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We're Different, We're the Same

Greetings Lions!

We talk a lot about serving our community as Lions. Service is best when it is personal and close to home, and when it enriches our relationship with our

neighbors.

But now, as the world becomes smaller, the space between our communities grows smaller, too. Sometimes we focus on how different another culture is. How their food is flavored, how they dress, how they celebrate, how they mourn.

But while the diversity of cultures across the world is truly astounding, what I've learned from my years as a Lion is how much we are all the same. We all

want the same things. We want to have safe, warm homes. We want to feed and clothe our families, and have good schools for our children. We want healthcare when we're sick. And at some point, all of us need a helping hand of some kind.

This is why I say we need to be ready to look at our global community to see if there is work to be done. Unfortunately, there are areas with great need that do not have Lions clubs. Or, if they do have clubs, the clubs do not have the resources required to address the great need. This is where Lions can truly make a difference. We can stand together and reach out to our neighbor countries, our neighbor continents, our brothers and sisters on other sides of the world, to give help where it's needed most.

Lions in Korea have partnered with Lions in Japan to build schools in needy areas of Nairobi.

Scandinavian and European Lions have banded together to provide aid to refugees in Turkey. These communities of Lions, and many more like them, have looked beyond their borders to see how they can serve.

When we treat the world as one global community, the differences between us seem less important than what makes us the same. We are different, and we are also the same.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs International



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA – October 9-12, 2019



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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Confirmed the decision of the majority of the conciliators in the district dispute resolution complaint filed by Al Rehab Lions Club, affirmed the international director endorsement of Past District Governor Ahmed Salem issued during the District 352 convention held in May 2019.
2. Declared that former member Byung-Gi Kim not be eligible for future membership in Lionism and that he not be recognized in the future as a Lion or as a past international director.
3. Revised the International Officer and Vice District Governor Election Complaints Procedure in Chapter XXV of the Board Policy Manual to clarify that elections for international third vice president and international director are elections for their district or multiple district endorsement and not for office.
4. Revised Chapter VI, Paragraph B.1. of the Board Policy Manual to make it consistent with previously adopted changes.
5. Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2020 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 6 of the International By-Laws to reflect the current practice of voting over three days of convention.
6. Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2020 International Convention to amend Article IX, Section 6(e) of the International By-Laws to remove voting rights from appointed district cabinet positions during special meetings to fill a vacancy for a district governor, and to require a 15 day notice be provided to all qualified attendees.
7. Drafted a resolution to be reported to the 2020 International Convention to amend Article XII,

Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws to increase annual dues by \$3.00, effective July 1, 2021 and to allow for an annual adjustment for U.S. inflation to be applied to the previous year's semi-annual dues, effective July 1, 2022.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and headquarters staff attending the 2020 Singapore convention.
2. Revised the 2020 Singapore Convention schedule.
3. Increased the hotel night reimbursement for District Governors-elect at convention.
4. Amended policy to eight (8) geographical areas where applicable.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Recognized the Republic of Iraq as an undistricted country and appointed Past Zone Chairperson Amine Hacha to serve as Coordinating Lion for this country for the remaining months of this fiscal year.
2. Appointed International Director Rodolfo Espinal to serve as Coordinating Lion for the Republic of Haiti for the remaining months of this fiscal year.
3. Approved the redistricting proposal submitted by District 315-A2 (Bangladesh) to take place at the adjournment of the 2020 International Convention
4. Amended the District Governor Reimbursement Policy to allow the district governor to make multiple club visits as needed within the allocated budget.

5. Requested the Constitution and By-Laws committee draft an amendment to the International By-Laws to be voted on at the 2020 International Convention to remove voting rights from appointed district cabinet positions during special meetings to fill a vacancy for a district governor and to require a 15 day notice be provided to all qualified attendees
6. Amended the Standard District By-Laws to limit voting during special meetings called for the filling of a vacancy in the position of vice district governor to the district governor, remaining vice district governors, past district governors, past international directors and past international presidents and to require a 15 day notice of the meeting to these positions.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the fiscal year 2019-2020 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Requested the Constitution & By-Laws Committee draft an amendment to the International By-Laws to be voted on at the 2020 International Convention related to international dues.
3. Amended the Investment Policy Statement for the International Association of Lions Clubs 401(k).
4. Revised Chapter II of the Board Policy manual related to the conflict of interest policy for clarification.
5. Revised Chapter V of the Board Policy manual related to modified protective status of clubs to provide additional clarification.
6. Revised Chapter XI of the Board Policy manual to align with current association practices and associated housekeeping revisions.

7. Revised Chapter XXIII of the Board Policy manual to incorporate Africa as Constitutional Area VIII.
8. Revised the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.
9. Revised the signature authorization level matrix of the purchasing policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved a proposal to finalize the annual institute schedule for 2020-2021 four months earlier than the previous year so that the institute schedule can be released by April 2020 and institute applications by May 1, 2020.
2. Confirmed the phased launch of the new Learn application within the LCI digital ecosystem, which includes the new GAT-GLT reporting tool and the Lions Learning Center, with the goal for the application to be available to all Lions/Leos members in January 2020.
3. Approved a proposal for future curriculum revisions to the leadership development pathway for all leadership levels over the next four years.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. The committee learned that a staff team has been created to begin the discovery phase on the role of the district governor project.
2. The committee reviewed a draft charter for the LCI Forward Project Team and appointed members to the team.
3. Adopted a resolution that the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation, which was previously approved for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, be revoked and that a new Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation not be further considered until 2023-2024.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Revised Chapter XIX, Paragraph A., B., C., and D. of the Board Policy Manual to update deprecated language and clarify Marketing Division priorities. In general, updates made to this chapter reflect the move to deliver more media and content through digital means.
2. Revised Chapter XIX, Paragraph F. of the Board Policy Manual to increase the number of Presidential and Leadership awards for recognition relating to Campaign 100. The number of Presidential Medals will increase by 200 (for a total of 1825) and Leadership Medals will increase by 200 (for a total of 1980) for Lions' years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. After year 2020-2021, the number of Leadership Medals and Presidential Medals will automatically revert to the previously available amounts.
3. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol, of the Board Policy Manual be amended to clarify the description in the opening paragraph. The change replaces the word "precedent" with the word "precedence".
4. Revised language related to LION magazine to allow meetings of the LION international editors to be set at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief. As a result, Chapter II, Paragraph J.1.c.(7) of the

Board Policy Manual was amended by deleting the phrase "every year" and replacing it with the phrase "when the Editor-in-Chief of LION Magazine determines it is needed".

5. Approved PR Grants for Multiple District 3231, Multiple District J, Multiple District LD, Multiple District H, Multiple District 103, Single District 50.
6. Adjusted PR Grants criteria to allow for applications from sub-districts, provisional zones and regions—in addition to multiple districts and single districts—in the future. Official changes will be made to application forms for the 2020-2021 Lions' year. Provisional granting of applications will be entertained in the 2019-2020 year as received and approved by the Marketing Communications Committee.
7. Discussed the exploration of sponsorship opportunities as part of Convention Committee and Marketing Communication Committee conversations. Discussed exploration and development of prospectus as part of the initiative, with the goal to report back to the committees at the next board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Extended the maximum age of the Leo-Lion membership type and all of its associated benefits from age 30 to age 35 and amended provisions in the board policy manual mentioning the maximum age of Leo-Lions to age 35.
2. Approved the proposal from Multiple District 104 to create the Lions Club of Norway, a special virtual club, for a pilot program to be evaluated at the October/November 2022 board meeting.
3. Approved eight (8) Lions and eight (8) Leos as part of the Leo Clubs Advisory Panel for July 2020-June 2022 term, along with seven (7) alternate Lions and eight (8) alternate Leos.
4. Amended the criteria for Specialty Club Coordinators to claim reimbursement until the pilot program's end in June 2020. Previously, the criteria was to charter three specialty clubs AND recruit 100 new members for a maximum up to US\$2,000. The new criteria includes reimbursement of a maximum up to US\$1,000 for chartering two new specialty clubs.
5. Required the approval of a District Governor when adding more than 30+ new members at a time in an existing club.
6. Modified language in Chapter XXIV to reflect a change to GAT multiple district coordinator terms from a three-year to a one-year term effective July 1, 2020.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Approved a new logo and brand identity for Lions Clubs International's Strides diabetes awareness program.
2. Revised Chapter XIII, Paragraph D.4. of the Board Policy Manual in order to better align it with LCI's current international relations practices.
3. Discussed the importance of club service

reporting, and plans to increase it in the coming year.

4. Reviewed plans to celebrate World Diabetes Day by screening 1 million people for type 2 diabetes, in partnership with the International Diabetes Federation.
5. Received an update on many current and anticipated programs, including type 2 diabetes screening, diabetes mini grants, strides, diabetes camps and support groups, and Lions Eye Banks.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. GDPR was discussed at length and the committee recognized the continued importance of member privacy.
2. The committee received an update on existing products and roadmaps and met with the Convention, District and Club Service, Leadership Development, Marketing Communications, Membership Development, and Service Activities Committees.
3. The committee reviewed uses of technology - especially in the area of natural language processing and machine learning.
4. The committee received a strategic update on eCommerce and approved a proposed approach moving forward.

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

Penetanguishene Lions Club Community Project

For the last six years the Penetanguishene Lions Club have been building and maintaining an outdoor ice rink in the community. Donating over \$1000 in materials and one hundred and fifty hours of labour each year, the club is pleased to see many families enjoying the rink from morning until late in the evening. This year to help celebrate Winterama, Penetanguishene's winter carnival, the club hosted a skating party, hot chocolate and cookies were part of the experience.





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Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting

February 21, 2020 – Park Inn by Radisson



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COUNCIL WEEKEND

The first weekend at a new venue, the Edward Village Hotel, turned out to be a real success. From all reports, the entire experience was rewarding. Soon we will be in negotiations regarding using this venue in the future. The District Governors-elect are charged with making the final decision at their briefing during the Multiple District Convention in Minnet May 1-3.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

PDG OJ Wilura was proud to announce that MD'A' currently sits in positive growth. We still have months to go to continue this growth and work towards improved retention.

PDG Eleanor Colwell confirmed that training for 2nd Vice District Governors-elect will take place at the MD'A' Convention. This new initiative will help our newest leaders become involved in the multiple district in a more meaningful way. Our Global Service Team continues to provide valuable resources for districts and continues to encourage regular reporting.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY

PID Tom Gordon announced that all District International Guests had been assigned. The Council of Governors has approved two endorsements. PID Fabricio Oliveira from Brazil has been endorsed to be elected 3rd International Vice President and PID Douglas Alexander from the United States has been endorsed to be elected International President, both at the International Convention in Singapore.

LION MAGAZINE

Lion Bob Pearson continues to be challenged with producing 4 printed copies of the magazine. This is due to decreased financing from LCI as they move towards digital copies. The cost of postage is a huge factor and Lion Bob welcomes any suggestions as to how to tackle this issue. As it now stands, Lions next year will receive 2 printed editions and 2 digital editions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

This committee reminds us that the Effective speaking finals will take place from April 17-19 at the Sundridge Hotel and Conference Centre (Samia/Port Edward). Approximately 70 students in 4 camps will be involved in Youth Exchange this year. 12-year-old Krishna Shinde, sponsored by the Mississauga Central Lions Club was this year's Peace Poster winner. Your financial support for this committee is really needed.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Provincial Spring Games will be held in Waterloo from May 21 to 23. There will be over 2500 participants and 400 of those will come from MD'A'. Why not consider "Drafting an Athlete" as a way of financially supporting these games? Contact IPDG Frank Hewitt for more information.

LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF

Our latest grant was in the amount of \$75,262.40 and was awarded to the McMaster Hospital thanks to a successful initiative by the Lions of District A2. Canadian Dollars supporting Canadian Projects and administered by Canadian Lions – what a trifecta!

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Many thanks to Lion Debbie Cserhalmi for filling in as MD'A' LFC Chair for the balance of this year. Lion Debbie can be contacted at redstrokes77@yahoo.com.

MD'A' Convention

This great event at a world-class venue will soon be upon us. Many hours have been spent to make this

a memorable event so don't delay in getting your registration in. The Convention Advisory Committee is proud to announce that our International Guests are PID Dave Hajny and Lion Marie from Montana.

COUNCIL CHAIR ELECT

Three excellent candidates put their names forward to serve at the next level of Lionism. Congratulations go to District A16 District Governor Debbie Dawson who will serve as MD'A' Council Chairperson for the Lions year 2020-2021.

