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Your Most Precious Resource



Dear Lions,

I believe that how you spend your free time can change you. Most of us are so busy racing through the day that it becomes easy to let those free moments slip through your fingers—whether it's aimlessly scrolling the internet or spending too much time worrying about something that is out of your control. But I believe it's crucial to be intentional about how we use our most precious resource—time.

One thing Lions all have in common is the fact that we've committed to using our free time to help others.

Over the course of my year as your International President, I have seen Lions all over the world spend their free time in pursuit of something bigger than themselves. You seek out those who need help. You see a need and meet it. And you put more than your time into your service—you put your whole heart into it.

This is what has made it so special for me. When I look back on how I spent my time this past year, I know with full certainty that it was spent well. It was spent with purpose. I used the time I have here on Earth to do something good, just as you did.

And I have you all to thank for that. I want to thank you for giving me the honor of serving you this past year, and I look forward to serving with you for many years to come.

To be a Lion is to use your time wisely. To be a Lion is to serve from the heart. Yours in service,

Douglas X. Alexander

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International President, Lions Clubs International



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Highlights of the Council of Governors' Meeting May 28, 2022 – Crown Plaza, Kitchener



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VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON 2022-2023

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Bob Beaven (A5), who was elected to be Vice Council Chairperson for the Lions Year 2022-2023. We look forward to your leadership.

INCOMING COUNCIL SECRETARY

Lion Marjorie Lewis (Gravenhurst Lions A12) has been chosen to be the Multiple District 'A' Secretary effective July 1 2022. Lion Marjorie was one of several excellent candidates who went through the selection process in March. Interviews were conducted by the Administration Committee and Council met via ZOOM to approve their recommendation. Lion Marjorie was able to attend the MD 'A' Convention to acclimatize herself to the many duties she will have at that event. We wish Lion Marjorie best wishes in her new adventure and look forward to the skills and leadership she will bring to the role.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

PDG JC LaGrange has been working diligently to bring the wording and format of the MD 'A' Constitution and By-laws to be in sync with the wording and format of the Lions Clubs International Standard Form Constitution and By-laws. Council Chairperson Elect Mark Kelso has also had input into this process.

Next year's Council will study these proposals, which will eventually go to Research and Long-Range Planning for final vetting.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

PDG Dan Sibanda was happy to report that, as of Convention, MD 'A' posted a + 53 members. As usual, we have done a great job of adding

members but have not been as successful in retaining members. At our MD 'A' Convention, 1st International Vice President Brian Sheehan urged us to have a serious look at retention. If we could welcome back 1 of every 5 members lost, we would be in great shape.

GLOBAL SERVICE

Congratulations to The Maple Lions Club (A16) who received the Kindness Matters Award this year for their electronic recycling program.

CAMPAIGN 100

This program will soon be over and huge thanks go out to all who have supported the campaign. MD 'A' is proud to have so many Model and Maple Leaf Clubs. It's not too late to make your own personal donation and push the goal over the top. Congratulations and thanks to Past District Governors Jim Rhorbach and James Johnson for their dedication and service to this campaign.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

The pandemic has had a negative impact on many of the programs, but one has been very successful. The Peace Poster Contest remained strongly supported and we are proud to post a great result. Jadyn Stickwood, sponsored by the Sunderland Lions Club (A16) was chosen # 23 in the world and received an Award of Merit for her outstanding work. Jadyn attended both the District A16 and MD 'A' Conventions where she spoke about the story behind her work. Jadyn's poster will be on display at the International Convention in Montreal.

CNIB LAKE JOE

A major fundraising campaign is currently

underway to replace the bus that is used to transport clients to Lake Joe. The goal is to raise \$80,000 so that a matching grant can be applied for. Please keep this project in mind as you wrap up this Lions Year.

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION.

The PDG Association met at Convention and passed amendments to their Constitution and By-laws. Term of office for officers has increased from one year to two years. PDG Garry Wood remains as Chairperson, PCC John Whyte as Vice Chairperson and PDG John Stewart as Secretary/Treasurer. Remember that Past District Governors remain a valuable resource and are there to assist you.

MD'A CONVENTION 2022.

Congratulations to the Kitchener Lions and the Convention Advisory Committee for putting on a great convention. It was wonderful to be able to see people again and begin to add normalcy to our operation. You set a high bar for next year's convention which will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, London May 26-28, 2023.

THANK YOU

As I wrap up my five-year term as Council Secretary, I want to thank all the members of the Lions Family of MD 'A' for their support and cooperation. Special thanks to PDG John Stewart who gave me a well organized portfolio and made my transition into the role so much easier. And thank you to all the leaders with whom I have had the pleasure of serving.

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

MDA CONVENTION

“AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER”



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**DG Renee Devenny
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Lion Jim Devenny
(Couldn't Resist
This One!)**

Another great MD'A' Convention with three days of fun and valuable information.

The convention was hosted by the Lions Club of Kitchener and Council Chair Lion **Dan Armstrong** and coordinated by the most organized Lion in the convention business, Lion **O.J. Wilura**. The M.C was PCC **John Whyte** with great support from PID **Tom Gordon**. They did a masterful job.

The banquet on Saturday was great although the roast beef could have been a little more tender. International Director **Allan Snider** and Lion **Susan Snider** were on hand to enhance the International flavour of the convention. The Youth Luncheon, as always, was entertaining and informative. Jady N Stickwood, the MD'A' Peace Poster contest winner was on hand and did a great job of getting her message across to those in attendance.

Council Chair, Lion Dan had a contingent of support with the presence of “Team Armstrong” who made their feelings known with a visual and vocal display.

Great entertainment Saturday night with a local

band “Group Therapy and the OCD Horns” who provided great music and vocals and got a big crowd up on the dance floor.

Many, many members provided great entertainment and fellowship over the weekend but it was impossible to outshine what our International Guests, Lions Club International. 1st Vice President **Brian Sheehan** and his lovely wife, Lion **Lori** provided. Lion Brian gave a motivational speech that was second to none. He gave a presentation that was outstanding and received a standing ovation. Your editor has been a Lion for over thirty-three years and has had the opportunity to witness and enjoy numerous quality presentations but this was over the top; in a word “Fantastic”.

There are photos on this page have been provided by two of our District Governor Elects – Lion **Susan Tunncliffe** from A4 and Lion **Bob Beaven** A5. They are to be thanked for their contributions. Their total photo collection is posted on the MD'A' website and can be accessed using the attached QR code or this URL <https://tinyurl.com/48d5kert>.

There were many awards given out over the weekend, photos are in the package on the website, we will get the recipient's names organized in the near future.

The entire weekend was very successful and wrapped up on Sunday with a wonderful service for our deceased members, led by PID **Art Woods**.

For more information about the Regional Conventions, go to pages 13 - 22.

Also, look for a message from our outgoing Council Secretary - Lion David Mills - on the last page.



District A5 Leadership

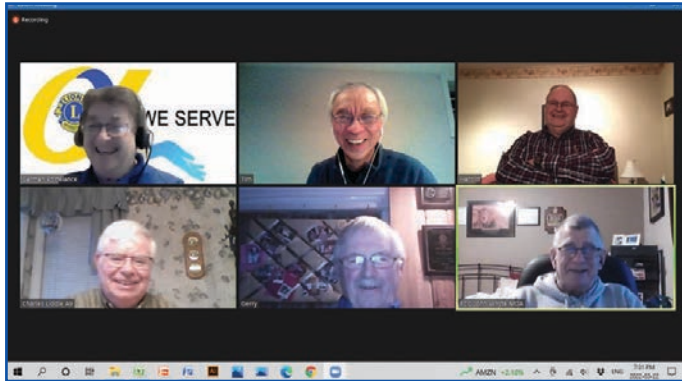
District A5 made history recently, normally the Leadership Training Course is held each year at MDA for the districts. One or two Lions from each district attend to learn more about Lionism and how to be a more effective leader.

This year, District Governor Lion **Carmen**

Portelance approached MDA with a different idea, to have a Regional Lions Leadership Institute by zoom for the members of District A5. So for two Saturdays in April, Lions met by zoom to learn more about becoming a leader and about each other. With attendance of twenty-five Lions from

across Northern Ontario plus the trainers, it was a successful session and a first for MD'A'. It featured group training and break-out rooms.

Thank you to PCC **Tim Cheung** and his team for putting this together.



Kingsville Lions – ACE: Action for Climate Empowerment Art Competition

In late fall 2021, shortly after the Kingsville Lions Club Environment Committee decided to organize an art contest for local students, committee member Lion **Joe Gibson**, happened upon an international competition which had originated in Spain in 2019. This provided an excellent template for the eventual contest structure.

When the Lions Environment Committee approached Christine Goodchild, head of the Department of Arts and Humanities at Kingsville

District High School, she readily embraced the art competition concept. Once all the details were worked out, the Kingsville Lions Board of Directors gave their approval, as did the high school principal, Mr. Bill Toews.

In early February 2022 the competition launched with the theme, “Climate Change: Solutions”. Students from grades 9 through 12 were invited to enter. Several teachers were inspired to incorporate the theme within their curriculum subjects, including Art, Civics, Science, and English. Some students opted

to participate independently. Over 160 students became involved in creating artwork.

By the contest submission day, March 22, 2022, over 75 students formally entered their art pieces for judging, by internationally renowned artist, Ronald Suchiu.

The original prize board of \$2000 was raised through generous donations from friends of Kingsville Lions Club. When it grew to \$2900, Lions were delighted to add another award category.



