Lions in Copetown, a.k.a. "The Hub of the Universe", utilized their somewhat inactive resources recently. Lion Joe Thorogood came up with a plan to use their well equipped food trailer and serve chicken wings and french fries in line with the contactless Covid19 restrictions. A drive-thru facility was set up on a parking area in front

of the Copetown Community Centre and they operated the service for eight weeks on Friday nights and it could only be classed as a huge success, vehicle lineups were the norm and the only downside was that they ran out of wings on the first night. The event organizers made sure that did not

happen again.

The membership came together with a huge effort and there was lots of help from area citizens. The event generated some much needed publicity about the club and at least one new member came on board.



## Gananoque Lions

This year, 2nd Vice District Governor for District A-4 and a member of the Gananoque club, **Susan Tunnicliffe**, mixed pleasure and purpose in order to raise funds for childhood cancer. An avid cyclist, she took to the roads to see if she could raise \$1,000.00 for the cause. During the month of August she surpassed her original goal of 750 km.

**Dr. Brian Tunnicliffe**, Susan's husband and fellow Lion told us. "Childhood cancer is one of the main focus areas of Lions International so she supported Sick Kids in

Toronto but also one of the main objectives of Lions world wide."

Called "The Great Cycle Challenge for Kids with Cancer", the project took her through the countryside in the Gananoque area. Lion Susan had a minor accident that caused her to break her wrist, but she pedaled on to reach and surpass her goal. She cycled 1,010 kilometers to help end childhood cancer. Together with her supporters, she was able to raise \$3,550.00 and thanks them for their support.



## Bracebridge

The Lions Club of Bracebridge found a unique way to fund raise and help the community at the same time. There is a shortage of rental storage units in town. It was decided to construct a metal building 30'-70' to house 14 storage units on club property. Members did the bulk of the construction work. This was no easy task, given the time of year we started and challenge of working through the Covid-19 pandemic. After more than a 1000 hours of Lion's service hours and hard work the project was completed.

The club is grateful to all those who came out to help, with a special mention to Lion **Scott McFarlane** without whose help and construction expertise this project would not have been possible. A Grand Opening ceremony was held on Sept 12th, 2020. The Mayor of

Bracebridge, Graydon Smith officially opened the building and Lion President Scott said a few words of thanks to all who contributed to the completion

of the building. The club is proud of this unique project as a way to fund raise and support the community so we can continue "To Serve."



*New Building – Inset - Mayor Graydon Smith, official opening*



## Editor's Message: Lion Magazine Publishing Model, 2021 and beyond.....

In keeping with the digital age Lion Clubs International(LCI) has mandated a new publishing model and funding policy that took effect in mid-2020. This affects the number of magazines to be printed annually, along with production of digital versions. For members not familiar with the funding aspect, LCI provides supplemental funding for production of the magazine, with the balance covered by MD-A.

The printing and distribution costs for the magazine are in line with market averages. Approximately twelve thousand magazines are printed for each issue and a bulk mailing service is utilized to distribute them. This amounts to approximately twenty thousand dollars which is broken down to twelve thousand for printing and eight thousand postage. The funding received from LCI does not cover the total cost.

The new publishing model is that we are required to publish two print issues per year along with a minimum of two digital issues. LCI will fund unlimited digital versions. The magazine committee and the Governor's Council are looking at finding an alternative distribution method. This could allow for the production of extra print versions. So far we have not had much luck coming

up with a solution that works for all districts.

There is nothing in the LCI mandate that states we cannot produce more print versions but funding will only be provided for two. The plan for 2021 and beyond will be to follow the LCI mandate of two print versions, along with two digital. In the interim we will attempt to work out a plan for publishing more than the two print versions, the processing costs for digital issues will be covered by LCI but MD-A will be responsible for preliminary formatting. This would be approximately twenty-five hundred dollars per issue.

What this means to the membership that it will be difficult to include all the submissions in the print versions but they will be available to the members in digital format. My personal opinion is the majority of the membership would prefer the print version, there is something to be said about have a hard copy in hand for reading and viewing pleasure. More to follow on this topic in subsequent issues and the MD-A web site.



Yours in Lionism  
*Lion Bob Pearson, Editor*

## Chemung Lake District Lions Club

The Chemung Lake Lions put on a great BBQ for the staff at Riverview Manor in appreciation of the work they did on the front line through the Covid -19 pandemic. The chefs are incognito but McDonalds is trying to get in touch.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2021 London, Ontario May 28 - 30, 2021

### International Conventions

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 15 - 16, 2020 Louisville, Kentucky

Sept 9 - 11, 2021 Des Moines, Iowa

Sept 15 - 17, 2022 Calgary, Alberta

Sept 14 - 16, 2023 Reno, Nevada

## Athens Lions

The Athens Lions Club held a Golf Tournament fundraiser at Crooked Creek Golf Course in Athens Sunday August 30th. The day was filled with great times and good golf. The weather co-operated on Sunday, Saturday was a rain out. Support was terrific as the club raised over \$6000.00 which will help in supporting a large number of community needs. Special thanks go to our sponsors, Crooked Creek Golf Course and the volunteers for making this a special day.