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



GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

Our GA Teams from across MD A, get together after the Council meeting in November to review current District Governor's goals, and to help 1VDG shape their goals. Great dialogue about issue that face our M.D. and best practices shared on how other districts have over come those hurdles. There was also an introduction to the North America Membership Initiative (NAMI).

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Clearing Clouded Vision in Vanuatu

by Jamie Konigsfeld

Clarence has battled diabetes since she was a baby. Unable to afford medical care, she developed cataracts which seriously impaired her vision. She lives in the gorgeous archipelago nation of Vanuatu, home to lush rainforests, soft sand beaches, and surrounded by turquoise water; however, the 23-year-old woman could no longer see its beauty.

In Clarence's area of Vanuatu, health care resources are often unavailable or unaffordable. Without a diagnosis for many years—something that is all too often the case in Vanuatu—diabetes took a toll on Clarence's body. She suffered through a series of infections, which led to having her toes amputated. Mobility is now difficult, although a wheelchair helps her get around.

Lions of New Caledonia knew they could improve

the situation in Vanuatu with support from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). In collaboration with Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand, Lions of New Caledonia secured a US\$330,043 LCIF SightFirst grant to expand and enhance cataract screening and surgery services in Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu and Clarence's hometown.

At an existing eye clinic, the grant made it possible to update old equipment and build a new operating theatre. In addition, Dr. Johnson Kasso is the new, permanent ophthalmologist there at the clinic. Prior to Dr. Kasso, Port Vila did not have an ophthalmologist and operations could only be performed once per year when a team from Fiji visited.

Having a permanent doctor in the area came as an enormous relief to Clarence, who had her cataract

removal operation postponed four times due to battling repeated infection. When the new operating theatre opened, Clarence was the first patient to receive an operation. She even sang at the inauguration.

After the surgery, Dr. Kasso checked Clarence's vision and asked if she could see clearly. Clarence had a smile on her face she couldn't hide. She shouted, "I kiln I pitim kiln!" – meaning "more than clear!" in her native language. It was a significant and memorable moment for Clarence, Dr. Kasso, and the clinic's nurses. Clarence says she is "happy tumas" – very happy – to receive the surgery. What was once dark, cloudy, and blurry, became bright, crisp, and clear.

To learn how projects like this receive LCIF funding — and how you can contribute through Campaign 100 — visit lionsclubs.org/campaign100.



Dr. Johnson Kasso

Clarence (pictured seated) smiles at the clinic's inauguration ceremony

Lions for Groves - "TALK ABOUT TEAMWORK"

Early in 2017, 9 clubs met in Belwood, Ontario to discuss the possibility of joining together to raise funds for the new Groves Memorial Hospital in Aboyne, Ont. In attendance were members from **Ariss & Maryhill** (A15), **Arthur** (A9), **Belwood & District** (A15), **Elora** (A15), **Fergus** (A15), **Grand Valley** (A9), **Hillsburgh & District** (A15), **Marsville & District** (A15) and **Rockwood & District** (A15). From the get go, the clubs agreed to join together and jointly raise \$200,000.00 towards the Groves Hospital Diabetes and Patient Education Centre.

By the end of May of 2017, all delegates had secured their club's approval and a committee was formed with one member from each club as a representative. The clubs agreed that we would each raise awareness and funds under a newly created entity we called "Lions for Groves". Over the next 2 ½ years, the clubs held their own activities and joined together on one joint fundraiser which in itself raised over \$8000.00.

To reach our goal, we together agreed that each

club would donate what it could and that each club would be recognized equally, no matter the difference in the club contributions. That said, it was also agreed that individual club donations would be recognized on a donor wall at the new facility.

As part of our funding model, we applied for a Diabetes Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to help defray the costs of the technological requirements of the new centre. Working with the hospital foundation, we identified eligible needs and we are pleased to have received approval of a grant for \$50,000.00 USD in May of 2019.

To date, the 9 clubs have raised over \$240,000.00 which is well over our initial target. We continue to receive donations from the public, corporate benefactors and some from other Lions clubs in the area.

To sum things up; the success of the

project was mostly due to the individual efforts of each club, the commitment of all clubs to achieving the project goal, and the fact that we all flew under the common banner of "Lions for Groves".

PDG Denis Vinette,
Chair, Lions for Groves



L-R: DG Tracey Robinson - Stratford Lions, PDG Denis Vinette - Bellwood Lions, Joe Brooks - Fergus Lions, Council Chair Kevin Banfield - Lions Club of Kitchener, Dick Burt - Elora Lions, RC Jim Davis - Ariss and Maryhill, Neil Hoogendoorn - Marsville Lions, PDG Doug Smith - Hillsburgh Lions, Elly Hoogendoorn - Marsville Lions

Kindness Mattered to the Man in the Bow Tie

A tribute to International First Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend

by Erin Kasdin

In the Fall of 2019, the video team at Lions Clubs International headquarters sat down with First Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend to begin capturing footage for his presidential videos. We interviewed the Judge, his family, and those who knew him well. On December 17, 2019, VP Townsend passed away unexpectedly. What follows is a portrait of the man as was recorded by his family, friends, and himself during these interviews. He will be greatly missed by his family and by his extended Lions family.

As a Judge in the Whitfield County Magistrate court in Georgia, Haynes Townsend, 64, often saw people on their worst days. People being evicted from their homes or charged with stealing food. He knew these were not bad people, but people in bad circumstances. One day he was faced with a young woman in her early twenties with three children in tow, ranging in age from 3 or 4 down to an infant in her arms. She had been charged with shoplifting from Walmart.

"I'd like to plead guilty," she said. He asked her what she had shoplifted. "Baby food and diapers," she responded. She had just moved to the area from Kentucky and her husband left her shortly after they arrived. She couldn't afford childcare, which meant she couldn't get a job. So, she had no money.

Judge Townsend dismissed the charges against her and asked her to wait for him in back until he was finished with court that day. He then contacted local shelters, which gave her a place to stay and food to eat.

It's what he loved about the job—being able to help people solve their problems. He became good at knowing who was telling the truth and who was leaving something out. But regardless, his motto was always to lead with compassion.

"I knew it wasn't going to do any good to put her in jail," he said. "If you can't put yourself in someone else's shoes, then you can't be an effective judge."



A young Haynes blows out some birthday candles while sporting what would become his signature look—a tidy, hand-tied bow tie

Before becoming a judge, Townsend had helped run a hardware store with his mother in Dalton, Georgia, where she instilled in him the importance of working hard. But Townsend never seemed to find life very hard.

"Growing up in Dalton was a lesson in small town culture," he said of his hometown, which sits at the base of the Appalachian Trail.

As the only child of Clifford and Evelyn Townsend, he was doted on. His father, a pilot and former flight instructor during WWII, taught Townsend to fly at a very young age. "I actually soloed when I was 10 years old. They don't generally let you do that anymore," he said.



Townsend's father was a pilot and former WWII flight instructor. He taught Haynes to fly when he was just 7 years old

When he wasn't flying with his father or helping his mother at the hardware store, his playmates were the diverse group of neighborhood kids who, like him, lived on the "wrong side of the tracks." If they wanted to play baseball, they'd find a vacant lot, mark off some lines, and play. They didn't have umpires, and nobody fussed about the rules. "Everybody recognized when they were out," he says. "It was that kind of experience that taught us how to get along with each other, and how to trust each other."

His friends crossed racial and cultural divides, and he credits that for teaching him how to get along with all kinds of people, which has served him well in his career as a Lion.

"Diversity can be termed in many different ways, and it's not all about color, it's not all about religion, it's not all about what country you come from," he said. "A lot of it is just about ideas that you have about

some of these other cultures around the world, and how you react to those, and we have to be willing to accept those ideas, because that's how we grow as a species, and how we turn into better human beings."



Townsend's mother worked at the hardware store for 52 years, instilling in Haynes the importance of working hard

After graduating high school, Townsend attended Young Harris College, a small junior college in the mountains of northeast Georgia, where he met his wife, Donna. He sat next to her at a showing of "Night of the Living Dead" at a theater on campus. "I had bubble gum in my mouth, and I was blowing bubbles," said Donna. "And I had the biggest bubble and Haynes reached over and he popped that thing. It went all over my face. And I thought, 'Okay, this relationship is over with.'"

But it wasn't. It was the beginning of a 40-year marriage. "We've been partners ever since," said Townsend. Donna describes a man who loved to joke around, but who also loved to take long, quiet drives in the country. "Sometimes we just get in the car and drive through the mountains for three or four hours, and we don't even have to say anything," she said. He loved photography and reading and seemed to be an infinite well of knowledge. She was certain there weren't too many folks like him.

The couple had two daughters, Morgan, 36, and Madison, 32, who learned the importance of kindness from watching their father.

Madison recalls a time when she was young and the family was going to out to eat. There was a man outside asking for help and her father asked the man to join them for lunch. "I was just kind of in shock," she said, but she was also in admiration of him. "Every time I see something like that – somebody needing some food or just help – I think back to that day."

Morgan remembers when her cousin had her first child and her father went to the hospital to see her and the new baby. “She is a brand new mother and my dad was carrying this tiny little baby around, helping to change its diaper, because she didn’t know what she was doing yet.”

Not only did he show kindness to others, but to his daughters, too. He supported them in all their endeavors, teaching them to go after whatever they wanted, and to go at it full force, with open arms and a humble heart.



The Judge’s daughters adored their father and liked to honor him by dressing up in his clothes for Father’s Day

Kindness was something he lived. He truly believed the world could be a better place if people were kind to one another. “That’s what we have the ability to do as Lions,” he said. “Unleash that kindness onto the world.”



Being a judge gave Townsend the chance to help people solve their problems. And he always led with compassion

Townsend joined the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his hometown shortly after he and Donna were married, and Donna began attending events shortly thereafter. “I thought, ‘I’m never going to see this guy if I don’t get out there and go with him,’” she said. He sponsored her when women were legally allowed to join, and she has never looked back. “Haynes took me from a quiet little town in Dalton, Georgia, with a population of 35,000, to millions and millions and billions of people around the world. Who gets to do that?”

In addition to being a Lion, Townsend was also part of Dalton First United Methodist Church, the Downtown Dalton Development Authority, and the Dalton Christmas parade. Most recently, he was nominated for Judge of the Year by the state of Georgia. “If you go around town anywhere, they know dad,” said Madison. “He’ll see somebody walking down the street when they’re going out to get lunch or going out to the grocery store and he’ll take five, 10 minutes out of his day just to catch up with a friend he hasn’t seen in forever,” she said. He made time for people. It was his way of showing he cared.

“My dad has never known a stranger,” said Morgan. “If he meets someone, they’re friends forever.” He loved to be a part of the community.

But he was truly passionate about the mission of Lions. And more importantly, he believed in Lions themselves.

He urged Lions to invite prospective members to service events, not to meetings. “The millennials and the new folks out there don’t really want to come to a club meeting that’s boring and sit around in there for an hour and a half or two hours and listen to old stories,” he said. “They want to do something. They want to get out there and have interaction in the communities and feel like they’re helping somebody.”

He knew that people came to Lions from all walks of life, and that made the organization stronger. “I think that’s the best thing we can



The Late Judge Townsend and his wife, Donna, were married for more than 40 years

“Rosalynn and I are saddened to learn of the passing of our friend Judge Haynes Townsend. His kindness and generosity were evident in his passion for the Lions Clubs and its partnership with The Carter Center. His legacy will certainly live on in our hearts. We offer our deepest condolences to Haynes’ wife, Donna, their daughters, and the global Lions Clubs International family.”

– Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter

and know their glass may not be 100 percent full of Lionism. But if it’s 50 percent full, we need to drink of that.”

Townsend spent more than 40 years as a Lion. And he would have made an exceptional International President.

“He picks up phone calls when you need him, no matter what time, what country you are in, he is there if you need him,” said Morgan. “And I know that he cares about every single person that is a part of this association, because we see it.”

The influence he has had on others is reflected in the love they give back. As he struggled through illness over the past year, Lions all over the world reached out. The entire organization has been shaken by his sudden loss. But the fact that he is gone doesn’t diminish the impact he has made, and can continue to have, through others who follow the example he set.

Saying goodbye to a friend is never easy. Maybe it might help to think of him as always just a phone call away.

In his own words:

“Lions, it’s been a privilege having served up until this point...I hope that any time you think you need something, whatever it is, feel free to call... It might be awhile before I can call you back, depending on which part of the world I’m in, but keep up the kindness, keep doing great things. God bless you all.”