Awards were presented on Earth Day, April 22nd. Grand Champion: Madeline Waldon; 1st Runner-up: Vanessa Andrade; 2nd Runner-up: Lily Holmes



Honourable Mention: Olivia Gabriele, Grace Anzovino, Felicia Vickery



Thirty years ago, I was helping my husband create materials to promote Lions Clubs International Foundation's first fundraising campaign, SightFirst. It was during this time that I realized

I wanted to be part of Lions; part of something bigger and on an international scale. It is my honor to serve alongside my fellow Lions. Now, as I pen this letter closing out my second year as LCIF Chairperson, I am also extremely proud to have been part of the foundation's most historic campaign to date: Campaign 100.

The last two years have been like no other. When I began my role as LCIF chairperson in 2019, I imagined a full year of travels, visiting Lions and LCIF-funded projects throughout the world. As we well know, the pandemic drastically changed all our plans. But it provided a great opportunity to showcase our resilience, tenacity, and creativity to do what Lions do best—serve.

As chairperson, I am often asked: "Of the projects you visited, which is your favorite?" The honest answer?

Every project I had the good fortune of witnessing is my favorite.

Every project I heard about is my favorite.

Every project planned for the future is my favorite.

That's because all projects change our communities for the better.

I know for many life is still difficult, and some may be worried about the future of serving our communities. This is exactly why LCIF is so important. We will emerge from this pandemic, and our service to our world must continue. LCIF, our global foundation, is there to magnify hope for those in need.

To Lions, partners, and friends of LCIF who showed such tremendous support this year, thank you for ensuring LCIF can continue empowering those serving to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and protect the vulnerable. And to all, I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as LCIF chairperson for two years.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International
Foundation



Campaign 100: Empowering Service

The largest capital fundraising campaign in Foundation history launched in July 2017 with a goal to raise US\$300 million by June 2022.

Campaign 100 will enable the Foundation to empower the service of Lions for generations to come. As they have since 2017, Past International Presidents Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada and J. Frank Moore III continue to lead the campaign at the international level as chairperson and vice chairperson, respectively.

The Need Continues

Fiscal year 2020-2021 began amid the COVID-19 pandemic and with prior year fundraising challenges continuing. Also underscoring the ongoing need for Campaign 100 were global issues beyond the pandemic. Natural disasters came like clockwork. Childhood cancers were diagnosed. Diabetes challenges continued, as did food insecurity, eye disease, environmental concerns, and issues facing youth.

With a focus on Lions' and Leos' ability to serve more meaningfully in both the near-term and coming decades, Campaign 100 will continue to: increase service impact, support the fight against diabetes, and advance global causes.

Enjoy a selection of stories from around the world from the 2020-2021 LCIF Annual Report. The impact featured in these stories is made possible from all the generous donations. To read all of this year's stories, plus grant information, and more campaign updates, visit lionsclubs.org/ Responsibility for the digital LCIF Annual Report.

Providing Relief During Disaster

In 2020, the global health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was enough for anyone to bear. For some residents of Central America, it was only half the battle.

In early November 2020, Category 4 Hurricane Eta devastated parts of Central America. With torrential rainfall, winds peaking at 150 miles per hour, and catastrophic flooding, Eta was the most intense November Atlantic hurricane since 1932. That distinction, however, was not to last. Just two weeks after Eta wreaked havoc on the area, deadly Hurricane Iota made its way to land, sending residents into further despair.

Hurricanes Eta and Iota took hundreds of lives while leaving in their wake billions of dollars in damage. As they bore the weight of a deadly virus, children and families surviving the natural disasters were forced to battle more unfathomable challenges. Lions were there with storm victims in Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, and Honduras, delivering comfort and care. There with Lions was LCIF, providing US\$80,000 in Disaster grants for life-sustaining food, water tanks, cooktops, roof coverings, blankets, and cleaning supplies.



Navigating Diabetes at Camp Koala

Along Australia's southwest coast, just outside Melbourne, is beautiful Camp Wyuna, which each year provides fun in the sun for thousands of youth. Twenty-one of those, each with type 1 diabetes, had a unique camp experience thanks to Lions and LCIF.

With a US\$10,499 LCIF Diabetes grant, and in partnership with Australia-based Type1 Foundation, which connects medical practitioners and educators to newly diagnosed families, Lions facilitated Camp Koala. The camp helped teens

learn to manage their disease through classes on diet, insulin and glucose level management, and healthy lifestyle. Aware of challenges often accompanying adolescence, Lions also ensured the seven-day camp stressed independence, self-esteem, and emotional wellbeing, tapping six Type1 Foundation mentors – young adults with diabetes – to interact with campers peer-to-peer.

To further enhance the weeklong experience, campers also enjoyed activities including laser tag, a boat cruise, and adventure park exploration.

Said one Camp Koala participant, “I’ve met so many amazing people and friends. I’m so grateful I had the chance to attend. I can’t say thank you enough.”

Planting Hope for a Healthier World

With an eye to a healthier future for their community, themselves, and generations to come, Leos in Brescia Province of Italy took action to improve the city of Chiari and the health and wellbeing of those in the area – human and wildlife alike. Together, the young humanitarians created a tranquil forest to reduce smog and provide a peaceful and lush area for recreation and physical activity.

With a US\$2,500 LCIF Leo Service grant, and in collaboration with Lions and experts from the city’s agricultural institute, Leos designed the forest, selected the sapling provider, and determined tree species compatible with the local climate and terrain. Within three months of receiving grant approval, 35 Leos and Lions had planted the new, sustainable Leo and Lion Forest, 100 new trees breathing fresh air and hope into the city.

Generations to come will benefit from the forest, which serves as inspiration for other communities to be good stewards of the environment. Leos continue collaborating with Lions and the local municipality to raise additional funds to ensure project sustainability.



Feeding Souls in Seoul

Loved ones hospitalized. Lives lost. Milestone moments missed. Some devastation wrought by COVID-19 is easily quantified, readily apparent. Look deeper, however, and you find the less obvious fallout. That is exactly what Lions in Korea did, uncovering an unexpected consequence of the pandemic. A community desperate for food, no means to access it, and starved for emotional connection as well.

With the pandemic’s rise and lockdowns in place, homeless and seniors living near Seoul’s major rail station and in nearby jjokbang villages— areas of tiny one-room residences in low-income neighborhoods— were unable to travel to access free meal service. Compounding the problem? Volunteers normally delivering lifelines of food and companionship to the area’s most vulnerable rarely arrived. Quite literally, residents were starving.

Learning of the crises, Lions mobilized, using US\$7,058 in LCIF District and Club Community Impact grant funds to create boxed meals. In collaboration with, and sponsorship from, various local organizations, Lions sourced food for 500 meals, cooking, packaging, then delivering nourishing boxed lunches—and hope—to those in desperate need.



Identifying Needs, Delivering Solutions

Under the best of circumstances, waiting months for a child’s medical appointment can be frustrating. Enduring the actual visit evokes anxiety as well. During a pandemic, apprehension only compounds.

Serving a five-state area in the United States, the Minnesota Lions Children’s Hearing and ENT Clinic (LCHC) is a leader in diagnosing and treating children with ear, nose, and throat disorders.

Since opening roughly a decade ago, the clinic has seen audiology exam demand rise 20 percent. The challenge? Significantly longer wait times for appointments. The solution? LCIF and Lions.

With a US\$15,980 LCIF Matching grant, Lions purchased an additional sound booth and accompanying audiology equipment, expanding

the clinic’s capacity to serve an additional 1,000 patients annually, reducing appointment wait times, and providing a safer environment during the pandemic.

“This technology allows us to assess...in a fraction of the time it took with older technology,” said one LCHC audiologist. “With young children, having technology to check hearing devices, test hearing, and assess benefit all in one location – not switching rooms mid-appointment – makes a world of difference. And with increased infection control procedures needed due to COVID-19, our team is able to be more efficient with cleaning.”



Educating Future Educators

Social and emotional skills, knowledge, and attitudes are critical in both the classroom and in life. Helping students worldwide better navigate challenges in school, at home, and in the community is Lions Quest, LCIF’s premier social and emotional learning (SEL) program fostering schoolchildren’s ability to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy, build positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Also critical to students’ social and emotional growth are teachers with their own highly developed and practiced SEL skills.

Recognizing the importance of SEL to its country’s future, Canada’s University of Lethbridge Faculty of Education ensured that more than 160 university students completing practicum coursework had access to Lions Quest SEL resources and lessons. The goal? Ensure future educators gain new SEL skills and knowledge to better support students’ social and emotional development, during elementary school teaching practicum experiences and beyond.



“Next generation teachers must keep students’ social and emotional development top of mind,” said Lion Lucy Johnson, Canada’s District C-2 Lions Quest chairperson and a sessional seminar instructor at the university. “Well-adjusted and emotionally secure students are our country’s and the world’s path forward. Our future depends on our ability to develop these traits in students, and Lions Quest is imperative to helping children cope with academic and social stresses in school, at home, and as they make their way in the world.”

Peace and Playtime for Children Battling Cancer

Fortunately, most youth will never experience the physical and emotional toll childhood cancer takes. Nor will their parents and families. Yet childhood cancer is the reality for many, including those seeking to regain health and set lives back on course at Taipei Medical University Hospital’s Cancer Center.

To better serve pediatric cancer patients and families from Taipei and nearby areas, and to prepare for an expected increase in patients in the next five years, the Center constructed a new building. Though filled with advanced medical equipment and systems, something was missing. The new facility lacked a special space where young patients could leave cancer behind and enter a universe dedicated solely to the joys of childhood.

Recognizing a need to heal both body and mind, Lions applied US\$150,000 in LCIF Childhood Cancer grant funds, as well as US\$220,000 raised locally, to help construct a child-focused area within Taipei Cancer Center’s new building. The space, which includes a playground, reading area, and multimedia equipment, helps young patients’ imaginations and spirits soar and parents and caretakers set aside worry and stress wrought by a devastating childhood disease.

a US\$606,667 LCIF SightFirst grant, Lions in Zambia and local partners began a five-year endeavor to expand access to primary eye care and cataract surgical services in southern Luapula. Grant funds are helping renovate and equip primary eye units, build human resource capacity, and establish a mobile outreach program.