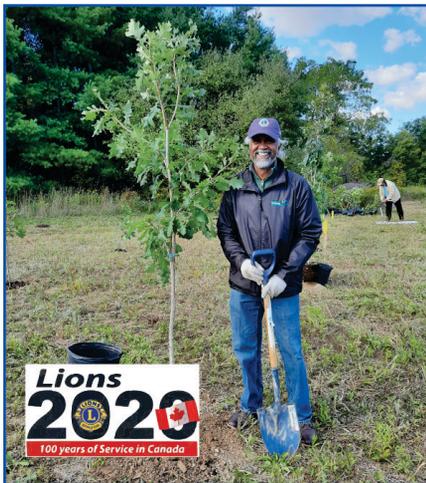
## Blackheath - Binbrook Lions

In September the Glanbrook Conservation Group had a tree planting project, Blackheath-Binbrook Lion **Atma Shivbarran** volunteered and assisted. The event was sponsored by the Toronto-Dominion Bank. Three hundred trees were

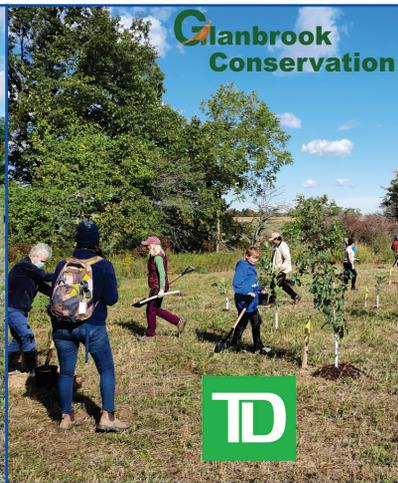
planted of various varieties. Lion Atma interacted with the other volunteers and the club might just come up with some new members as a result. Atma provided information on Lions activities, in particular the 2020 Lions project planting trees to

commemorate Lions 100th Anniversary in Canada.

The club has also been supportive of the Lions Foundation of Canada and worked hard last year to donate to the Foundation to provide funds for the training of a new dog guide. The club was recognized with a LFC Top Dog Award.



Lion Atma Shivbarran



Tree Planting project.



LFC donation

### ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

#### District Reporters

There is a reporter designated for each district, their function is to assist clubs and the magazine staff with submissions that include high resolution photos and a summary of the service activity. Please utilize their services. They can be contacted as shown:

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For further information please go to [lionsquest.ca](http://lionsquest.ca). Your support of the program will go a long way to complete the goals of this important part of Lionism.



Daily Social Emotional Well-being Activity for Families

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Daily Social Emotional Well-being Activity for Families

Work together on your home and...  
Break the glass...  
Work together...  
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Daily Social Emotional Well-being Activity for Families

Stick with It!  
Identify a common, often taken for granted, item around the house - lamp, piece of paper, chair, scissors, etc. Consider what the world would be like if the person who had invented it had given up. Why did they stick with it? What if they hadn't? How would it change our lives?

Lions Quest Canada

# Dundas, Copetown and Lynden Lions, Dundas Rotary Clubs

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The Copetown and Dundas Lions clubs announced \$525,000.00 in donations to St. Joseph's Villa Foundation's Margaret's Place Hospice fundraising campaign in a span of five days, to help pass its \$13-million capital construction goal. The foundation has already started a new campaign for hospice operating costs. Villa Foundation president Don Davidson said the Dundas Lions \$500,000.00 gift Nov. 10 was one of the largest ever received from a service club. The Copetown Lions presented \$25,000.00 on Nov. 5, in addition to a previous \$7,000.00 contribution.



MARGARET'S PLACE

In the foreground with the cheque are John Woods, Villa President, Lion President John Grant and Don Davidson, CEO, St. Joseph's Villa the Dundas Lions are represented by Lions Rick Mallon, Richard Dix, Brian Watson, John Myktyshyn, Jim Mills, Jamie Zimmerman, Bill Saint, Kevin Martin, Wayne Griffiths, John Whittaker and Doug Foster who took the photo

"Service Clubs are truly the backbone of the community, and hold a special place in our hearts as each consists of many volunteers who raise funds in their community to be given back to the community," Davidson said. He said the foundation received support from two Dundas Rotary Clubs and the Lynden Lions, as well as Copetown Lions total support of \$32,000 and the half-million from Dundas Lions. "When you look at the overall member counts for all of our services clubs, their families and their extended circle of friends and associates, thousands of community members are behind the names of these clubs," Davidson said.

L-R: John Woods, Villa President, Mieke Ewen, Villa Administrator, Copetown Lions Frank Regan, Joe Thorogood, Doreen Wilson, Leah Rowles, Bill Shewfelt, Chris Rowles, Doug Paddon, Dave Biehler, Debbie Nelligan, Bob Pearson. Back Row: Don Davidson, CEO St. Joseph's Villa



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LIONS 2020  
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The first club in Canada was chartered in 1920 in Windsor Ontario. This made Lionism truly International. We are celebrating our 100 Years of Service during the 2 year period starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

We have two (2) main goals – two (2) projects to help us celebrate our Centennial:

1. To plant 100,000 Trees across Canada.
2. Each Club is encouraged to complete a Centennial Project in its Community. It could be something as easy as placing a bench in a park or a Trail or it could be something very major such as building a new Hall or Arena. It doesn't matter, but what is important is that we do something that is visible and shows Lionism in action. Each Governor has an information brochure, report forms and buttons. Pins are also available for purchase.

For more information contact your District Governor or either of the following:

- Canadian Centennial Committee Co-Chairs:
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