Singapore

Lions Converge on the Lion City June 26 to 30, 2020

5 Things to Do in Singapore

While it's a small island—you can drive east to west in under an hour—it's packed with things you won't want to miss during your trip.

1. **Eat at a Hawker Center.** While travelers will be wooed by state-of-the-art architecture, tranquil gardens, and an active nightlife, far and away the biggest experiences here are for your taste buds. Hawker Center is an open-air market filled with high-quality food stalls. With prices between US\$3 to US\$5 a plate, here you can taste a variety of Singaporean cuisine for a low price.
2. **Visit the Gardens by the Bay Cloud Forest.** Designed to be a “world of gardens for all to own, enjoy, and cherish,” this elaborate conservatory boasts the world's tallest indoor waterfall and a surreal, mist-filled Cloud Walk and Treetop Walk.
3. **Take a Break at Lazarus Island Beach.** Singapore is actually comprised of one main island and 62 other islets. Lazarus Island is just 20 minutes from the city via ferry and is much less crowded than other beaches making it perfect for when you need a quiet spot to absorb all you've been learning at convention.

4. **Explore the neighborhoods.** Take in the charming storefronts, sample the many authentic dishes, and visit local places of worship to get a feel for each distinct heritage that contributes to the unique Singapore culture.

5. **Go on a Night Safari.** This 86-acre reserve is home to 2,500 animals from 130 different species, and it is exclusively for nocturnal animals. Visitors ride through the park on guided trams or can choose to walk the trails. However you choose to experience it, you'll leave with a new sense of wonder for the animal kingdom.

Singapore is a place unlike any other. An independent city-state in Southeast Asia that is home to nearly 6 million people, this tiny nation is a vibrant blend of Asian and European cultures that make it the ultimate melting pot.

It's this diversity that makes Singapore the perfect destination for the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention. Lions epitomize the confluence of ideas that makes being a member of the world's largest service organization so valuable. So, what better place to celebrate that diversity than in the greatest melting pot of all.

The Lion City

There is a story that the original founder of Singapore, Sri Tri Buana, in the late 13th century went hunting in the ancient settlement of Temasek and saw a strange beast. When he described the beast, he was told it must be a Lion. Buana decided to stay and rename it “Singapura,” or “Lion City.”

Many historians question this story, pointing out Lions are not native to South East Asia, and that the name may not even derive from the Sanskrit for Lion City after all. However, despite the origins of the name, between June 26 and June 30, 2020, Lions will indeed descend upon the city.

Learn more about this multi-cultural, multi-lingual city at LClcon.org.



What's in store

The week's activities will take place at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, which is part of the Marina Bay Sands hotel—one of the most iconic pieces of the Singapore skyline.

Here, kick off the convention with the Parade of Nations, and watch an estimated 10,000 Lions from more than 125 countries march, many in native dress. Between special guest speakers, plenary sessions, seminars, luncheons, the extensive exhibit hall, and the international show, you may never leave the grounds.

But we highly suggest you do.

While the convention itinerary will keep you busy, there are plenty of opportunities to get out and do what Lions do best—serve. Sign up for one of the special service opportunities early, as these spots tend to go fast.

Featured Speaker

Malala Yousafzai's vision of a more equitable world means that every girl will have the opportunity to learn and lead. Her immediate focus is providing access to the 130 million girls globally who have been denied the right to education. Through the work of the Malala Fund, co-founded with her father Ziauddin Yousafzai, this seemingly audacious goal is a matter of "ambition and intention," in her own words. Luckily, for Malala, neither of those qualities are in short supply.

Come hear this inspiring young woman for yourself.



LCIF

A Blueberry Orchard for Generations

by Jamie Konigsfeld

LCIF

An Empty Space

Next door to the Albany Victory Gardens were unsightly, deserted lots. There were homes on the land that were previously declared uninhabitable, so they sat empty, dangerous, and unbeneficial to the environment. Lion Gregory Sheldon envisioned a better use for this land. He partnered with Albany Victory Gardens, which purchased the land, demolished the homes and, along with local organizations and community members, Sheldon cleared the land of debris and invasive vegetation to start a community garden. Specifically, he wanted to grow blueberries.

This garden became part of a larger community project, a place where the neighborhood now comes together to share gardening knowledge, grow food, and volunteer time, bridging social, economic, and diversity gaps. It is a vital part of the neighborhood,

as it enables self-reliance and access to nutritious food in an underserved area.

But first, the land needed to be prepared for growing blueberries, so Sheldon enlisted volunteers to help local companies spread woodchips, mulch, and soil. Using a US\$1,500 grant from a partnership between the Anthem Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the Albany Troy Lions Club—which is actively investing in community health equity, food sovereignty, and social justice—planted 200 blueberry bushes alongside Anthem volunteers and other community members.

Blueberry Benefits

Blueberries were the perfect fit for the gardens. They're high in nutritional value and antioxidants. The bushes attract pollinators such as bees, which will increase the amount of blueberries and other produce harvested from the garden. The sandy loam soil is

designed to absorb water, reducing storm water runoff by up to 100,000 gallons. At the same time, the sandy loam provides good drainage and will help purify the air, along with the plants.

All of this is on land that was once occupied by empty, uninhabitable houses.

Thanks to LCIF, the Anthem Foundation, Albany Troy Lions Club, Lion Gregory Sheldon, and the incredible community volunteers, this neighborhood now has a beautiful orchard they can care for and enjoy for multiple generations. "All the kids that worked hard to develop this site will be able to share these blueberries with their kids. This is truly why we do what we do," says Sheldon.

To learn more about how LCIF and Campaign 100 are protecting the environmental health of our global communities, generating long-term, positive ecological impact, visit lionsclubs.org/campaign100



Lion Gregory Sheldon works to spread woodchips at the site

Lions, Anthem volunteers, and other community members work together to plant 200 blueberry bushes

Play Together, Stay Together

FINLAND - Juurikkalahden Kiri (JUKI), the largest youth soccer club in Sotkamo, Finland, has joined with the Sotkamo Lions Club to organize a free weekly sports activity available to everyone—locals and tourists alike—to help families stay connected and increase physical fitness.

With so much competing for our attention these days, it can be hard for families to find ways to be together that don't involve a screen. But research shows that families who keep active together not only improve their health, but also improve their bond.

Sport and exercise psychologist Jocelyn Penna told the Sydney Morning Herald, "Although downtime

is important, many people spend far too much time inactive, so when families exercise together they gain the combined benefits of being together, growing together, and encouraging each other to be active."

Last year, more than 100 children, parents, and grandparents participated in the JUKI/Lions program, which they called "A Lions Hour of Exercise with Your Child."

The activity is designed for everyone, regardless of their ability or previous experience with organized sports. Most importantly, the collaboration makes it possible for all families to participate regardless of their ability to pay.

As an added bonus, families are finding new connections in the area and tourists to get to know local families.

In 2018, the JUKI soccer club was awarded the annual "Sports Award of the Year" for promoting both outdoor and indoor soccer in the area for several years with outstanding results.

JUKI is coed and has been growing every year. The club pays special attention to getting girls involved in soccer, and the partnership with Lions was acknowledged as "a remarkable example of keeping children active and engaged."

Copetown Lions

At a couple of late 2019 meetings the Lions of Copetown had some special guests. The Lions have been supporting Horizon House for over thirty six years and have a substantial food drive for them every December, along with a donation. This time around was no different, shown in the photo from L to R are

Lion **Willie Arnold**, former Lion Bob Beaul, Bernie and Ken from Horizon House, Lion Chief **Frank Regan** is shown presenting a donation to Holly, Social Manager from Horizon House.

Also in December we had the pleasure of a presentation from the Lions Foundation of

Canada. Our guest speakers were Lions **Kelly Russell** who works in fund-raising and training for the Foundation and **Cindy O'Brien** who is a long time foster parent for the LFC, between the two reps it was a very interesting presentation. Fletch and Bristol were the canine guests. Shown in the photo L to R are Cindy O'Brien (seated), Lion Chief Frank Regan, Lion **Moe Crickmore** and Kelly Russell.



Espanola Lions

Every year the Espanola Lions Club and the Espanola Express Hockey team host a Teddy Bear

toss at which the fans are invited to throw a teddy bear on the ice during an intermission. Wow, this year over two hundred bears and stuffed toys were collected to be distributed within the community along with toys from the MCTV Lions Children's Christmas Telethon and community donations to help over one hundred families enjoy the excitement of Christmas morning. It is caring Lions like Espanola that make the holidays a joy for everyone.





CONVENTION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Singapore • Friday, June 26 – Tuesday June 30, 2020



DEADLINES MAY 1, 2020: Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Deadline to submit a refund request for registration, housing and/or ticketed event cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION: Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ E-mail _____

Lion Lioness Alpha Leo Omega Leo Adult Guest Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____

COMPANION: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

Lion Lioness Alpha Leo Omega Leo Adult Guest Club No. _____ Membership No. _____ District _____ Title _____

CHILD: First Name/ Family (Last) Name _____ Age _____ Alpha Leo

PACKAGE A:

Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

- Before January 10, 2020 Reservation in delegation hotel
 After January 10, 2020 I prefer my delegation hotel Prefer another hotel

Hotel Name _____

Arrival Day/Date _____ Departure Day/Date _____

No. of Guests in Room _____ No. of Beds Needed 1 2

Special Requirements: Wheelchair Accessible Other _____

- **US\$200 Hotel Deposit** is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.
- Hotel rooms are equipped to accommodate a total of two (2) guests per room.

PACKAGE B:

NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above.)

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)

EVENT: MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
June 28/ 12:30-14:30	US \$75	_____	\$ _____

EVENT: DISTRICT GOVERNOR/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR BANQUET

DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
June 29/ 20:00-22:00	US \$150	_____	\$ _____

Dietary Requirements: No restrictions Indian Vegetarian Vegetarian Other _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

SERVICE PROJECTS IN SINGAPORE

I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Singapore International Convention. Further details on registering for service projects will be sent to you in the coming months.

PAYMENT: Full payment is required with this form. US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks. Visa, MasterCard & Discover cards accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES:	Adult	Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo	Omega Leo	PACKAGE A:	PACKAGE B:
EARLY (Before January 10, 2020)	US\$175	US\$20	US\$100	Registrations: US\$ _____	Registrations: US\$ _____
REGULAR (January 11 through March 31, 2020)	US\$225	US\$20	US\$100	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____	Ticketed Events: US\$ _____
LATE (April 1, 2020 – onsite)	US\$250	US\$20	US\$100	Hotel Deposit: US\$ 200.00	
				Total Due: US\$ _____	Total Due: US\$ _____

- Check # _____ Wire transfer (payment slip must be attached to this form) Visa MasterCard Discover

Name as it appears on card _____ Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number _____ Expires Month/Year _____ Security code (3 digits) _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Lions Clubs International Attn: Convention Division • 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA • Allow 4 weeks for processing.

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- Credit Card and Wire Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (630) 571-1689 • LCI will email your Official Registration Confirmation. **Please print and bring with you to Singapore.**
- All registrants will pick up their name badge onsite in Singapore. Please bring your LCI Official Registration Confirmation with you to scan and print your name badge. A photo-ID is also required. **LCI will not mail badges in advance.**
- Information provided on this document shall be used in accordance with the privacy policies and procedures of Lions Clubs International. • Questions? Email us: registration@lionsclubs.org.

Please note: Lions Clubs International will be documenting the international convention for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Lions Clubs International.





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VOTING AT 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Voting for Executive Officers and International Directors

Every Lions club in good standing can participate in the election of executive officers and international directors and can vote on amendments to the association's bylaws by assigning delegates to represent the club at the international convention.

At the International Convention certification and voting will occur at the same time in the convention Voting Area. As soon as you are certified, you will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately. Certification and Voting days and times are:

- Sunday, June 28, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (12:00 – 17:00)
- Monday, June 29, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (10:00 – 17:00)
- Tuesday, June 30, 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM (7:30 – 9:30)

Assigning Club Delegates

Club Delegates for the International Convention of Lions Clubs can be assigned by the club president or secretary, using one of the options below:

- www.lionsclubs.org >>> LOGIN >>> MyLCI >>> My Lions Club >>> Conventions
- Submitting the [Club Delegate Form](#) to LCI headquarters, at the address below.

Clubs using MyLCI can assign their club delegates at any time between January 1 and June 24, 2020 11:59 PM CST.

Clubs using the Club Delegate Form to assign their delegates will need to mail the form to International Headquarters by May 1, 2020. If you are not able to mail the form by May 1, 2020, bring the signed form to the convention site. The form will also be available online.