In year one, LCIF grant funds have been instrumental in training community health workers to identify cases of cataract; screening nearly 19,000 residents for various eye conditions; and delivering more than 250 cataract surgeries to improve or restore sight.

Expanding Access to Eye Care

In Zambia, the prevalence of blindness among all age groups is estimated to be 1 percent, meaning in the southern Luapula province approximately 7,400 people are blind. According to Zambia’s Ministry of Health, more than 80 percent of all cases of blindness in the country are preventable, treatable, curable. Why then the devastating rate of blindness? The answer lies in historically limited eye disease identification and eye care treatment.

With a goal to reduce avoidable blindness a staggering 51 percent before 2025, and with



Since 1968, LCIF has funded global humanitarian service, deepening Lions’ and Leos’ commitment to both those in great need and their communities. Visit LCIF.org to learn more about how together, we continue to magnify hope.

Aldershot Lions Hit The Streets

The Burlington Aldershot Lions Club took to the streets to celebrate Earth Day earlier this year. The April event saw a team of members chasing down the litter along Aldershot’s main street. It was an adventure. Among the trash we found a wallet, a wheel and a dead squirrel. A fun time for all and a bit of support for our environment. Thanks to Lion *Sonja Guillett* for leading our team.



by Elizabeth Edwards

More than 30 years ago, Trustee Aruna Abhey Oswal joined her local Lions club in Mumbai, India. As a humanitarian and changemaker, she wanted to expand her service globally to help create a better world and empower others.

Early on, Trustee Oswal established herself as a trailblazer within the Lions Clubs by becoming the first woman president of the Lions Club of Juhu and the first woman district governor of District 323A in India. She also served as multiple district coordinator for LCIF's Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF multiple district coordinator, international director, and trustee of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Now in 2022, Trustee Oswal reflects on helping thousands of families by supporting global projects including vision, Special Olympics, childhood cancer, and women's empowerment. With every project, she hopes to bring tears of joy to families and create a better life for others.



Shri Abhey Oswal and Aruna Oswal

To magnify her impact, Trustee Oswal created a foundation, the Aruna Abhey Oswal Trust, with her late husband, Shri Abhey Oswal. In partnership with her foundation and LCIF, recent projects include a pediatric care center in Paraguay, an all-inclusive playground at the childhood cancer ward in Malawi, and a new ophthalmology wing in India, to name a few.

In celebration of the end of the Campaign 100 and International Women's Day last month, Trustee Oswal reflected with LCIF on her commitment to the organization, the importance of Campaign 100, and how she empowers women throughout the world.

Q: In 1989, you decided to join the Lions Club. Why did you start volunteering as a Lion?

Trustee Oswal: We are all human beings, and we wanted to do something good for society, not only in India, but Mr. Oswal wanted to serve

globally. In my service journey, Mr. Oswal played a very important role to help provide the resources and platform where I can go and serve the community at large. We chose LCIF because we wanted to reach our fellow man and expand our global impact.

Q: Why is Campaign 100 so important for the future of the organization? Why do you think it is important to inspire gifts to LCIF and the campaign, no matter the size?

Trustee Oswal: Campaign 100 will give us the ability to support service for years to come, and this is so important for LCIF. Success in reaching our campaign goal is going to happen with the involvement of our Lions. Our Lions should feel like they are part of the campaign, and part of this success story. I never tell Lions to donate thousands and thousands of dollars. I always tell them to start with small amounts because every drop fills the ocean.

Q: As a trailblazer, why do you think it is important to inspire women members to participate and give to the Lions Club?

Trustee Oswal: I always tell women at the Lions Club that we have great examples in front of us from Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir and International Second Vice President Dr. Patti Hill. The time is now for women.

I assure women that they can do wonders, and we can do something different. Women have special qualities as multi-taskers, and we can be changemakers if given the opportunity. If a woman is capable, positive, inspiring, motivating, service-oriented, and humble, please consider her for the Lions. We need women as leaders, and they can change the world.

Q: Last month, the world celebrated International Women's Day on March 8 to recognize the social, political, and economic achievements of women. Why is women's empowerment important to you, and how do you inspire other women?

Trustee Oswal: In my life, I was empowered by my family and my husband. I decided, if I can be empowered by my family, I should empower other women.

I'm empowering so many women in my office, in my family, and wherever I go. Women can do

anything if they are given the confidence, power, and the respect. Women are in every field from police officers to astronauts to corporate business professionals; we are everywhere.

Right now, I'm leading a women's empowerment committee in India and helping women upgrade their lives and their businesses. In the past as a Lion, one of my favorite projects was helping secure 1,000 sewing machines and certifications for women in India to help women provide for their families.

Q: Throughout the last 30 years, what accomplishments as a Lion are you most proud of?

Trustee Oswal: I love the projects for women's empowerment, any project supporting children, and Special Olympics. All the projects are very close to my heart. If service is needed, I am for it. Whatever the need is, we are there.

Q: On your foundation's website, you said, "One's true happiness can be achieved by the happiness of others." Why is the quote important to you? How do you try to live by this quote in your life?

Trustee Oswal: I always remember Mother Teresa's quote, "the world is full of good people if you can't find one, be one." You can be the one. You can bring a smile to one person. If you can help one person a day, in a year, you will help 365 people. If you give food to a hungry man, you can feel how he is feeling fulfilled and see the tears of joy, which I have seen so many times throughout my 45 years of service to the world.

My late husband said, "if you do something for humanity, the whole world will salute you. This is what I want in my life. If you die, die with some



International Board Lunch meeting hosted at the Oswal House, New Delhi, India. Pictured L-R: The late Judge Haynes Townsend, LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, PIP Chancellor Bob Corlew, Trustee PID Aruna Abhey Oswal, and Trustee's Oswal's daughter Shalilu and son-in-law, Naveen Jindal, and PIP Dr. Naresh Aggarwal

respect.” These were his last words. I preserved them in my heart and soul, and I want to die with these words. I want to leave this earth with his words and those feelings, which he had for the people, for the community, and for everyone.

Today, Lions call me Didi in India, which means elder sister. They honor me so much like an older

sister, and I want to help them as an older sister. I am thankful for all the Lions in the world. They have given me the opportunity to serve globally and fulfill our dreams together. Not only my dreams, but all of the Lions’ dreams.

For Trustee Oswal, service is never ending and her journey to help others will continue as she

supports global causes for LCIF.

“It is not important to go to heaven after we leave,” she said. “It is important to create heaven on this Earth before we leave.”

Join Trustee Oswal and make your gift to LCIF’s Campaign 100 today to help make a difference. Visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>.

LCIF

Rebuilding communities in Kerala after devastating floods

LCIF

by Lara Lebeck and Elizabeth Edwards

The people of Kerala, India are accustomed to wet seasons, but 2018’s monsoons brought catastrophic rains and the worst flooding in 100 years. Rising water rushed through communities, destroying everything in its path, including the peaceful way of life for more than one million people.

Roads collapsed under the weight of the water, coconut trees uprooted from saturated soil, and homes became fully submerged. Nearly 500 people lost their lives, and more than 16,000 homes were destroyed.

“We lost everything,” said Mr. Vareeth, one flood victim. “We lost our house and all our belongings.”

Lions in Kerala—almost 25,000 strong—quickly mobilized to help their neighbors with support from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Within days after the flooding, LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to rebuild homes in the Lions’ communities.

Now in 2022, because of Lions’ efforts and LCIF support, 97 families live in newly constructed homes throughout the state of Kerala.

“All of us sprang into action to help the people who were suffering from the floods and landslides,” said Past International Director (PID) Ratnaswamy Murugan, grant administrator.

Creating an even larger impact on recovery, LCIF awarded an additional US\$560,000 grant for the project, and the Manappuram Foundation donated US\$210,000 to support the construction of 120 homes. To date, 97 homes are completed, and the remaining 23 homes will be completed in the Spring of 2022.

“After the flooding, the Manappuram Foundation wanted to help our community rebuild, and, and we decided to join efforts with LCIF to help more families,” said International Director V.P. Nandakumar, Managing Trustee of Manappuram Foundation.

The reconstruction project started in March 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the project for 10 months. Families throughout the

state of Kerala, which spans more than 310 miles, moved into the homes throughout region in the last two years.

“Even in my dreams, I never imagined that I would get a house like this,” said Aliakutty, a Kerala resident and flood victim. “I am grateful, and thankful to the club members.”



The 400 square feet homes constructed include 96 independent homes, 12 apartments, and 12 colony homes. Each home includes cement, concrete roof, ceramic tiles for flooring, toilet, kitchen, electrical wiring, and a shower area.

“The project is the first time in the last 50 years’ history of our multiple districts that a mega housing project was executed,” PID Murugan said.



“Every home displays a Lions’ emblem, and these will remain as permanent testimony of the service rendered by Lions in this part of the world in the State of Kerala, India.”

The partnership between LCIF and the Manappuram Foundation built a sustainable future for Kerala families including Vareeth and his family, who now live in one of the homes. “It was the Lions club,” he said. “They came and constructed that house for us.”

Like Vareeth, the 2018 floods impacted Beena Rajesh, who lost her husband to a flood-related accident. “I am thankful for LCIF and the Manappuram Foundation for the home they constructed for us where I am living now with my two children,” she said.

With Manappuram’s support, 30 homes were built. The Lions throughout the region also rebuilt 102 homes after the devastation from 2018-2020.

To learn more about how LCIF supports Lions’ efforts





to offer aid when disaster strikes, visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/give-our-focus-areas/disaster-relief>. To support more disaster relief projects for families like Vareeth and Rajesh at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/waystogive>, or watch a video about the Kerala home reconstruction project at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNKr9PEiCg>.

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When War Came, Lions Followed

Getting aid to those who need it

by Annemarie Mannion

When news hit in late February that Russia had attacked Ukraine, Lions in surrounding countries knew they had to act.

“Lions can’t stand by without taking action,” says Marina Sabini, a member of Lions Club Asti, storici, artisti e presepi in Asti, Italy. “This is what we thought,” she says. “But we waited a few days to understand how to best intervene and help where there was real need.” They also waited for Lions in Romania, who they had partnered with to bring back information. “We wanted to know how and where to best help,” says Sabini.

Lions Club Emeritus Brasov in Brasov, Romania, had rented and was managing a facility to house a group of refugees made up of 62 women and children and four men who are fathers of children with serious health problems.

The refugees, who had left with only what they could carry and with no idea of when or if they would be able to return home, were in desperate need of all sorts of resources for daily living, from eyeglasses to clothing to medicine and food.

The 30-member Asti club, along with the help of several other Italian clubs, began collecting the needed items including 2,400 pairs of eyeglasses and sunglasses for adults and children, 1284 kilograms (nearly 3,000 pounds) of humanitarian aid consisting of medicine, personal hygiene products, winter clothing, blankets, toys, canned food, and cash donations.



Lions packed a van with the donated items and traveled 3,780 kilometers (about 2,350 miles) to deliver the resources to Lions in Romania.

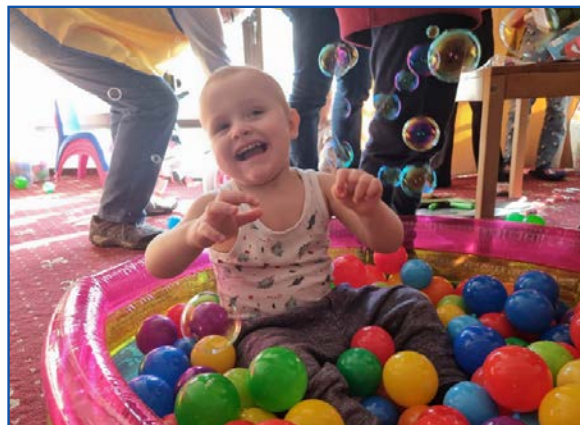
“The volunteers stopped there for two days to get to know and talk to the refugees and to buy food vouchers that will be used for the next months,” Sabini says.

The center provides ensuite rooms for four people, a shared kitchen, a computer room for online classes, a game room, living room, and dining room. Romanian Lions also are assisting with providing medical care, psychological support, and recreational and sports activities for the children.

The visiting Lions from Asti soon learned that the center needed a refrigerator and two food processors, which they purchased and donated on the spot.

“Every day it is necessary to feed around 70 people, including refugees and volunteers, which implies the need for a large and functional kitchen,” Sabini says.

The Lions also took time to meet the refugees and to play with the little ones.



“We brought some toys for the children who welcomed us with big hugs and affection,” she says. “We played with them for a long time, hoping to distract them for a few hours from their problems and the distance from their country and their fathers.”

Sabini described meeting the refugees as a “strong and wonderful experience.”

She says everyone, whether they prepared packages, loaded the van, or traveled to deliver the donations and meet refugees in person, did so with the hope that they would be able to provide meaningful help to the refugees.

“We also realized how important and rewarding it is to help others,” she says, “and how much this fills your heart with joy.”



District A-1 Convention for 2021-2022



Lion Gail Tanner receiving her Presidential Medal



Eyes Right Sight Conservation Foundation display



ID Allan Hunt

District A-1 Convention for 2021-2022 was held in Windsor at the Holiday Inn & Suites, on April 8-9-10. There were 123 registered for convention, which included 97 Lions, 9 Leos and seventeen guests. Over 4,500 used pairs of glasses were collected as a service project, way to go Lions!! Our guest speaker ID **Allan Hunt** from Chilliwack, BC brought a great message to the group,

about moving forward with service and finding new ways, since our new normal will never be the old normal and “We need to stop being the BEST KEPT SECRET”. Thank You! Exhibitor tables were visited often as well as the breakout rooms. The Convention was a bit different from past years, but we were able to gather and share smiles, those who attended had fun and fellowship, and provided service at the same time. Happy Days are Here Again!



ID Allan Hunt and CC Dan Armstrong

From Ukraine by Bus to Portugal

Lions send help to women and children fleeing Russian invasion

by Joan Cary

Just weeks after Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022, the Braga Lions in Portugal knew they could not remain indifferent to daily reports of devastation and human suffering.

Planning quickly and meticulously, in three weeks’ time they sent a bus equipped with food and water, clothes, and medicines, 4,000 km (2,485 miles) to Ukraine. Forty-four women and children with their few personal items as well as their beloved pets boarded the bus headed back to Braga where they were welcomed into safe homes and given food, clothing, and much needed friendship.

At the same time, the Braga Lions sent a truckload of essential items to Poland to assist the people still in Ukraine.

“Never has this motto – We Serve – made more sense,” says PDG Paulo Rodrigues in Braga.

Lions worked with the support of the Braga City Hall, a local transportation company, and a water treatment company. “Nothing was left to chance,” says Rodrigues of the bus trip. Only those with knowledge and skills that could help their guests, including a

medical doctor and people trained in psychology, were allowed to accompany the Ukrainians on the trip.

Meanwhile, in Krasnik, Poland, the Warszawa Arka Lions received the truckful of medicine and clothing from Braga at a warehouse donated by a man from Canada. There along the border, the Lions collected the goods received from various countries (Portugal, Lithuania, France, Canada, Denmark, Poland), and with the help of non-Lions export these needed items to their Lion friends in Lviv and Kiev, Ukraine, to distribute further, says Lion Hanna Sobiech.

Sobiech, Second Vice District Governor in District 121, also runs the Lions Quest program in Poland. In mid-April, she said they were sending their fifth truckload of essentials to Ukraine.

In Portugal, Rodrigues, a LCIF Multiple District Coordinator, says, “We could not have been more correct when we launched this challenge. At a moment of great crisis, great missions appear, and the Lions of Braga are proud. Their role has made a real difference at this time of profound humanitarian crisis. We are pioneers.”



District A-2 Convention

District A-2 held its 2022 annual Friendship Convention on the weekend of March 25th. With many Covid 19 restrictions in place, in-person attendance and our convention celebrations really took an attendance hit. That said, our International Guests PID **Don** and

Betty Noland from Missouri helped 'show us' how Lions deal with service during these challenging times.



Top: Preparing for the convention. All things must be neat and in order – the convention banners need to be ironed. Mid Left: PDG Lion Don Daley unloads boxes of eyeglasses that will be shipped to CLERC in Alberta. (A-2 Shipped well over 100,000 pairs after the convention.) Mid: PID Don and Betty Noland celebrate at a pre-convention dinner meeting.



Top Left: PID Don Noland shows his We Serve spirit by replenishing Lions Shirley Burrows & Josiane DeCloet's coffee. Top Right: Lion Laurie Lomas fulfilled a long standing A-2 tradition of awarding our international guest, Lion Don, with a "special and unique" corsage. Bottom: The memorial service is also a focal point of our convention as we remember the friendships and service of all the members of our Lions family who have gone to their ultimate reward.



Peterborough Lions 'Cuddles for Cancer' fundraiser

Peterborough Lions and Cuddles for Cancer Fund Raiser with the support of Krispy Kreme. The strategy was to sell, sell, sell.

Working with friends of the Lions Club promoting the cause as well as many local companies, everyone was on board to support the cause. When it was over, we had sold four hundred and fifty-five dozen prepaid doughnuts. The only word to describe the smell in the clubhouse once the doughnuts were delivered was YUMMY. Proceeds from the project were destined to purchase of blankets for the organization.

A organized Covid friendly way to deliver was a drive through. No customer had to leave the comfort of their car when they received their

doughnuts. Next came the cheque presentation. We invited Faith and Carrie Dickinson from Cuddles for Cancer to come to one of our Dinner meetings where they graciously told us stories how the blankets (9000 to-date) have been sent all around the world as well as to the children's ward of the Peterborough Regional Health Centre where children are receiving treatment for cancer.



Russell Lions Club

Russell Lions Club members Lions **Ken Erickson** and **Margaret Pettipas** drew the winning ticket for the amazing "Cirque du Soleil" quilt on Easter Sunday, made by renowned local quilter, Maggie Fontana.

The Russell Lions Club is pleased to support the LFC Dog Guide Program and proceeds of \$8,758.72 from the raffle will be donated to the Program. Thanks are extended to all who supported the Club.



District A-3 Lions celebrate 48th annual convention in 20's Style

The District A-3 Convention was held in Cobourg, April 8th – 10th at the Best Western Hotel, hosted by the **Trenton, Prince Edward County** and **Colborne and District Lions** Clubs with one hundred and sixty-eight registrants and a great time was had by all. The International Guest was International Director **Jeff Gans**. Lion Jeff has quite a history in Lionism, further details are available via a Google search.

On Saturday the day started off with the General Assembly and the Candidate Speeches. PCC **John Whyte** gave an informative presentation about both the MD'A' Convention and the International event in Montreal, complete with a modeling demonstration with the official convention attire. Complete details about the new design are available in the Jan/Feb/Mar issue of the LION Magazine on pages twenty-two and twenty-three.