For more information on voting at the International Convention go to:

<http://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/experience/certification-voting/>

Lions Clubs International Member Service Center

300 W. 22nd Street Oak Brook IL 60523

email: MemberServiceCenter@LionsClubs.org

fax: 630-571-1687

phone: 630-203-3830

International Convention Club Delegate Entitlement Table

Delegate count is based on the club's membership as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. See Article VI, Section 2 of the International Constitution and Chapter XVII – Membership, Board Policy Manual.

*Delegate entitlement is one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof.

Membership	Delegates Entitled
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
113-137	5
138-162	6
163-187	7
188-212	8
213-237	9
238-262	10
263-287	11
288-312	12
313-337	13
338-362	14
363-387	15
388-412	16
413-437	17
438-462	18
463-487	19
488-512	20
513-537	21
538-562	22
563-587	23
588-612	24
613-637	25
638-662	26
663-687	27
688-712	28
713-737	29
738-762	30
763-787	31
788-812	32
813-837	33
838-862	34
863-887	35
888-912	36
913-937	37
938-962	38
963-987	39
988-1012	40
1013-1037	41
1038-1062	42
1063-1087	43
1088-1112	44
1113-1137	45
1138-1162	46
1163-1187	47
1188-1212	48
1213-1237	49
1238-1262	50
1263+	See below*



Lions Clubs International

CLUB DELEGATE FORM

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- Submitting this form to LCI headquarters, at the address below.

Confirmation of the Club Delegate assignment will be emailed to the Club Delegate. When the email address of the Club Delegate is not available, the Confirmation will be emailed to the club officer.

Club Number: _____

Club Name: _____

Club City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

Delegate Member Number: _____

Delegate Name: (first middle last) _____

Delegate Email Address: _____

Delegate Preferred Ballot Language: _____

Authorizing Club Officer: (select one) Club President Club Secretary

Officer Member Number: _____

Officer Name: (first middle last) _____

Officer Signature: _____

Mail form by May 1, 2020 to:

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Lions Clubs International
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MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org
Phone 1-630-203-3830
Fax 1-630-571-1687

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If you are not able to mail the form by May 1, 2020, bring signed form, along with your government issued photo I.D. to the convention site.

Clubs using MyLCI must assign their club delegates by June 24, 2020 (11:59pm CST)



Lions Clubs International



Your Best Lion Year Ever

by Erin Kasdin

Being a Lion isn't *only* about serving; it's also about having fun. With new clubs popping up, and old clubs taking a new look at how they Lion, there are all kinds of ways to design a fun and productive year of service.

Here's your guide to your best Lion year ever.

June 2020

June 26-30: Hobnob with Lions from all over the world

Singapore hosts the 103rd International Convention, which is the kickoff to the 2020-2021 Lion year. What better excuse to visit this exquisitely clean and modern city.

Tip: Don't litter in Singapore. You could be put to work cleaning up the streets as punishment. Then again, that sounds like something Lions like to do anyway...

July 2020

Install your new officers

A new international president has taken the torch and your club has its own new leadership. Get the year going on the right foot with a warm welcome to the new recruits.

The Bellefonte Lions from District 22-D in Delaware have a tradition of capturing the exact moment new officers are sworn in with a candid photo. Says Zone Chair Daniel Elkins, "They are so excited to take on their new roles that they want to share the moment with the world."

August 2020

Stay active

Some clubs go "dark" during the summer months, when members are traveling or busy with kids home from school. However, other clubs see service activities as a way to keep members interested. "We work year-round," says Anthony Colleluori, from the Jericho-Brookville Lions in New York. "We try to keep our schedules full so that one can jump right in. It's also a great way to re-train new members. They get put right to work!"

Service and fundraising in one project: Host a food stand

Sell hot dogs and corn at local fairs to raise funds

for the coming year. Or, change things up and host a fruit and vegetable stand with produce sourced locally. Use the opportunity to encourage people to eat healthy and give away recipe cards that feature the produce you're selling.

September 2020

September 17-19: Pack your bags for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Louisville, Kentucky, will host this year's forum, where you can expect to find everything you need to hone your skills as a leader, while meeting some fellow Lions along the way.

Service opportunity: Back-to-school bash

Help kids get ready to go back to school.

"Teaming your club with your local school is a proven winner for service," says PDG Charles Short, of the Lafayette Lions in Indiana, who partnered with their local county to participate in "Backpack splash," an event for at-risk kids. Backpacks, shoes, pizza, immunizations, hearing screens, day care signups, haircuts, canned goods, family pictures, and Lions vision screenings were offered. Families lined up beginning at 9 a.m. for the event, which began at 1 p.m. Lions screened more than 200 kids in three hours. "The fact that entire families were present with many preschool kids made it an ideal chance to screen kids as young as a year old," says Short.

October 2020

Vision Awareness Month

Get creative

October 1 is the deadline to purchase Peace Poster Contest kits from Club Supplies. "The Peace Poster Contest is a great way to get your foot in the door with your local schools," says Richard Stevenson, president of the South Tucson Cyber Lions in Arizona.

Last year, and for the past 17 years, Lions in District 307 A2, Indonesia, have sponsored an all-day, all-out drawing fest at a local mall. "First thing is, we make it about promoting Lions, not just a social activity," says Past Council Chair Eveline Chandra. "Second thing is that these posters are original from the kids. No one can go inside the poster-making area," she says. The students draw for five to six hours, with a 30-minute break for lunch. Other clubs in the region host similar events and, so far, they've had 12 merit winners, which they display in the same mall they were created in.

October 10: World Sight Day

Take a cue from the Arima Santa Rosa Lions in Trinidad and don't just schedule a vision screening for Vision Awareness month. Partner with another club and train your members so you can be armed and ready to screen all year long.

October 15: White Cane Safety Day

Arrange for a person who is blind to demonstrate

the use of the white cane and its benefits with the community or your club.

Fundraising idea: Capitalize on the pumpkin craze

If you're in the USA, it's all about pumpkins this month. From lattes to donuts to, yes, pumpkin-flavored butter. Ely Lions in Nevada capitalize on the craze with their Annual Pumpkin Chunkin event, where members of the community can put their pumpkin-throwing skills to the test. Included in the contest is a special mascot's division, where school or team mascots try out their throwing arms. It's their biggest fundraiser of the year and a great way to get the Lion name out in the community.

November 2020

Diabetes Awareness Month

November 14: World Diabetes Day

Be like the Amman Ayla Lions club in Amman, Jordan, and light up historical sights and other landmarks in your community the color blue to raise awareness about Diabetes. They also host two diabetes screenings, give public educational seminars about nutrition, and raise money to buy insulin for children in need by selling insulin pens that have been recycled into writing utensils. Phew!

Recruit

Chances are your club could use some fresh blood. One way to spread the word is by donning your Lions gear and volunteering at a non-Lions event. "I can't even begin to count how many recruits my club has gotten by us being willing to go out and show other people what it means to be a Lion," says Elkins.

Download recruitment materials from lionsclubs.org and have them on hand everywhere you go.

November 15: Tax forms due!

This is how you keep your club's tax-exempt status, so don't forget to file.

December 2020

December 5: International Leo Day

Grab your local Leos and plan a joint service event. No Leos in your area? Sponsor a club! Go to the local high school and make your pitch.

Chandler Lions Club President and former Miss Arizona Isabel Ticlo believes in establishing one-on-one Leo-to-Lion connections as a way to get kids serving and keep them coming back as adults. How does she know that works? She was a Leo in high school. "It was like hanging out with friends for a good cause," she says.

Service opportunity: Crafty kids

Many clubs plan meals and food drives around the winter holidays, but sometimes what parents really need is something to do with their children when school is out. The Sandwell Lions in England host craft sessions for kids at their local library. "You

Putting the Fun in Fundraiser

The perfect dinner for introverts

The Lafayette Lions Club in Indiana has figured out a way to leverage their community's hermits. The "no-show" event is an agreement between the club and the community that they will NOT hold a fish fry. All you have to do is purchase a ticket to agree NOT to attend. "For a \$40 donation, they can enjoy the peace and quiet of home cooking and we get to provide all the fun and services we do," says Lion Charles Short. "If they send us \$40, we send them a 50-cent fish key chain. It's a real bragging rights item!"

Um, I think that's called stealing...

Hold on to your valuables if there's a Russell and Area Lion from Manitoba loitering in the vicinity. One year the Russell and Area Lions "acquired" items from each other without their knowledge. One member's barbeque, one member's favorite sports team jacket, one family's strollers for their kids, etc. Each member then had to buy their items back. They even "borrowed" a neighboring club's snowmobile for the event. It just so happened to be the snowmobile they used for their own spring fundraiser. "The look on the neighboring Lions club members' faces when they realized this snowmobile was the one from their pond was priceless," says Lion Willie Brown. At the end of the night, everyone gets their items back, but only after forking over some money. "Lots of laughs, a bit of money to a good cause...oh, did I tell you we have fun in Lions?" says Brown.

You've goat to be kidding me

The Uby Lions in Uby, Michigan, really know how to get each other's goat. Their annual wine and cheese event had "fizzled out a bit," says International Director and Uby Lion Justin Faber. They were discussing alternatives when 80-year-old Lion Lola suggested a goat raffle. One dollar bought one ticket, or six tickets for \$5. "But who would want to win a goat," the other members asked. "No one!" she said cheerfully. "That's why you put someone else's name on it!" The club added an extra twist. For \$5 you can purchase goat insurance, which will get you out of having to take the goat if your name is drawn, but it only works for one ticket. "I do caution you that you can't just toss a goat in someone's yard like you could 40 years ago," says Faber. Good to note.

don't have to be crafty," says Sandwell Lion Melissa Murphy. "You can get instructions easily off the internet," she says. Having the pictures of the final project stimulates ideas and gets them going. It's "really easy stuff," she says, which makes it the kind of project that's perfect for a small club looking for a meaningful way to give back.

January 2021

Hunger Awareness Month

Service Opportunity: Pop-up soup kitchen

You may have sworn off sweets and carbohydrates from holiday overindulgence, but many people in the world are still going hungry. Resist the urge to hit the service snooze button through January and find some hungry folks to feed. Grab 10 gallons of soup and a fold out table and head to an area where you know there are people in need.

January 13: Melvin Jones' birthday

Happy Birthday to the man who started it all! Melvin Jones didn't just start a service club, he sparked a movement driven by kindness.

February 2021

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Service Opportunity: Go bald for a good cause

Have anyone in your club who could use a good haircut or a close shave? It's childhood cancer awareness month, so partner with an organization like St. Baldrick's Foundation, which raises funds for important research by shaving heads and faces.

Fundraising Idea: Sinking shack

Live somewhere cold? Use it to your advantage. The Cadillac Lions in Michigan use the unpredictable Midwestern winters to stage their Sinking Shack fundraiser. They train a video camera on their club's ice shack and take bets on when the Xs, painted on the shack's side, will slip below the surface of the thawing Lake Cadillac.

The club nets about US\$1,500 to US\$1,800 after prizes have been handed out. "But the PR is worth way more than we take in," says PDG Tim Anderson. The club has even gotten some new members from the event.

March 2021

March 7: Take your seat at the world table

Join Lions in New York at the 41st Annual Lions Day with the United Nations and be part of the global conversation about this year's theme, "Protecting our Future: The Health of our Children."

March 8: Celebrate women

This International Women's Day the focus is "Each for Equal." Take a moment to recognize all the achievements of women, and help advocate for a more gender-equal world.

Service idea: Keep girls in school

Help girls stay in school by gifting sanitary products. In August of 2018, Always – a popular brand of feminine hygiene products – released data that showed one out of every five girls in the United States misses school during their period. Missed days can lead to students falling behind and eventually dropping out.

April 2021

Environmental Awareness Month

April 22: Earth Day

Get the community out to join you in a cleanup event.

April 25: Lions Worldwide Induction Day

All those Lions you've been working hard to recruit? It's time to formally welcome them into your club.

"In Puerto Rico induction of a member tends to be a formal event. We want to make it special," says International Director Jose Marrero. "We have their sponsors take an oath beside them as mentors of the new Lion. At the end we give the member a salute of three long roars then three short, fast roars."

This is also a great time to launch a membership campaign if you don't have one already.

Service opportunity: Team up and clean up

Hold a beach cleanup and takes bets on who can collect the most debris. In 2014, Lions cleaned up a beach off Tioman island in Malaysia, and amongst the garbage was more than two pounds (nearly 1 kilogram) of cigarette butts! Caring for the environment together is a great way to bring people together and showcase the good work Lions do.

May 2021

Strengthen Membership Month

Check in on your tribe

Call up those members you haven't seen in a while and give them some reasons to come back. "Don't be afraid to ask members how they feel about their role in Lions," says PDG Diane Smith, of the Woolwich Community Lions, in Ontario.

"We used to have a Lion who called everyone the night before our meeting," says Jo Ochoa of the Danville Lions, in California. "Those on the fence generally came. And they knew they'd be missed if they didn't."

Get your club finances in order

Consider an internal audit so the incoming treasurer can start with a neat and tidy treasury.

Recruit

Take recruiting to the grassroots level and start trolling your neighborhood for potential members. When Ivan Hardman, of the Riverside Lions in Manitoba, first joined Lions they would get new members by cruising the neighborhood in pairs with some cold beverages. "When we saw someone mowing his lawn we would stop, and while one took over the lawn mowing, the other would share a beer and interest the person about the club and extract a promise to attend," he says. Modernize this by bringing non-alcoholic drinks and stop for anyone who looks like they might need a hand.

Get rid of the popular table

Strengthening membership doesn't only mean adding new members, but also keeping the ones you have happy. PDG Mercy Walters from the San Diego Forever Lions Club says, "We treat members like family." She remembers one meeting at her club when she noted three new members sitting by themselves. She called out her members for being cliquey and

ever since they've rotated seating at their monthly meetings to ensure everyone has a sense of belonging.

June 2021

June 1: Helen Keller Day

You could say she made us who we are. At the 1925 International Convention, Keller asked Lions to become Knights of the Blind. Ever since, Lions have made vision their primary mission.

Service opportunity

Honor Helen Keller and turn a local nature path into a braille trail, with braille informational signs, guide ropes, and other physical aides to enable the visually impaired to experience the path unassisted.

June 7: Lions Clubs International Birthday

On this day in 1917, the first Lions Club organizational meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois. Happy birthday, Lions!

Best Lion Year Ever Cheat Sheet

Your quick guide to everything you need for an excellent year of service.

Tear this out and bring it with you to meetings to help spark ideas.

Jot down any ideas for your club here.

June 2020

June 26-30: 103rd International Convention in Singapore

July 2020

Install your new officers

August 2020

Stay active

Host a vegetable stand at your local festival.

September 2020

September 17-19: USA/Canada Leadership Forum

October 2020

Vision Awareness Month

October 1: Deadline to Order Peace Poster Contest Kits

October 10: World Sight Day

October 15: White Cane Safety Day

November 2020

Diabetes Awareness Month

November 14: World Diabetes Day

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Gear up for next year!

Start planning for an even better year in 2021-2022!

Check out <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources> for great resources.

Be seen

Good marketing and public relations helps foster community support and can even bring in new members.

- 1. Actively promote your club and its programs using the Marketing and Communications Chairperson guide here: lionsclubs.org/marketing.
2. Pool your old copies of LION Magazine and deliver them to local doctor offices, libraries, and hospital waiting rooms. You never know who might pick it up and decide to join. And there's nothing like new members to cap off your best Lion year ever.

International Director for Canada Candidate

The Multiple District 'A' Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that the following Lion has been duly endorsed by his respective sub-District and is therefore qualified to represent Multiple District 'A' as a candidate for International Director for Canada.

Allen Snider, PDG – St. Davids Lions Club, District A2

The candidate's name shall be presented to the delegates at the 2020 Multiple District 'A' Convention scheduled for May 1st to May 3rd in Minett, Ontario. Certified delegates who have registered and paid the Convention registration fee shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate on Sunday May 3 between the hours of 7:30 am to 10:00 am.

Pursuant to the MD'A' Constitution and By-laws, a sub-District must submit the name of its endorsed candidate to the MD'A' Secretary no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the MD'A' Convention. Therefore, the deadline is Thursday April 2, 2020.

John Whyte, PCC

Chairperson

MD'A' Nomination Committee

David Mills, PDG

Secretary

Multiple District 'A'

Bonfield Lions

The Bonfield Lions once again participated in the local Santa Claus Parade. Despite the freezing temperatures, the little "Whos from Whoville" took care of that mean old Grinch and he joined them to bring Christmas Cheer this year. Congratulations to the Bonfield Lions for winning 1st place for their float this year.





VISION 2020

MD-A 2020 Convention

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Lion Lioness Leo Partner Guest

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Title/Office: _____ Present Past

District: _____ Club: _____ This is my First MDA Convention

Address: _____ City: _____

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Lion Lioness Leo Partner Guest

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Title/Office: _____ Present Past

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PLEASE NOTE...

- Every Lion, Lioness, Leo, Partner or Guest must be registered.
- All cancellations must be in writing.
- NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 31st, 2020.
- NO Meals or Hotel Rooms guaranteed after March 31st, 2020.



	A	B	Total
LEO Registration Fee Waived	WAIVED	WAIVED	
Registration Fee	Before 12/31/2019	X \$25.00	X \$25.00
	After 12/31/2019	X \$30.00	X \$30.00
Sunday Only Registration Fee	X \$15.00	X \$15.00	\$ 0.00
Pin	X \$5.00	X \$5.00	\$ 0.00
Friday Dinner	X \$80.00	X \$80.00	\$ 0.00
Saturday Breakfast - full hot & cold buffet	X \$45.00	X \$45.00	\$ 0.00
Saturday Youth Luncheon	X \$55.00	X \$55.00	\$ 0.00
Saturday Banquet	X \$80.00	X \$80.00	\$ 0.00
Sunday Breakfast – full hot & cold buffet	X \$45.00	X \$45.00	\$ 0.00
3 Meal Package (Friday Dinner, Saturday Youth Luncheon, Saturday Banquet)	X \$195.00 <i>save \$20.00!</i>	X \$195.00 <i>save \$20.00!</i>	\$ 0.00
5 Meal Package (Friday Dinner, Saturday Full Breakfast, Saturday Youth Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Full Breakfast)	X \$275.00 <i>save \$30.00!</i>	X \$275.00 <i>save \$30.00!</i>	\$ 0.00
Vendor Table (registration fee and vendor table form also required)	X \$35.00 per table		\$ 0.00
TOTAL			\$ 0.00

Special Dietary Needs: A _____ B _____

Please forward registration form along with payment to Marjorie Lewis, 571 David Street, Gravenhurst ON P1P 1M1.

Phone: 705-644-9929 Fax: 705-687-7105 Email: 2020Registration@A12Lions.org

All cancellations must be in writing. No refunds after March 31st, 2020.

Payment Methods

Cash, Cheques made payable to “District A-12 Lions – MDA Convention 2020”, Debit - card must be present to swipe.

e-Transfers to: 2020Treasurer@A12Lions.org

Visa MC (Transaction name “Barrie South Lions Club” will appear on credit card statement.)

Card # _____ Exp ____/____ CSC _____ (3 digit # on back of card)

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Room Reservation Information

Room rates are subject to applicable taxes. The resort fee of \$29 per room per night is waived for all group reservations.

Room reservations must be made directly with the J.W. Marriott by calling 1.866.240.8605. Booking Code Is: “PCL” or book online at: <https://book.passkey.com/go/pclions>.

Reservations must be made by March 31st, 2020 in order to be eligible for the group rate.

If you have special room requirements, please advise the J.W. Marriott at the time of booking.



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PRINT REGISTRATION

Please visit mda2020.a12lions.org for more information.



Literacy - St. Mary's and Stratford Lions

Reading can take you places you've never been, on adventures you rarely encounter, and it allows you to follow the journey of another without moving from your chair. Statistics show that ten years ago 16% of the population earned less than a living wage. Today it is 50-50!

Working at a Public Library, I have become more aware of the number of homeless in the world around me. I learned not every homeless person is a drug addict, a drunk, or mentally ill. Many are working full-time, minimum wage jobs, and cannot afford to rent an apartment. It takes us back to different times in our Canadian and Lions history, when families were having a hard time because of economic circumstances.

Lions Clubs International was in its early days seeking to help, as we are today. You may be asking yourself, "What does this have to do with Libraries, or Literacy for that matter?" But think about it — if you can't afford a place to live, then you have no conveniences; no place to shower, no internet, you don't have an address to receive newspapers and other correspondence, you have nowhere to store your possessions, let alone your favourite book. When you are homeless, your concerns of the future are immediate. You are not thinking years ahead, you are concerned with where to find the next warm,

safe, place to sleep. Sometimes families are homeless, so literacy endeavours are overshadowed by daily necessities.

The Library is one of the last free places where individuals, and families, are welcome to sit, read, and even make connections. They can borrow a book, or read a newspaper, or use the internet. A person can contact family, look for employment, learn new skills with online courses or just rest and read without fear.

As adults, reading allows us the opportunity to forget our troubles, and travel to a different time and space, if only for a moment. Parents can use the resources in the library to instill the love of reading in their little ones, and offer their children toys to play

with. Children's programs are free for them to enjoy.

When you are poor and struggling, free can be the hope that makes the difference. I encourage you to create a Partnership with your local library to sponsor a program, donate funds, volunteer with the "Strong Start to Reading" program. Purchase through the MD-A "Read and Rise" program, a partnership between Schools and Lions. You can make a difference, in the lives of future generations!

The St. Marys Lions, and the Stratford Lions, recently partnered with the Stratford Public Library to help teens achieve their volunteer hours. It is a win-win situation, kids get their needed hours, learn about the needs in the community, and the Lions contribute help, and/or funds for the needed materials, and the library puts the Lions logo on its flyers and ads pertaining to the program.

submitted by PDG Karen McNeight



Ancaster Lions

The Lions of Ancaster continue with their efforts to serve their community and elsewhere. Recently they made a donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada to finance the acquisition and training of an Autism Assistance Dog Guide.



Newburgh-Camden

In January the Newburgh-Camden Lions donated \$3,500 to the Lennox & Addington County General Hospital. This money will be put toward the hospital's IV pump replacement fund. The Chair of the Lennox & Addington County General Hospital Foundation, Robert Hough (back row left) accepted the donation.



North Oshawa Lions

Marian Timmerman from Durham Region Hospice was the guest speaker at our Jan. 9th North Oshawa Lions Club dinner meeting. A donation was given to assist in building the Durham Region hospice facility in Clarington near Newcastle which will provide 9 beds to serve those who are facing a palliative diagnosis.



Nobleton Lions

At a recent meeting of the Nobleton Lions Club, Sandra Agayby of the Mackenzie Health Foundation gave a presentation on the status of the new hospital campus under construction at Jane Street and Major Mackenzie Drive in York region. It is slated to open in late 2020 and is considered to be Canada's first "smart" hospital. Here she receives a donation for that project from Past President **Earl Groombridge** and Secretary **Doug Sutherland**.



Thamesford Lions

Once again this year, Thamesford Lions partnered with the local Royal Bank, Tim Hortons and Thamesford Public School grade 8 students for our annual Christmas Kettles collection project. A total of \$1887 was collected and sent to the Ingersoll & District InterChurch Christmas Hampers program. These funds helped provide those families in our area some extra help this past holiday season. We were also pleased, once again, to collect and deliver the food & gift hampers.



New Liskeard Lions

Keeping patients and their families in the North close to home is vital for their well being and recovery. Services in Northern Ontarian Communities are often overlooked and underfunded, but the Lions Temiskaming Hospital Foundation received a boost from the New Liskeard Lions. They delivered a cheque that represents a semi-annual commitment by the Lions. The Lions donate \$12,000 each year to the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation and have pledged \$60,000 to be donated within 5 years. A big Lions Roar to all those involved.



L to R: Lion James, Diana from RBC, Lion Jeff, Tim from Tim Hortons, Lion Sheldon & Lion Chief Burton

L to R: Lions Manju Dangalle, Richard Males, Eric Campsall, Mike Baker, Ron Sutton and Alf O'Reilly representing New Liskeard Lions Club and Temiskaming Hospital Foundation

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June 6, 2020, 5:30 pm

Ancaster Lions Club
Working in support of the community since 1945

75TH
ANNIVERSARY GALA

Saturday, October 24, 2020
DOORS OPEN: 5:30pm • DINNER: 7:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER: LION TOM GORDON, PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
TOUR OF MUSEUM • HAMILTON POLICE FEMALE CHOIR
SILENT AUCTION • 50/50 DRAW
RAFFLE (VINTAGE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT) • DJ • CASH BAR

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Lion Jack Graydon - Obituary

On Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 Lion Jack, Chair of Lions Homes for Deaf People died, heartbroken after the passing of his beloved Iris only 17 days before.