There was the traditional Parade of Banners, followed by the opening ceremony. Later in the evening there was a special event entitled "Dancing through the Decades". Everyone was invited to dress in attire from 1920's era to the 2020's, they looked great in their period attire. The DJ's were Lion **Frank** and **Randy Hewitt** of the infamous Hewitt Brothers DJ Service.

During the lunch on Saturday the guest speaker was Colonel Ryan Deming, Wing Commander 8th Wing, CFB Trenton. He spoke with relation to the service that military personnel provide to not only Canadians but people all over the

world and how similar it is to the service that Lions provide. He discussed a few of the projects of the military, the challenges that they have experienced as a result of COVID-19 and their ability to rise to the occasion, as well as the actions that the military has taken to support Ukraine.

Saturday evening was the Governor's Gala with Lions dressed up in their finest. ID Gans challenged those in attendance to match the lunch hour donation to Ukraine in exchange for his short speech. Many Lions were glad they donated because they didn't want to hear the long one. ID Gans and Governor **Mark Kelso** handed out some awards at the dinner. PDG **Bill Zwier** received the Presidential Medal, ZC **Ted Cook** received the Leadership Medal. Lions **Ron Duescharm**, ZC **Kirby Park**, and Lion **Diane Gardy** received International President certificates of appreciation. DG Mark had District Governor service excellence awards for the **East Peterborough, Madoc** and **Land O'Lakes** Lions Clubs.

DG Lion Mark held a Walk for Camp Dorset that included a prize for the walker with the most sponsors, Lion **Kate Hewitt** was the winner. The Young Adults of **Peterborough Branch Club** and it's parent club the **East Peterborough Lions Club** held a service project in Memory of PZC Lion **Rodney Lloyd**, sorting, counting and repackaging recycled eyeglasses. Together the Lions sorted over thirteen

thousand pairs.

International Director Jeff Gans gave his presentation on the importance of the role of Zone Chairs along with an informative session about Lionism and LCIF.

There was also a presentation by John Morris and Lion **Barb Robinson** for Leader Dogs for the Blind and PDG Lion **Janet Marissen** presented for the Lions Quest program. MD'A' Historian **Ray Charbonneau** spoke about the History of MD'A'. The District Environmental Photo contest was put on display by Committee Chair Lion **Mike Brioux**.

On Sunday morning a Memorial service was held led by PDG **Gord Taylor** and all Lions who had departed during the year were honoured.

The election results were announced and DGE **Linda Zwier** introduced her new cabinet before the Lions headed home to continue the great work of this Lions year.

A great event, enjoyed by all. Congratulations and a big Lions ROAR to District A-3. By all accounts everyone had a fantastic time and are looking forward to next year.



A-4 Convention

The District A-4 convention was held on April 24 and 25, 2022 at the Holiday Inn East Ottawa.

It was a perfect time to get together again, Live and In Person!

We had the honour of Welcoming PID Lion **Tom Gordon** and Lion **Gillian Gordon** as our International Guests.

We also had the honour of hosting CCE Lion **Mark Kelso** and Lion **Connie Kelso**; 1st VIDGE Lion **Frank Hewitt** and Lion **Theresa Hewitt** and family; and 6 Lions from MDU. A great collection of new and old friends.

Our GLT team presented well-received sessions – standing room only; and Lion Tom held a Town Hall right after the luncheon. We could have used more time, as all the Lions enjoyed having their questions answered by someone in the know.

And last but not least, the fundraising efforts of Lion **Al Stewart** – he shaved his head for donations to LCIF and raised over \$10,000!!! Way to go Lion Al and Thank you!

In conjunction with Lion Al's "Hair Raising" event, **Kelli Kennedy** received a Certificate of Appreciation. PDG **James Johnstone** made the presentation.



Lion Bill Vermilyea receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship from DG Renee, Lion Jim and PID Tom Gordon



2022 – 2023 District Cabinet



Lion Roxanne Backes being presented with Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from PID Tom Gordon and DG Renee Devenny



Lion Helen Porteous being presented with Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from PID Tom Gordon and DG Renee Devenny



Lion Jim Mustard being presented with Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from PID Tom Gordon and DG Renee Devenny



CE Lion Mark Kelso and PID Tom Gordon presentation of 100th Charter Certificate to Ottawa Vanier Lions President Lion Chris Scullion



Members of Ottawa Vanier Lions Club celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Club Charter



Some 'Wiser' and "Experienced" Lions and PDG's.



Lion Al Stewart before and after his Hair shaving for LCIF.



DG Lion Renee Devenny and Lion Jim Devenny



PDG Lion Linda James, Protocol, sharing a dram with the piper

District A-5 Convention

After three years of not meeting in person, our first post-Covid convention was held. The theme was NASCAR. Yes, Nascar, DG **Carmen** is a big fan.

Friday started out with vendors displays in the common area for everyone to enjoy. We celebrated the 2020 year up to current, as the past years were not able to have an in-person celebrations. Displays included the A5 pin project, the History book, raffles for 50/50 and our quilt raffle.

During the planning of the convention, the idea came to make a quilt commemorating our District. Each club provided a patch to represent their club

and this was made into a giant quilt. It was raffled off and the lucky winner was the **Dubreuilville Lions Club**. DG Carmen was very disappointed, she really wanted to win it.

With the war raging in the Ukraine, the District paired with a Canadian Ukrainian Centre and we decided to ask members to bring items to donate to the Ukraine. It was a roaring success with the group receiving a truck load of goods in just two days.

After the meeting, came the opening ceremonies and seminars. Due to delays in air travel, PID **Joyce Middleton** and DG **Martin Middleton** didn't arrive at the convention until lunchtime. What a great fun-loving couple, they really fit in with the convention goers.

The evening was a special time with the formal dinner, entertainment and hospitality rooms to enjoy. After speeches, presentations and lots of laughs, it was time to enjoy another evening of music and friendship.

Sunday marked a more solemn time as we honoured our deceased members over the last three years. The closing ceremony was held and Lion **Bob Beaven** was inducted as our new District Governor Elect for 2022-2023. Our incoming cabinet was introduced to the membership.

A5 is looking forward to another great year in Lionism and our next convention.



DG Lion Carmen PDG Harold Huhtanen, PID Joyce Middleton



DGE Bob Beaven and DG Carmen Portelance



Lion Marcel Portelance, DG Carmen Portelance, PID Joyce Middleton and DG Martin Middleton



The Dubreuilville club won the quilt and decided to let each member take the quilt for a day to their homes. Once everyone has had a chance to show off the quilt, there will be a further draw and one lucky member will get to keep the quilt. This will be a legacy of District A5.



A5 Diabetes chair Lion Blaine Lachance



50-50 Crew



DG Carmen Portelance and Lion Marcel Portelance and Ukrainian Charity Representative

A-7/11 Convention

After a two-year hiatus, the Lions of District A-7/11 were able to hold an in person event. It was at the Sandman Signature Hotel in Mississauga. The event was officially opened by Ontario's Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell.

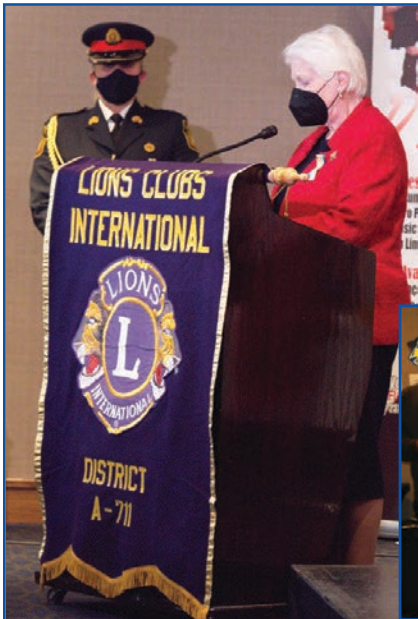
The International Guest was Past International Director **Nicolin Carol Moore** from Trinidad and Tobago.

In all there were five hundred and three Lions registered, a great response by any means, especially with what has been happening with Covid 19. To ensure safety for all, strict covid protocols were observed. A7/11 currently has one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-seven members from eighty-six

clubs. There was a strong turnout of members from the **Oakville Leos Club** which was very encouraging.

There was a great variety of ethnic-based entertainment, that enhanced the overall theme of the event. Kudos and a big Lions Roar to the organizers and the same goes for the Lions in attendance.

Looking forward to next year's event.



Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell



Past International Director Nicolin Carol Moore



Beating the drums for Lions



Barrie South Lions

Barrie South Lions of District A12 wanted to raise money to help the people of Ukraine. One of our members **Florence Skrypnichuk** came up with an idea to make one hundred dozen perogies and sell them. She was able to get the ingredients donated

and put a team together and over two days they made the popular Ukrainian food items utilizing one hundred pounds of potatoes and thirty-two pounds of cheese and other items into the one hundred dozen. The end result after all was said and done, \$1500.00 went to the LCIF Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund.



District A-9 Lions

District A9 Lions Clubs held their convention on April 29 – May 1, 2022 with the **Goderich Lions Club** hosting. The theme for the weekend was “Pirates”.

The convention kicked off with a Golf Tournament on the 29th. Forty golfers participated with **Palmerston Lions** winning the trophy. Goderich Lions donated \$500.00 for the winners charity of their choice. The Lions Flag was raised at the Goderich Town Hall, followed by a reception the Town provided. Thank you to the club president **John Grace**, who is also the Mayor. Many pirates turned out for a fun filled evening of music, games and an auction.

On Saturday, the Cabinet Meeting started early, we are sure with a few heavy heads. The commander of the ship lost control when the **Formosa Lions Club** raided the meeting with some help. The Formosa Lions' President **Jim Batte** presented a very surprised

but honored DG **Jennifer** a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Two special couples received recognition for their combined 100 years of service in the Lions organization - PCC **Ron** and **BJ Finlay** and PZC **George** and PCS **Evelyn Barnes**. The local Catholic Womens League served a wonderful lunch to approximately one hundred Lions who heard from guest speaker **Steve McAllister**. He shared highlights of his journalism career covering Toronto Blue Jays, Grey Cups, Canada Cup hockey, Olympic Games and others. Saturday afternoon included a bus tour of Goderich, Stride Walk for Diabetes which raised \$1,950.00, a guided tour of Goderich Lions Camp Klahanie or just a relaxed time socializing.

The DG Banquet featured PID **Garnet Davis** as the Guest Speaker. He spoke on 'When did you become a "Lion"' and LCIF. The following awards were presented: GAT Chairperson to Lion **Larry Bannerman** and Lion **Frank Jacobi**; Certificate of Appreciations to CT **Barry Sinclair**, PZC **Lesley Wood** and Lion **Ruby MacLennan**; IP Leadership

Award to President **Zoey Onn** and IP Presidential Award to PDG **Mary Ruth Job**.

On Sunday, elections were held, draws made for the service, membership and photo contest, and 50/50. An auction of DG **Jennifer's** butter tarts raised \$185.00 for Lions of Canada Funds for LCIF - Ukraine. Installation of the 2022-2023 Voting Cabinet was completed and the new committee chairs were recognized.

The morning and the convention was brought to a close with a beautiful Memorial Service honouring the District A9 Lions who have passed away. The service was led by PDG **Charles Liddle**. Congratulation to all the Lions in A9, the Goderich Lions Clubs and committee members.

YOU ROCK!
DG **Jennifer Batte**



A-12 Convention

District A12 did it up in fine style with a live convention at the Horseshoe Resort in Barrie. It was a weekend of fun and fellowship April 22nd to the 24th. Their first live gathering since 2019.

The weekend commenced with a Leadership Dinner formally known as the Past District Governor's dinner, which was open to all District Leadership members including RC and ZC's to attend on Friday night. A great time was had by

all. Saturday the attendees enjoyed presentations by Global Leadership, Membership and Service Teams.

On Saturday afternoon there was a service project where over three thousand pairs of Eyeglasses were sorted and packed in preparation for sending to the CLERC (Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling) facility in Calgary.

Sunday included a memorial service, election of District Officers 2022-23, passing of the gavel and closing banquet .

We were joined by Past International Director **Terry Graham** from Newcastle Ontario and his wife Lion **Jean** and their twenty-eighth foster pup from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program. They are to be commended for their dedication to the LFC.



*THE PURPLE PIG
There Has Got To Be
A History Here.
What Ever
Happened to
the Goat?*

District A-15 Convention

In our first live convention since 2018/19, the smiles were numerous, the positive comments were encouraging and the enjoyment was evident as old friends were able to meet and converse as they had in the past. The skits created by the candidates produced laughter and friendly banter and were a positive tonic for those wishing to push Covid to the sidelines. The hospitality rooms were just fantastic. The creativity of the clubs involved produced an evening of laughter and enjoyment.

A big thanks to **George Patton**, our Convention Chair for organizing and administering the weekend. George donated many, many hours and we will forever be thankful to him for sharing his talents.

A big shout-out to the **Kitchener Oktoberfest Club** members who handled registration under the leadership of Lion **Ray Derouin** and as well, they transported the equipment and furniture from the St Jacobs storage to the convention hotel and back. Positive comments and thanks continued to flow through the week following the event. The

two-day convention worked very well and was a welcome segue back to normality.

For the most part the photos were taken by Lion **Gary Eves** from the **Lynden Lions**, the quality was excellent, and a great illustration of the overall event.

A moving Memorial Service was conducted by PID **Art Woods**, as per the usual it was well received.

Another A15 tradition is the Passing of the Campbell, which is "The Official Gavel" of District A15 is named in honour of our first District Governor **Dougald Campbell** (1976-77) of the Lions Club of Elmira. The ceremony of "Passing the Campbell" is enacted annually. It is passed from the District Governor to the most senior past district governor for keeping until the end of convention, the Campbell is then passed to the newly elected District Governor who will keep it for his or her Lions year."

This was a great event and we all look forward to next year!



PID Art Woods - Memorial Service



International Director Allan Snider & Lion Susan Snider



MC O.J. Wilura



DG Harv Wood & Lion Eleanor.



Passing of the Campbell



Convention Chair George Patton

Gravenhurst Lions

On the PDG Chris Lewis Memorial Day of Service, the Gravenhurst Lions Club along with friends and family of the club members, cleaned the Lions Lookout Park and filled the little library with some new books, colouring books and crayons, bubbles and sidewalk chalk.

This was a fitting tribute to Lion Chris.



District A-16 Convention - The Road to Recovery

Hosted by the Oshawa Airport Lions Club in Peterborough

April 29th to May 1st, 2022

Convention is a wonderful time to celebrate and to acknowledge the incredible service that our Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos have all provided in our communities over the past year. We have had a very trying time over the past two years due to COVID that made this Convention even more exciting to all.

DG **Barry MacDonald** and his wife Lion **Sharon** played excellent hosts to all. We had our International Guest PID **Dr. Jerimiah "Doc" Myers** and his wife Kris from Alaska. We were honoured to have CC **Dan** and **Gayle Armstrong** joining our us.

PID "Doc" was a real entertainer. Not only did he inspire us with his lively Lion service stories at various occasions but he played his guitar and shared his wonderful voice as well. We also discovered much hidden musical talents in DG **Barry MacDonald**, PDG **Andy Stewart**, and PID **Carl Young** when they jammed many, many songs with PID "Doc" on both evenings at the event.

We had a lot to celebrate. Jadyn Stickwood, our Peace Poster Contest International Merit Award Winner, shared her inspirations in creating her winning poster at the Governor's Banquet. **Andrew**, her dad became a member of the **Sunderland Lions Club**. He was inducted together with Lion **Zachary Kuijpers** of **Port Perry Lions Club** and Lion **Woody Leung** of **New Horizon Lions Club** on the World Induction Day on Saturday at the Convention.

PCC **Tim Cheung** was recognized for his contributions to the District and to MDA with the Presidential Medal by DG Barry and PID "Doc." Lion **Roger Larocque** was presented with the Leadership Medal for all his good work in the eyeglass recycling program. RC **Tina Cawthorne** and Lion **Sharon MacDonald** were named Melvin Jones Fellows. The **Maple Lions Club** was the Lions International Kindness Matters Award winner for their environmental service projects.

Our District welcomed the new District Governor Team for 2022-2023: 2VDG **John Relph**, 1VDG **Sudha Verma**, and DGE **Carolyn Stephenson**.

At the closing of the Convention, DGE Carolyn proudly held up the big gavel at the Lions Pride ceremony as she became our new leader of District A-16.

Go DGE Carolyn Go!



Melvin Jones Fellow - Lion Tina Cawthorne



Presidential Medal (2nd Highest Award in Lions) PCC Lion Tim Cheung



Melvin Jones Fellow - Lion Sharon MacDonald



Leadership Medal (2nd Highest Award in Lions) Lion Roger Larocque



Powassan Lions

The Lions are coming out of hibernation. Many of our clubs have not been meeting in person due to the pandemic and the age of our members. The Powassan Lions held a pancake breakfast to celebrate after a long hiatus. Not only were pancakes on the menu, so was bacon, ham, sausage, eggs, toast, juice and in case you ate too much, coffee to wake you up. The community came out to support their Lions and everyone enjoyed getting together once again.

Editor's note: For an entertaining look at Lions pancake breakfasts click the link to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6jJiaeUE-Q>



Canine Vision Dog Guide

Lion Hedi and her canine vision dog Tinky were manning the table at the Lions Club Information Booth held at the Station Mall in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. An important part of Lions nowadays is to get the word out about Lions and our projects. Lion Hedi got to educate people about canine vision and the great work that the Lions do. Good work **Sault Ste. Marie Lions**.



Grand Valley Lions – 25th Annual Duck Race

The Grand Valley Lions finally held their 25th Grand Valley Lions Duck Race on May 28th and had a great day. The weather was perfect and the crowd was larger and all of the club's 3500 duck tickets were sold.

The day began with a Community Breakfast where the club served approximately 350 meals. It seems everyone then came down to watch the Duck Race and join in all the activities. The Aaron Muir Band was great and the children enjoyed all the free activities including the "Duck Paw Patrol".

At 2 o'clock Grand Valley Crane Rentals dropped 3500 ducks into the Grand River and

about 20 minutes later, the Grand Valley Lions started announcing the 76 winners. A total of over \$19,000 in cash prizes and gift certificates were won: all were sponsored by local businesses.

Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year.



A-5 – Walden Lions Partner with Sudbury Police

The Walden Lions teamed up with the Sudbury Police to help youth in our area by supporting the Sudbury Police Youth Dirt Riders aka "SPYDR" is a mountain bike program for youth ages 12-17.

To qualify for the program, some biking experience is required. Youth are referred by Greater Sudbury Police Services members or other community partners/agencies.

The program runs for 8 weeks throughout the summer beginning in July and ending in August.

SPYDR is presented by School Resource officers, Youth Safety Coordinators and historically has been open to anyone within the service who wished to participate on their own time and volunteer.

Some of the learning opportunities are: proper bike inspection and maintenance; introduction to bike components; rules of the road; riding abilities; bike repairs; team building and an opportunity to build self-confidence. It is about respect for themselves, others, and their property and others.

Throughout the program, our police mentors provide opportunities to discuss healthy positive decision making.

Another great way that the Walden Lions are helping youth in their community.