Jack became Chair of Lions Homes for Deaf People in 1969 and served in that capacity for forty-seven years until 2017. He oversaw the committee from its humble beginnings in the late 60's as the "Farm Home for the Deaf" in Milton near the Ontario School for the Deaf.

It was in those early years, as a young teacher of the deaf, that I met Lion Jack and joined him as my friend, confidant, leader and partner in service for people who are deaf. Homes for deaf children followed in Georgetown, Belleville, London and Ottawa. A multi-million dollar facility was built in Sudbury to serve people in Northern Ontario.

Following those accomplishments, the first Lions Home for People who were deaf blind in Brantford was built, a second home to replace the original apartment building and the then Lions Mercel and

Lion Martins homes in London. In recognition of his exemplary service Lions Graydon Home was established in 2016. In addition to all of the above, a nurses' residence and hospital was built at the Ontario Camp for the Deaf. Numerous projects for the Canadian Hearing Society and programs in Ottawa for Total Communication Environment were established.

In 2016 Lion Jack was recognized by Lions Club International as the recipient of the Lion Recognition Award. He was only the second Canadian to have ever been a recipient of this award, "recognizing global humanitarian service and mission to others".

As a personal friend, board member, mentor and Lion, Jack and I were close. Over those forty-seven years, board membership changed many times. However, Jack and I were the constant, a team with a love for serving people who are deaf, deaf blind and deaf with multiple disabilities.

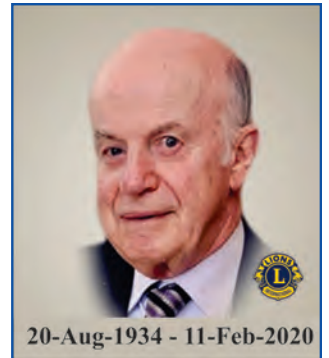
With the financial support of Lions, Lioness and Leos of Multiple District 'A' and recognition by Governors' Council every year as a committee of

MD 'A', all of this became possible. One can only wonder about the hundreds, no thousands of individuals who have enjoyed a better quality of life, a home with loving, caring parents, a camp, extensive audiological and social services by the Canadian Hearing Society, a home for retirement and a life of inclusion.

Rest in peace Lion Jack. Your life and service with integrity was impeccable.

Grief is the price we pay for having loved someone.

Lion Gary Martins



Lions Club of Sweaburg and District

ZERO WASTE FISH FRY

For many years now, the Lions Club of Sweaburg & District has held a fish fry. The profits (usually around \$6,000) are divided equally between the club and the Sweaburg United Church. The amount given to the church is to cover the rental cost of any group wishing to use the church during the year (eg. minor ball registration, our club meetings, Parks and Rec meetings). We serve about 500 paying customers and 40-50 volunteers.

For many years the event has generated a large trailer full of "garbage" that goes to the landfill. In 2017, any recyclable items were removed. It was suggested that we try to make it a Zero Waste event. We were able to borrow plastic dishes, cutlery, and cups from an organization in Ingersoll called Transition to Less Waste. The cost was a donation. They suggested an amount of \$50. They did not have enough cutlery or dessert plates, so it was suggested that they buy them and our club would pay for them as our donation. The bill was about \$200.

We removed all garbage cans from the pavillion. There was a station to receive dirty dishes, cutlery, and cups. Food waste and napkins were scraped into tubs. The food waste (40 - 50kg) was taken to a nearby farm where it was feed into a methane digester and the gas was used to operate two generators. Those generators produced electricity for the farm to use and any excess was sold to Ontario Hydro.

We did end up with 1/3 of a bag of garbage, but certainly not the trailer load we

had accumulated in previous years. The patrons were quite pleased with what we are doing. The County supplied us with large recycling bins for the cardboard tins, and recyclable containers.

Looking forward to next year's event.



Angus Glen Lions Club

2nd Annual Badminton Tournament

It was an exciting day on November 24th, 2019 for the Angus Glen Lions Club. 12 teams of badminton players participated in our 2nd Annual Badminton Tournament - a club service project to promote an active lifestyle to the community and to raise funds for our Club.

Each team consisted of mixed men and women. The morning session was for the round robin games. The first two teams at each group moved on to the elimination rounds in the afternoon. It was a fun event for both the participants and the Lions. IPDG **JC Lagrange** was there to support us on the day! Thank you for the support and participation from all the players and the volunteers!

1st place - Toronto Eagles; 2nd place - Hit It Non-Stop; 3rd place - Fresh off the Court.

See you next year!



Woolwich Community Lions Club



The Woolwich Community Lions Club of District A15 has completed the “We Care Kits” service project for homeless youth from our area. Upwards of 225 kits consisting of hygiene products, warm wearable items, bags of clothes and bathroom items were delivered to oneRoof Youth Centre in Kitchener. It was

a result of an effort by the community and businesses in the area and the members of the Woolwich Community Lions.

The Lions assembled the kits and looked after the delivery. The youth can be now be kept warm and cared for during the winter. Many hands and great hearts have achieved this service project.

Where there’s a need there’s a Lion!

We Serve - We Care - We Are Lions!

Buckingham Lions

For the past 12 years the Buckingham Lions Club have been a proud sponsor of an annual event to support those residents who are alone in our community. People alone at Christmas in Buckingham sector of Gatineau have enjoyed a free dinner paired with an evening of entertainment. It’s a tradition started by Lion **Émilie Barrette** and supported by volunteers. “At the time, I worked as a waitress in a restaurant, and some people mentioned that they were alone at Christmas,” said Barrette at last night’s dinner. “I said to myself, why not do this in a slightly warmer atmosphere?”

The first dinner she held had 12 attendees but that has grown with time. Barrette isn’t without help, either. Volunteers **Johanne Hamel** and **Carl Fontaine** started cooking at 5.30 a.m. to be able to accomplish their gigantic task of welcoming 170 guests.

“We have families who come, families who also come who may not have the resources to pay for a big Christmas meal,” Barrette told Radio-Canada in a French-language interview. The small team takes care of the kitchen, setting up the room, and even picking up people who have no means of transport.

“It’s really a beautiful evening,” said Émilie Bélanger, another attendee. “People have fun and maybe they come out with a little lighter heart.”

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Au cours des 12 dernières années, le Buckingham Lions Club a été un fier commanditaire de cet événement annuel pour soutenir les résidents qui sont seuls dans notre communauté. Les gens seuls à Noël dans le secteur Buckingham de Gatineau ont profité d’un dîner gratuit jumelé à une soirée de divertissement. C’est une tradition initiée par Lion **Émilie Barrette** et soutenue par des bénévoles.

“À l’époque, je travaillais comme serveuse dans un restaurant, et certaines personnes ont mentionné qu’elles étaient seules à Noël”, a déclaré Barrette lors du dîner d’hier soir. “Je me suis dit, pourquoi ne pas faire ça dans une atmosphère un peu plus chaude?”

Le premier dîner qu’elle a organisé avait 12 participants, mais cela a grandi avec le temps. Barrette n’est pas sans aide non plus. Les bénévoles Johanne Hamel et Carl Fontaine ont commencé à cuisiner à 5h30 du matin pour pouvoir accomplir leur gigantesque tâche d’accueillir 170 invités.

“Nous avons des familles qui viennent, des familles qui viennent aussi qui n’ont peut-être pas les ressources pour payer un gros repas de Noël”, a déclaré Barrette à Radio-Canada dans une entrevue en français. La petite équipe s’occupe de la cuisine, de l’aménagement de la salle et même de la prise en charge des personnes sans moyen de transport. “C’est vraiment une belle soirée”, a déclaré Émilie Bélanger, une autre participante. “Les gens s’amusent et peut-être qu’ils sortent avec un petit cœur plus léger.”

Guelpth Lions Club 75 Years

Saturday April 18 2020

Come celebrate with us

75 years of Lions in the City of Guelpth

Price of a 5 course meal - donation only to Campaign 100

To celebrate 75 years the Guelpth Lions Club will be matching a total of donations up to \$7,500



Place: The Guelpth Country Club
133 Woodlawn Rd E,
Guelpth, ON N1E 7H9

Time: 6:00-7:00 Reception
7:00 Dinner

Dress Code: Business Casual

In addition to a fabulous buffet dinner, guests will be treated to an animated history of the Club, current programs and a peek into the future.

The Fine Print

Donations to be in a sealed envelope that are brought to the event
Donations can be paid by email transfer, info@guelphlionsclub.org
LCIF Charitable Tax Receipts will be provided
(Cheques payable to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF)
Seating is limited to 95 people. Please RSVP by April 11
info@guelphlionsclub.org or 519-341-3575

Frankford Lions

The Frankford Lions with the support of the local Foodland and local Firefighters worked to collect food for their annual "Fill The Boat" to help feed families in the community in time for Christmas. The results of their efforts are shown being made ready for distribution.

The club also had a significant occasion as Lion **Barb Kushner** celebrated 90 years of age and 20 years a Frankford Lion.



L to R: Firefighters, with Lion President Jana Westlake, Lion Helen Scott and Lion Dave Sherk

Odessa Lions Christmas Food Drive

In conjunction with Lions International Hunger Project, as in the past, we are proud to report that the Odessa Lions and our community partners were able to help many families, singles and couples in the community with turkeys, other food items, and toys this year. Many thanks to all who made donations or helped us pack and distribute the baskets. The photos certainly indicates the community support.



St. David's Lions, Chippawa Lions, Beamsville Lioness and Grimsby Lions.

"A Fantastic Effort"

In preparation for the A-2 Friendship Convention the convention committee challenged district clubs to host an "EH 2 Celebration of 100 Years of Service" birthday party and then post party photos on Facebook. As an incentive, the clubs would compete for \$300 or \$200 charity of choice donation with the greatest number of 'likes' and 'shares'. In addition, District A-2 Lions, LEOs, Lioness Clubs and friends joined together to raise \$75,000 in less than 6 months to support a 'Teen Zone' at Hamilton McMaster Children's Hospital pediatric cancer clinic.

A-2's funds were matched by our Lions Clubs International Foundation and on March 28th District Governor **Steve Burrows** will present McMaster representative Parker Neale with District A-2's donation of \$150,000 for the construction of the A-2 Lions "MacKids Teen Zone" at McMaster Children's Hospital.

Well Done Lions!



Toronto Global Telugu

Toronto Global Telugu Lions Club are twinned with the Palakol Lions Club of India. Over the past few years they have assisted the community of their twinned club with financial help to provide for the establishing of several initiatives.

A clean water plant was constructed with the help of the Toronto Club and the Palakol Lions, other local trusts and other Lions Clubs in the area. The facility provides clean drinking water for people in Palakol and the surrounding villages.

The club completed a service project whereby they assisted with the donation of slippers for all the students from Anganwadi age 1 kids to Grade 7 students at Lakshmi Palem Village and Gangadapalm Villages.

We also donated the cost of entire Digital Class Room setup to Lakshmi Palem School to help students with better digital learning tools to learn and study using the information Technology latest trends.



Diabetes Expo

Fergus, Elora, Belwood and District and the Ariss and Maryhill Lions

On Sunday November 24, 2019, the 4 Lions Clubs in the Township of Centre Wellington, Ontario (**Ariss-Maryhill, Belwood and District, Elora and Fergus**) jointly organized and sponsored a Diabetes and Lifestyle Expo at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex. The Diabetes Educators from Groves Memorial Hospital (Fergus) and North Wellington Health Team (representing both Palmerston and Louise Marshall Hospitals) partnered with the Lions to provide the necessary medical expertise for the Expo. Also joining the partnership were Diabetes Canada, Upper Grand Family Health team, all 10 local Pharmacists, local foot specialists and chiropodists, optometrists and hearing specialists, dietitians from both the hospital and Loblaw's Zehr's market in Fergus, the March of

Dimes – Patient Services, and local businesses. Abbott Pharmaceuticals also joined the expanding team, and provided on-site education seminars showcasing their Freestyle Libre digital blood glucose monitors (now with ODB certification).

District A15 Diabetes Awareness Chair and event coordinator, Lion Brian Martin said it was gratifying to see the four Lions Clubs working in unison to not only provide a venue for medical professionals and diabetes educators to provide education and advice, but to also give back to the Community a free forum in which the Public could meet and receive this education and advice.

The event was well received by both the Public and the presenters. Plans are in the works to make this an annual event.



FOOT CARE



DIETICIAN



HEALTH TEAM



**Councillor Neil Drummon
at the Lions/LFC booth with
A15 D.G Tracey Robinson
& Fergus Club President
Margaret Murray**

Orangeville Lions

In January Orangeville Lions Club President, **Steve Warren**, presented a cheque for \$8600.00 to District A-9 Campaign 100 Coordinator PDG **Wally Pugh**. An additional donation of \$200 for LCIF was made as an expression of thanks to visiting Zone Chairman PDG **Andy Klonkowski**.

Orangeville Lions Club members have made personal donations to a total of \$2400.00 towards Campaign 100 which helped the Orangeville Lions Club reach its goal of \$11000.00.






It seems everything has an after life but perhaps not in this case. By the sound of things the MD A laptop had been hanging around since the 70's until it finally gave up the ghost. PDG Eleanor Colwell in her infinite wisdom decided to make a special presentation to C.C. Kevin Banfield to be put in the MD A Hall of Fame. We can all rest assured it will be in its proper place after Kevin turned the tables and presented the iconic item to Lion Ray Charbonneau, MD A Historian who assures us it will receive a special place in history.



WE SERVE" – LIONS GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR CNIB LAKE JOE

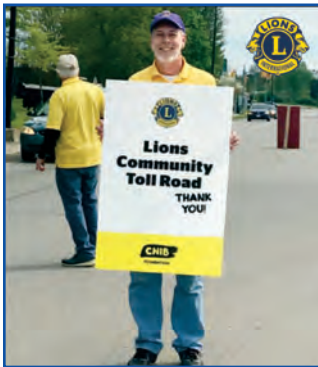
“What I love most is that I forget about my blindness. It’s the only place where I feel completely normal and have total accessibility. It is a happy place for me and my family.” Camper, CNIB Lake Joe

The Lake Joe program schedule is available at cnib.ca/lakejoe. With our Lions partners, we want to ensure everyone who would benefit from Lake Joe has an opportunity to do so. With your help, we’re removing financial barriers through highly subsidized rates and transportation programs.

GETTING THERE IS HALF THE FUN

When it comes to supporting CNIB Lake Joe, District A4 has a lot to be proud of. In 2019, the **Carleton Place, Gananoque, Perth, Smiths Falls, and Almonte** Clubs inspired their local communities to hit the road and raise more than \$22,000 through toll road events. Thank you!

“This type of fundraiser is a no brainer,” states Lion **Mark Nelligan, Gananoque Lions**. “Running a toll road is simple. In four hours, our club usually raises \$4,000. That’s \$1,000/hour!” You just need a group of volunteers (Mark suggests eight Lions per 2-hour shift), signage and buckets to collect the cash. CNIB takes care of the rest (e.g. permits, marketing and communications). “We are so grateful to the Lions, Knights of the Blind, who embody the motto ‘We Serve’,” says Monique Pilkington, Executive Director, CNIB Lake Joe.



Lion Mark Nelligan, Gananoque Lions, supporting the Toll Road on King Street, Gananoque

FULL SPEED AHEAD. LIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Across Ontario: Assist campers and families who are traveling to CNIB Lake Joe by helping to guide them to pick-up locations.

At CNIB Lake Joe: Provide sighted guide for campers during excursions or stay at the camp to volunteer with guest services, site clean-up, the tuck shop and more! We also need special event volunteers to help us throw the party of the summer at our big CNIB Muskoka: Back to the 80s fundraiser on

LAKE JOE IS STILL “GOING STRONG”

Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Crossing the finish line. The award goes to...

Each year, CNIB is pleased to present awards to the highest performing clubs and districts in Lions MD-A:

The **Club of the Year Awards** recognize the Club in each District that raises the most funds in support of CNIB each year. CNIB congratulates the top 11 (there was a tie in A4) for their fundraising prowess in 2019.

2019 Club of the Year Award Recipients

A1 - **Windsor**, A2 - **Tillsonburg**, A3 - **Kingston**, A4 - **Carleton Place**, A4 - **Gananoque**, A5 - **Minnow Lake**, A16 - **King City**, A711 - **Mississauga Central**, A15 - **Fergus**, A9 - **Sable Beach & District**, A12 - **Wasaga Beach**

The **District of the Year Award** honours the District that raises the most funds in support of CNIB each year - it is presented each year at the MDA Convention. In 2019, **District A2** took top honours. The 2020 District of the Year Award will be announced at the MDA Convention in May.

Lions have an opportunity to recognize community members and deserving individuals in their Club with

these two prestigious awards:

The **CNIB Colonel Baker Award** honours someone demonstrating exceptional community involvement with a passion to change what it is to be blind today. Last year, Lion **Bill MacKenzie**, Chair, Sight Conservation Committee and Co-Chair, CNIB/MDA Lions Committee, was delighted to be one of the first recipients of this award, exclaiming “I was honoured to receive this award and will continue to champion the Lions fundraising for Lake Joe, to assist the visually impaired, as was asked of us by Helen Keller.”

The **Knigh of Lake Joe Award** recognizes a Lion who demonstrates a passion for CNIB Lake Joe. In 2019, eleven dedicated Lions (10 from the **Simcoe Lions Club** and one from **Mississauga Central Lions**) and three Lionesses from the South Brant Lioness Club received this award.

For more information about CNIB Lake Joe, including volunteer opportunities, contact: Sherri Helsdingen, Lead, Community Engagement, Team Operations, CNIB Lake Joe at 705-241-2907, or sherri.helsdingen@cnib.ca. To support CNIB Lake

Joe or nominate someone for a CNIB award, contact: Ian Virtue, Coordinator, Community Giving, CNIB Foundation (CNIB Windsor, 4900 Wyandotte St. E., Suite 200, Windsor, ON N8Y 1H7) at 365-336-1852, or ian.virtue@cnib.ca.

There is a ton of info on the website please visit: cnib.ca/lakejoe



Gravenhurst Lions Club

Accessible playground equipment was installed at a local park by the Gravenhurst Lions Club. Mayor Kelly and Council were pleased to announce the official opening of the recently constructed, redesigned and newly named ‘Lions Lookout Park’, in recognition of the Lions Club of Gravenhurst’s community support and significant contribution to the project, which has helped to enhance the playground with numerous accessible features.



Guelph Lions

Thanks to “Print-Braille”. The books are handcrafted. Current title books are purchased, disassembled and clear plastic sheets containing the braille words are placed on top of the print page. Then, the books are re-bound. Those titles which are primarily pictures and drawing rather than words, tactile renditions are hand-crafted.

The Guelph Lions Club purchased an initial supply of 100 Print-Braille books selected by a CNIB specialist with the titles and number of copies corresponding to the make-up of the children in this area. The Club is committed to refreshing this special



lending library each year. Each child will be presented with their favourite book on their birthday.

Although the books enable parents to introduce their blind child to the joys of reading in the same fashion they do with their sighted children, they have another unique use. Lion **Jim Sanders**, a member of the Club relies on braille in his daily life. He remembers reading to their twin daughters and now to his grandchildren.

Onaping Falls Lions

The Onaping Falls Lions recently hosted one of their “special” bingos. Whenever they find a need in their community these events raise money to help with the special situation. This bingo was to help Jessica, a young woman in the Sudbury area who was born with Spina Bifida, a birth defect that occurs when the spinal cord and spine don’t properly form. In Jessica’s case, her left leg and foot are different sizes than the right. She requires expensive surgery and treatments to help her with constant pain. Thanks

to the generous bingo players, the Onaping Falls Lions were able to donate \$1,000.00 to help out. Great big roar to these caring Lions.



Lions Club of Sudbury

Although Lions have been in Canada for 100 years, Northern Ontario is celebrating as well. The Sudbury Lions were chartered in 1924 as the 1st Lions Club in the North. At the recent 95th Charter night, DG **Debra Christiansen** and special guest speaker PID **Tom Gordon** joined in the celebration and night of fellowship. The packed room included Lions from clubs in **Capreol, Azilda, Minnow Lake, North Bay, Callander, Sudbury Teachers, Walden, Valley East, Onaping Falls, Espanola, Warren & District, Sylvan Lake Alberta, Toronto and Newmarket** as well as several non-Lion guests. Entertainment for the evening was “The Blues Brothers” who graciously posed with many of the Lions including our District Governor Lion Debra. Looking forward to celebrating 100 years of Lionism and in a few years, 100 years of Lions in the North.



Forest Hill Lions

The Lions of Forest Hill continue with their excellent service projects. The club has an ongoing annual project to provide bursaries to eight schools in their district, this is done in conjunction with the Metropolitan Toronto Police 33 Division. The Bursary is chosen by each school not necessarily for the highest marks but for the student who exemplifies all the attributes of what a good student and a good person should be. Many have excelled in this profile in spite of many difficulties and many obstacles their family have, and that they are going through.

The club spearheaded a “Sight-First” program campaign with a \$10,000 donation and together with

other local Lions Clubs raised a total of \$50,000 which was matched by Lions International to start the Eye Research Institute of Canada at the Toronto Western Hospital. The club’s annual Donor Dinner is a successful fund-raiser and the last time around in excess of \$27,000.00 was raised for many charitable projects.

A conservative estimate of their accomplishments through their sixty years of existence in excess of \$3,000,000.00 has been raised and directed towards numerous community projects.

For a more complete picture go to: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/foresthill/index.php>



New Hamburg Lioness

In December, the Club donated funds needed to train an Autism Dog Guide which will make a life-changing difference to someone in their area. They help children between the ages of 3 and 12 who are on the autism spectrum. The dogs 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. This is the second dog the Club has supported, the first was for those with hearing disabilities.

Depending on the program, Dog Guides are trained to perform a set of basic skills that are useful to all handlers. However, some of their training is also tailored to meet the specific needs of their future handler. In the final stage of training, the client and the dog train and live together at the Oakville facility for two to four weeks. This helps to ensure that the new team develop a bond and prepares them for their next step, returning home.

This was a huge undertaking with the club setting aside money every year for the last four years. They

are looking forward to visiting the Oakville facility to watch our sponsored Dog Guide graduate and are hoping to have them visit a future Lioness meeting or event.

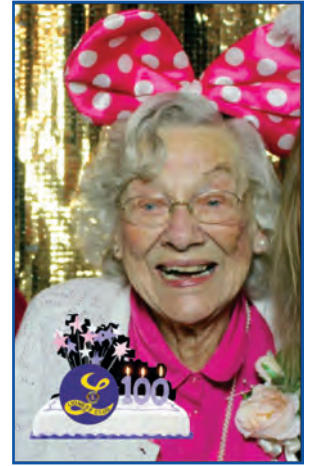


President Michele Brousseau (L) and Secretary Joan Bilinsky with appreciation plaque from Lions Foundation of Canada

Rockwood and District Lioness

"A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION"

Sytske Drijber, a longtime Lioness with the Rockwood and District club turned 100 years young recently. A celebration was held at the community centre and was sponsored by the Township of Guelph/Eramosa. Sytske still lives in her own house and manages quite well. You can see by the picture she certainly enjoyed the party.



Ferris Lions - Spreading Warmth in the North

The Ferris Lions learned of an opportunity to help a number of children in a small community in Northern Ontario this winter and they seized this opportunity. Pickle Lake is a remote community over 1,618 km from their club but that didn't stop them.

In three weeks, with the help of many people and partners in the community, the Ferris Lions were able to provide winter jackets, scarves, toques and mittens to elementary students in Pickle Lake, ON. They collected 5 hockey bags full of warm outerwear for the children including 250 pairs of mittens and gloves, 160 toques, 50 pairs of socks, 53 scarves, 11 pairs of snow pants, 20 infant snowsuits, 5 pairs of infant boots, 37 winter jackets and 300 chapsticks.

This remote community is the farthest town you can drive to by road in the north. Due to the distant from North Bay, an over 18 hour drive, a number of very dedicated Santa's helpers took on the challenge. Over a period of a week, the little

elves took turns driving from one town to the next, where the hockey bags were then passed off to the next leg of the journey. The clothing finally arrived in the school gymnasium where a grateful group of elementary children received the items.

A classic example of how when you have a determined group of Lion's members, along with fantastic partners; anything can be achieved. Whether it was the magic of Christmas or the magic of Lions, the Ferris Lions showed us all what it is to truly "Serve".



MD A Lioness of A15 and A16

Last fall at the Lioness Laugh Learn and Leadership Forum in Belleville, two Lioness members were recognized with the presentation of certificates for thirty-five years of service. Lioness **Janet Dawson Brock**, **New Hamburg Lioness** in A15 on the left and Lioness **Pat Peterson**, **Pefferlaw Lioness** in A16 on the right. The awards were presented by Past MD A Lioness President **Karen Jackson**.