Nobleton Lions



Lions Club President Earl Groombridge and Lion David Harper with the Certificate of Congratulations

The first documented meeting of the Nobleton Lions Club took place on January 10, 1962 with twenty-one members present, increasing to thirty-one by year-end. Lion **Dali Higgs**, District Secretary from the Canadian Office in Toronto spoke about Lionism in Canada at its inaugural meeting. The Club was sponsored by the **Maple Lions** and chartered on April 25, 1962.

Until his recent passing on April 30, 2022 the Nobleton Lions were fortunate to have in their midst one of the founding members, Lion **David Harper**. A true inspiration to us all, this Lion dedicated most of his life to the service of others and will be greatly missed. His work and guidance over the past 60 years was unparalleled and a strong force behind the success of the Club. Lion David's involvement extended to different areas of the Lions organization outside our own Club, through leadership positions at both Zone and District levels.

When interviewed, he stated that all Club members through the years have given everything they could to make the Lions Club as successful as it is. "Service in the Lions Club is not about individual contributions. No member is more important or valuable than any other. What we have accomplished is on account of the collective effort."

Port Dalhousie Lions

Lions District A-2 and Port Dalhousie Lions Club member, Lion **Dick Thomas** was recently presented with the "Lions Quest Fellowship Award" for his support of youth and his community.

Serving youth through Scouts Canada and being his club's long serving treasurer was good reason for Dick to be nominated by club president **Dennis Delano** to receive the District sponsored Youth Outreach recognition.

District A-2 Lions Quest Chair PCC Lion **Bradd Anderson** was on hand to present this prestigious award. During the presentation PCC Bradd mentioned the award could be referred to as a "Villager Award". In that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and the Lions Quest Fellowship recognizes villagers like Lion Dick Thomas.

Congratulations Lion Dick!



Valley East Lions

It's that time of year again. Covid restrictions have been loosened and everyone is out cleaning the streets. The Valley East Lions did their road blitz and park clean up. "A GIANT ROAR goes out to the members who volunteered their time to the Greater City of Sudbury Roadside Clean-Up BLITZ and Lions Park Clean UP!! Missing in the picture are Lion **Gerry** and Lion **Jean**. Perhaps they got "bagged" by mistake.



Burford Lions Club

Thank you to the Burford Lions Club for their generous donation to the Cowan Community Health Hub! We are grateful to have the support of many service clubs throughout the County of Brant.

In the photo are Marilyn McCulloch representing the Health Hub, Burford Lions Club President **Mary Rumble** and Mayor David Bailey.

To learn more about the Cowan Community Health Hub visit brant.ca/HealthHub.



Orangeville Lions Club

On Friday, March 11 at the FM 101 studio, the Orangeville Lions Club, in partnership with FM 101, announced a donation of \$5,000.00 to LCIF in support of the Ukrainian refugees.



L - R: Lion Sandy Brown, Radio Bingo chairman, Nick Eeuwew, News and Content Creator at FM 101 and Lions Club President Mike Walker.

Sauble and District Lions

Lions **Lenora Raby** and **Kate Keeling** are both members of the Sauble and District Lions Club. They were recently awarded “Outstanding Volunteer Awards” from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. They were recognized for their community service in many areas, for example: Zone & Region Chairs, Vice President and Tail Twister, Sauble Lions Healthy Breakfast Program and many others. A well deserved recognition.



Mountain Township and District



in their seats. Thank you to all of our dedicated sponsors and Lion’s Club Members who committed numerous volunteer hours this event.

Bob and **Sandy Weagant** have been chairing the Dinner & Show Committee for close to thirty years and they are “master” organizers for these events. Their commitment and dedication have made these events very successful.

The Spring Dinner and Show event held by Mountain Township and District Lion’s Club on Saturday, April 2, 2022, was our largest fund-raiser to date. Proceeds were over \$8,000.00. We were eager to welcome back the community after two years absence due to Covid.

A large thank you to the band “Shadowz” for their outstanding music as they had everyone rocking



East Peterborough Lions

On May 14th, the East Peterborough Lions took part in the "Porch Pirates for Good" event held in Peterborough to help collect food donations for our local foodbank, Kawartha Foodshare. Four vehicles were used to load with groceries as we made our way along the streets that we were given to pillage by the event coordinators.



The club completed two routes after which the Pirates were ready to unload their haul. The club received coverage on Global News and were also featured in the paper.

The club worked hard in the heat and even with the distance all members stayed the course. President Lion **Frank Hewitt** stated “I am always so proud of all this club does, and today is certainly no exception.”

The entire event collected over twenty-five thousand pounds of food. Congratulations to all involved. This is the third time for the club doing this event and they plan on continuing.

Sault Ste. Marie Lions

At the invitation of the Algoma Public Health Unit, the Sault Ste. Marie Lions



Club had the opportunity to have a Lions Quest Information Booth during Children's Mental Health Week. In the first photo, the members of the Lions Quest team are President **Cheryl Pavoni**, Lions Quest District Chair **Barb Perry**, Carrie Jones of Social Services and Lion **Kim Carter**, Lions Quest Team. Lions Club members Lion **Meagan Grisdale** and Lion **Trevor Fisher** were happy to help out with this important event.



Currently, the team has a Sault Ste. Marie grade 4 classroom that has embraced the Lions Quest Program. Congratulations to Lion Barb Perry, our District chair for fighting to bring back a much needed program to our next generation.

Maple Lions

LCI Kindness Matters Service Award 2021 - 2022 - Environment

The Maple Lions club has re-activated an ongoing project that suffered because of Covid. On a regular basis the club collects E-Waste, predominately laptops and desktop computers, they electronically sanitize them and donate them back to those who need them in the community. In order to inform the public about the program the club has produced an informative video that can be viewed at the link shown. Additional information is available on the club's facebook page. The photos illustrate the volume of the

donations to this worthwhile cause.

<https://tinyurl.com/4eh2pbt5>



A-5 – Lions Quest LCIF Grant in Action

LCI Kindness Matters Service Award 2021 - 2022 - Environment

Sault Ste. Marie Lions members: Past President Jim Russell and District A-5 Second Vice Governor **David Kidd** present a Lions Quest Canada School Certificate to St. Paul Elementary School Vice Principal Allison Vance.

The Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club have been very active to help roll out this District A-5 / LCIF Grant opportunity to educators within the city and area. Congratulations to St. Paul Catholic School and staff of 23 who recently participated in our Lions Quest workshop.

Lions Quest is an award winning PreK to Grade 12 'Curriculum-Fit' SEL classroom program that is designed to assist educators to bring healthy social-emotional development to the youth they teach.

This year the District A-5 Lions (with funding from 'our foundation' LCIF) will provide over \$19,000 in workshops and resource materials to over 50 educators in District A-5.

Support Lions Quest Canada's efforts through a personal, club or district contribution.



Minnow Lake Lions – City of Sudbury Service Project

As part of a community initiative, the Minnow Lake Lions Club obtained a grant for the City of Sudbury to build garden beds. The club purchased

enough supplies to build 8 elevated garden beds. In May, and after building a prototype, the remaining were quickly built. Next came the soil and planting.

It took club members approximately 100 hours to complete the task. Now with a little help from

Mother Nature and our green thumb club members, we hope to have a bumper crop to help feed those in need.



Vienna Lions Club "There Is No Joy in This"

In a January 2022 CTV news article, written by Brent Lake of CTV News London, the author summarized the Municipality of Bayham's town council's rationale for discontinuing support of the Vienna and Lions Community Center.

According to the current club secretary **William Gheysen**, since significant travel was required to host weddings and other functions, a united community came together to build The Vienna Community Center (VCC) and Lions Club meeting place. The VCC opened in 1964.

Funding to build the center came from Department of Agriculture grants, the donation of property by the local school board and local fundraising by the Lions Club. Community Reeve K.C. Emmerson donated his salary from 1963 to 1973 to assist the building fund.

For over 50 years the Lions Club of Vienna contributed annually to the operation and maintenance of the facility. The club funded the monthly ball park hydro bills, supplied furniture, renovated the basement's Lions Den, built storage areas and added a large accessible downstairs washroom.

After being shuttered by Covid 19 for 2 years and with a unanimous vote, council voted to sell the building.

That vote occurred after council received from the small community's residents over 2,000 signatures and 110 comments supporting continued municipal support of the Vienna Community Centre: there was no joy in Vienna!

Following the vote by municipal council, the VCC was placed up for sale. Soon after and with the support of 26 new members, the Lions obtained a mortgage and purchased the Vienna Lions Club Community Centre, completing a mission to re-purchase what they helped to build and maintain over the past 50 years.

Lion Bradd Anderson, District A-2 Reporter



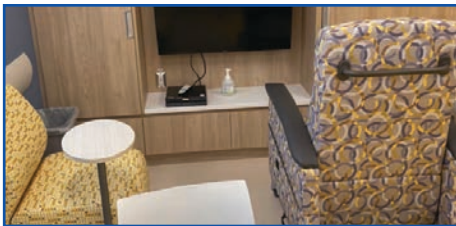
MackKids Teen Zone – LCIF and District A-2 Lions Clubs Project

After a three-year Covid-19 Delay, the McMaster Children’s Hospital Cancer Clinic’s renewal project officially reopened. The A-2 Lions were invited to tour the renewed facility that treats hundreds of youth cancer patients.

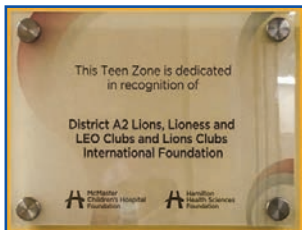
The facility’s layout and design is a result of a consultation with the hospital’s doctors, nurses and the youth cancer patients. The young patient’s recommendation influenced the selection of tables for homework or play and most profoundly the yellow and blue (Lions) colours.