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"AN INTERNATIONAL & REWARDING EXPERIENCE"

From the Desk of Past International Director Tom Gordon

As we await our Multiple District 'A' convention and the election of an International Director from Canada for the years 2021-2023, I thought it appropriate to once again thank you for electing myself and Gillian as your representatives for the years 2017-2019. International Director Allan Hunt from British Columbia and Multiple District 19 is doing a terrific job in representing our country on the International Board for 2019-2021.

Gillian and I started off with a campaign that ran from July 2015 through to the 2016 MD 'A' convention in North Bay. On the way we made many new friends and strengthened previous friendships with our fellow Lions from all over the province. Having two other distinguished and skilled candidates in that election made for a thrilling but nervous experience.

Having more than a year to wait to be inducted as an International Director gave us time to learn about the position and to prepare for our role in representing Canada on the International Board.

That we came onto the Board in the midst of our Association's Centennial celebrations added another layer of excitement! What a show in Chicago! As we heard our names announced and we walked across the stage, we heard the roar from the Canadian contingent and that really made our hearts jump.

Shortly thereafter, the convention ended, and we went to lunch with the sitting Board of Directors and the in-coming Directors. Our family joined us and we sat at a table with PIP President Kay Fukushima's widow, Denise, and her two daughters. The lunch was informal and included the exchange of banners between the Vice Presidents, President Aggarwal and Immediate Past President Corlew.

After we attended a meeting where previous Board members were thanked for their service we were welcomed onto the Board. There was a Certificate of Election on our table. We had no idea what committee we would be part of and it was with great anticipation when I was appointed to the Leadership Development committee. Then it was off to the 'International Director's Orientation' where we met the other Directors and had three days of intense instruction on our roles and procedures. We were appreciative of the year we had to prepare, and the invaluable assistance our mentors provided, PID Art Woods, PID Gil Constantini, PID Terry Graham and PID Carl Young and their spouses Carole, Ann, Jean, and Elizabeth.

And then the work began, Board meetings in Dubai, New Delhi, Miami, Las Vegas, Ojai California, Reykjavik, and Milan. Five days discussing previous policies and discussing new ones, researching efficiencies, along with new resolutions to improve the Association, and voting on them. During this time, committees meet with staff, caucuses with their department manager, meet with other committees, and

the Executive committee to discuss progress on the goals of the Association. In between there are monthly on-line meetings to give reports and receive updates from LCI staff. These are scheduled so Directors in all constitutional areas can attend, so sometimes they are in the middle of the night.

In our second year on the Board, I was asked to be the vice chairperson of the Technology committee, there was monthly on-line meetings for this group committee as well. In between, we were asked to be the International Guests at forty different District conventions and five Multiple District conventions, not counting our own conventions. We were invited to four Districts to do their Installation of Officers. We met some fantastic Lions doing incredible service projects that we don't do here, and some doing the same projects but in different ways. We saw a trend where conventions, including the International convention, are including service projects as part of the proceedings.

I had the opportunity to do training in those areas where I have some expertise and sat in on sessions where I got to benefit from the expertise of the local Lions. Gillian got to take advantage of spouse's programs and the 'touristy' types of activities those offered.

We visited places we had never been and were always treated graciously and the local Lions always had something special they wanted us to see. We saw the National Braille Institute in Boston and got to put together a Braille edition of a Shel Silverstein book. We went the Special Olympics National U.S. Softball Tournament in San Diego where Gillian became a cheerleader and I became a bat boy. We saw the Melvin Jones Memorial in Fort Thomas, Arizona where we did some service, helping out with some landscaping on the site. We witnessed the devastation of the Paradise, California wildfires. We ate 'Mushy Liver Cakes' in North Carolina and went to a party in a "Yurt" in San Diego. Tom got to swim in the Colorado River when he slipped into the river during a 'Ducky' race in Yuma, Arizona. We got to visit a 'Sensory Garden' for children with special needs in Nebraska.

There were so many other experiences that we are so grateful for that it sort of makes up for the traveling in terrible weather, the nights we spent in airports trying to reschedule flights home, and the lost luggage. Our appreciation for the breadth and scope of Lions International and the services that our members provide our communities has grown tremendously. As Dave Weinbaum said "The secret to a rich life is to have more beginnings than endings." While our experiences as International Directors is over, there are new opportunities to explore.

We are all involved in Campaign 100 to provide grants for funding our local service projects in a



bigger way than we could do on our own.

Two Districts in Canada, 5M10 in Manitoba, and A16 in Ontario, are part of the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) to explore new ways to bring in new and younger members, retain the members we have, and raise the profile of Lions Clubs in our communities.

Canada 2020 has kicked off to celebrate Canada's 100 years as a Constitutional Area of Lions Clubs International. We are planting 100,000 trees and are doing a special service project in our local Canadian communities. We were successful in getting Lions International to provide matching grants up to \$6,500.00 Canadian to put towards these projects as long as they including some publicity and marketing efforts on behalf of Lions. The first big celebration will be in Windsor on March 21st as the Club officially celebrates its 100th Charter Anniversary. We are all invited!

The second Canadian Young Lions Retreat is coming up March 20th to the 22nd in Newmarket, where young Canadian Lions, Leos and Leo Lions will discuss ways to promote young people in Lions.

Gillian and I would like to thank you all for our experiences and we know you will enjoy your service to our great Association as much as we have and we are looking forward to the future.

Gillian & Tom

Canada 100



100 years of Service in Canada

Come and learn from Multiple District "A" Historian Lion Ray Charbonneau about the history of Lionism in Canada as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. Come see rare and never-before-seen artifacts from our historical archives that showcase the pivotal role Canadian Lions play in our Association.

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IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

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

International Conventions

103rd	Singapore, Singapore	June 26 - 30, 2020
104th	Montreal, Canada	June 25 - 29, 2021
105th	New Delhi, India	July 1 - 5, 2022
106th	Boston, Massachusetts, USA	July 7 - 11, 2023
107th	Melbourne, Australia	June 21 - 25, 2024
108th	Mexico City, Mexico	July 4 - 8, 2025

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 15 - 16, 2020	Louisville, Kentucky
Sept 9 - 11, 2021	Des Moines, Iowa
Sept 15 - 17, 2022	Calgary, Alberta
Sept 14 - 16, 2023	Reno, Nevada

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting, Radisson Park Inn, Markham – February 21-22, 2020
- Council Meeting – Convention – May 1-2, 2020

District Conventions

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

MD'A' Peace Poster Winner!

This year's winner of the Peace Poster Contest for 2019-2020 is Krisha Shinde, a student of Dolphin Senior Public School, she is twelve years old and in grade seven. Her entry was submitted by the **Mississauga Central Lions Club** through the Peace Poster Chair for A7-11, PDG **Jeffery Friedman**. Krisha's poster will go on to LCI for judging in the final competition. A look at the entry illustrates it stands a good chance of winning. Her quote to go along with the poster is "A Journey of Peace begins with Inner Peace".



Chemung - Christmas Food Hampers

An annual service project for the Chemung Lake and District Lions is their Christmas Food Hampers put together by the club to be distributed to local families that require assistance. Last year was no different, with the support of the community, sponsors and a host of volunteers the club again was able to spread some Christmas cheer!



Bonfield and District Lions

Bonfield and District Lions Club hosted a free Breakfast with Santa on December 8. There were 88 children and over 100 adults that attended. A meal of pancakes and sausages, juice, tea and coffee were enjoyed by all. All the kids and even some of the adults got to sit on Santa's knee and get a goody bag and a book. There was gingerbread decorating and craft tables for the kids to enjoy. The Bonfield Lions have hosted this event for the 6 years and the community is certainly appreciative.



6 year old grandson of Lion Gary and Carol Verge, future Lion Tyler with Santa Lion Bob Dugard

Dunsford Lions

Lions know that whenever a club gets together, problems get smaller — and communities get better. Since 1982, the Dunsford and District Lions Club has been supporting neighbourhood needs through its members service and fundraising initiatives that benefit community causes.

This spring, the Lions embraced the opportunity to support breast cancer care at Ross Memorial Hospital by hosting a fundraising raffle at various Kawartha Lakes events. The club visited the Ross Memorial Hospital and made a donation and the hospital reciprocated with their thanks and a letter of appreciation.



L-R: Lions Michael Jancsik, Simon Bates, Therese Scheer, Erin Coons(RMH) and Doug Kennedy

Petrolia Lions

Last fall the Petrolia Leos invaded Heidi's "YOUR INDEPENDENT GROCER" in Petrolia and stocked up on goods for their 20th Stuff the Bus food drive for the Petrolia Food Bank and Christmas for Everyone. A big Lions Roar to Heidi Soudant for her support and also to Geoff and Paul Ainsworth for supplying the bus for us to fill. The customers made this our most successful food drive ever. The Leos again did a fantastic job.



Allen Snider

for International Director 2021 - 2023



- 38 Years a member of St. Davids & District Lions
- Club President for three terms
- District Governor 2012-2013
- District Global Membership Chair
- District Service Global Chair (current)
- MDA Convention Chair 2018-2019
- Moderator USA-Canada Forum

- Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Life Member Lions Foundation of Canada
- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow
- Helen Keller Award

- Trustee Lincoln Board of Education (9 years)
- Chair - Negotiations and Finance
- Councillor – Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (3 years)
- Committee of Adjustment, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake (Current Chair)

- Married to Lion Susan (Paramedic)
- A father and step-father, grandfather of two

Knowledgeable in all issues at Club, District, and Multiple District levels, and in the political arena. A common sense attitude, a hard worker who believes – to be a Lion is also to have fun and enjoy the companionship of fellow Lions.



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North Oshawa Lions

The District A16 Peace Poster winner from Kedron Public School was presented with her winner certificate and prize at the North Oshawa Lions Club dinner meeting on Nov. 26th. The theme for the contest was "Journey of Peace."



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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Knowlton Lions

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For more than 25 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. The theme of the 2019-20 Peace Poster Contest was "Journey to Peace". Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 by November 8th, are eligible to participate.

This year Simon Paquin's poster placed first from among 26 submissions from Knowlton Academy and St. Edouard Schools. Simon is a student at St. Edouard School. Tied for second place were Hayden Royea of Knowlton Academy and Anais Dagenais a student of St. Edouard School. The vote was extremely close and the decisions were very hard to make.

L to R: Contest winner Simon Paquin, second place winner Anais Dagenais both of St. Edouard School and Knowlton Lions Club member Meredith MacKeen



G à D : Simon Paquin, gagnant du concours, Anais Dagenais, gagnante de la deuxième place et Meredith MacKeen, membre du Club Lions de Knowlton

Chaque année, les clubs Lions du monde entier parrainent fièrement, dans les écoles et auprès de la jeunesse locale le concours international d'affiches de la paix. Ce concours encourage les jeunes de tous les pays à exprimer, à travers l'art, leur vision de la paix. Depuis sa première édition il y a plus de 25 ans, le concours a enregistré la participation de millions d'enfants originaires de près de 100 pays. Le thème du concours d'affiches de la paix 2019-20 était « Voyage vers la paix ». Ce concours est ouvert à tous les enfants âgés de 11, 12 ou 13 ans au 15 novembre.

Cette année, l'affiche de Simon Paquin s'est classée première parmi 26 soumissions de l'Académie Knowlton et de l'École Saint-Edouard. Il est étudiant à l'École Saint-Edouard. À égalité pour la deuxième place on retrouve Hayden Royea de l'Académie Knowlton et Anais Dagenais, une étudiante de l'École Saint-Edouard. Le vote était extrêmement serré et les décisions étaient très difficiles à prendre.

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**LIONS 2020
100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN CANADA**

These are truly exciting times for Canadian Lions!

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:

- Lion Carl Young
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**LETS ALL CELEBRATE!
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Athens Lions

2019 was a big year for the Athens Lions Club in Athens Ontario. They received congratulations on their fortieth year of the Farmersville Exhibition from Steve Clark MPP and the Township of Athens. The event has been the major fund raiser of the Club since its inception in 1980. They have supported community initiatives and made many benevolent contributions to those requiring assistance.

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L-R: Walter Schaafsma, Rob Layng, Tim Sargent, Blair Chant, President Kevin Barber, MPP Steve Clark, Lions John Funnell, George Tackaberry, Dave McManus and Peter VanderLinden