In 2019 and under the leadership of District Governor Steve Burrows, District A-2 successfully applied for a matching LCIF to fund the renewal of the teen treatment area within the hospitals Pediatric Oncology Unit. Our sponsored treatment area was identified as a “Teen Zone”.

During the tour, Steve Burrows and Bradd Anderson unveiled the commemorative Teen Zone plaque that memorialized the fundraising efforts by the A-2 Lions, Lioness, LEOs and Lions Club International Foundation.



Teen Zone Chemotherapy Station



Teen Zone ID Plaque



Touring the unit were representatives from the two District A-2 Lions Clubs that championed the LCIF project: St. Davids & Grimsby. Seated is Grimsby Lions Service Coordinator Jane Franks and from the left St. Davids President Ted Burrows, PDG Steve Burrows, PCC Bradd Anderson, St. Davids Secretary Michelle Burrows, St. Davids Treasurer Shirley Burrows, Grimsby President ZC Louise Agnew and Grimsby’s Membership Chair Bob Franks.

District A-5, Region 17 and Bonfield Lions

A successful rally for Region 17 in District A5. Given the area that A5 covers, it is not easy for clubs in a region to get together. The region rallies seem to be the exception. It was well attended and hosted by the Bonfield Lions Club. Members got

to meet the candidates for the coming Lions year and there were several photo opportunities with our District Governor, Lion **Carmen Portelance**. Several Past District Governors attended the rally in support of the clubs and the elections.



**WELL DONE
A5 - REGION 17
BONFIELD LIONS**

Whitefish Lions Road Cleanup Partnership

The Whitefish Lions have had a long time relationship with R.H. Murray public school. As part of the collaboration between the groups, the students from grade 7 & 8 joined the Lions to pick up garbage along almost 2 miles of roadway.

Thank you to Principal Chris Bourre and RH Murray Public School and all who assisted! We want to thank also the City of Greater Sudbury for providing us with the bags, safety apparel and picking up the full garbage bags. Leuschen’s Transport provided the school bus and Christine Giblin for driving the bus! A true multilevel partnership!



Lions District A-5 and CTV Lions Children's Telethon

District A5 Lions has always been a big supporter of Camp Huronda, one of the Diabetes camps in Ontario. Many of our Lions Clubs are also big supporters of the CTV Lions Children's Christmas Telethon. When the Clubs found out that Camp Huronda needed major repairs after 2 years being shut down, our Telethon stepped up to the plate: The Telethon made a donation of \$10,000.00 to help with much needed repairs

Congratulations to all of the telethon supporters and Lions clubs for their generous support.



Early Morning Champs at Camp Huronda



In the picture from left to right is A5 Diabetes Chair Lion Blaine Lachance, A5 District Governor Lion Carmen Portelance, Telethon Chairman Lion Sam Khoury, Telethon Co-Chair Lion Bob Lachance, Lion Jeanne Lachance

London Central Lions Club Induct New Members



New Lion member John Smith is congratulated by PDG Walt Grieve and presents John with his membership certificate

New Lion member Keran Yang receives his membership lapel pin from his sponsor Lion Pat Nolan. PDG Walt Grieve supported Keran's induction



Mountain Township Lions

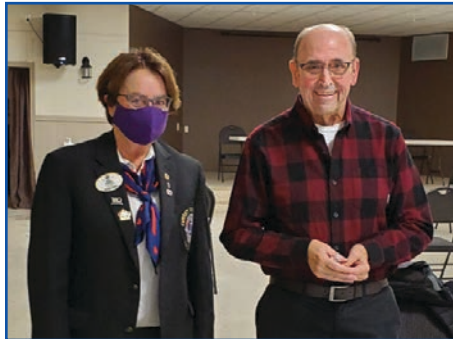
In March, Mountain Township and District Lions Club welcomed **Brian Telford** and his family in recognition of Brian's 40 years of membership. The District Governor, **Renée Devenny** presented Brian with the chevrons for 35 & 40 years of dedicated service on behalf of the Lions Club International.

Brian began his years of Lionism as a charter member of the Mountain Club in 1982 while being an employee of Shell Canada and also an active member of the Community Fire Department. Brian's exceptional attendance and his contribution to the Club throughout the years made him an excellent role model. In addition, he became

Chairman of various committees in the community such as the Heart Institute and CHEO Telethons.

He was also known as a reliable team player, a great ticket seller as well as calling at the Club bingos in South Mountain. His cooking skills were displayed at many Chicken BBQs and Steak Dinners the Club participated in throughout the years.

In 1991 and 1992, Brian was President of the Mountain Lions as well as the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship. The honorable dedication shown by Brian Telford over 40 years has played a huge part in the success of the Mountain Township and District Lions Club.



Renée Devenny, District Governor & Brian Telford



Brian Telford & Family Members

Peterborough Lions

Peterborough Lions Club second annual shoe drive was a huge success. Thanks to all Lions members that took part. A special thanks to Peterborough community who donated and local businesses that allowed us to place boxes in their establishments which helped us reach 1402 pairs of shoes that went to Soles4Souls. These shoes will help those in need in third world countries. An interesting and most worthwhile project under the auspices of Soles for Souls Canada.

<https://soles4soulsCanada.org/>



Copetown Lions

The Copetown Lions donated to Campaign 100 and also made a top-up contribution to bring us to Maple Leaf Club status, a banner patch is forthcoming. The tall member on the left is Lion Chief **Dave Biehler**, flanked by Lion **Peter Oswald**, A15 LCIF Chair and Lion **Bob Pearson**, 1st First V.P.



A-2 - Stamford Lions Support LCIF



In support of LCIF and to honour 5 long serving club members the Stamford Lions presented Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. Pictured with District Governor Geoff Crane dockwise from the top right are Lions: Geoff Trout, Stew Frerotte, Mike Davey, Bryan Richards and Ross Trout.

The Londesboro and District Lions



L-R: President Bert Vandendool, Lion Sam Dougherty, PCC Dave Overboe



L-R: Lion Allan and Barb Bosman, PCC Dave Overboe

At a recent meeting of the Londesboro and District Lions the club recognized the tremendous work put forward by three of their members.

Lion **Sam Dougherty** received a Melvin Jones Fellowship for his twenty-eight years of service and dedication. Lions **Allan** and **Barb Bosman** were the recipients of a Helen Keller Fellowship at last night's Londesboro and District Lions Club meeting for their dedication to service and Lionism.

St. Davids Lions Recognized for LCIF Contributions

The St. Davids Lions and Lioness Clubs were recently recognized for the club's continuous contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and completing the Campaign 100 Model Club challenge.

Through public awareness, club member contributions, a Christmas chocolate fundraiser and a memorial golf tournament in memory of a long serving club member **Pete Merritt**, the club met its goal: first achieving the CDN \$360/member Maple Leaf Club status and then the USF \$500/member Model Club challenge.



Receiving the Model Club recognition on behalf of the St. Davids Lions are ID Allen & Susan Snider (center). 1st International VP Brian & Lori Sheehan and PDG Jim Rohrbach joined the celebration.

Georgian Bay Leos Outstanding Community Service Award

In 2019 the Georgian Bay LEO Club took over the organization and running of the Candlelight Vigil ceremony dedicated to honour those who have served and continue to serve for freedom and peace. The Town of Midland was looking for a youth group to take over the function, The newly formed Georgian Bay LEO Club jumped at the opportunity. In the fall of 2019, the club met with the Town of Midland and Branch 80 of the Candian Legion in Midland to look at putting together a proper ceremony. The Covid Pandemic struck and in April of 2020 the lockdown ensued and the club made a virtual presentation and social media campaign. After two long years the LEOs were thrilled to come together as a community to celebrate and pay homage to those that fought for freedom. The GB LEOs incorporated the theme of the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms into this year's vigil.

The Candlelight Vigil originally started in Vancouver, where Veterans Affairs Canada started the special celebration, and it marked the first of many celebrations across Canada to recognize all those who served and continue to serve for the cause of peace and freedom. This is especially timely as we think of those fighting for their freedom around the world.

The LEOs organized every aspect of this event

by inviting dignitaries and the media, finding guest speakers, coordinating the sound system, setting up tables, chairs and candles and working with the Legion band, colour party and the Sgt-At-Arms. The event was well attended by veterans, Midland Lions, past GB LEOs and the Midland community were actively engaged in the event. Two of the LEOs MC'd the event while all the other LEOs marched on with the Veterans and band and then lit all the candles and escorted people to the cenotaph to light the candles.

In addition, the GB LEOs had special commemorative coins minted with the words; 'good deeds, good thoughts and good words' on one side and the LEO emblem on the other. The coins are distributed by GB LEOs to community members who have contributed a significantly to their community. The Sgt-At-Arms, Reverend Dr. Daniel Travers, and the Canadian Volunteer Sovereign Award winner, Phyllis Stanley, from Warm and Cozy Charity were both awarded with a special coin. During the ceremony, the LEO coin was presented by LEO Past President Ruby Hopkins, who was recently awarded the Ontario Volunteer Medal for Youth, the highest award for volunteers in the province.

The Georgian Bay Leos are to be commended!



Stamford Lions

After they sold their hall, the Stamford Lions Club (Niagara Falls) purchased a memorial park bench from the city and had it placed in the Stamford Lions Park on Orlando Dr. In the 1970's the park property was donated to the city by the Stamford Lions when they purchased the hall. A plaque on the bench reads: This bench placed here by the Stamford Lions Club to honor past members for their dedication and community service: "We Serve". The Lions memorialized were: Lion Stan E. Mach - 67 years of service; Lion John Barich - 54 years of service; Lion Jack Steele - 29 years of service.



L-R: Margaret Trout, Ross Trout, Geoff Trout, Dave Gillard, Stan J. Mach, Mary Kay Chamberlain, Mike LaMontagne and Bryan Richards

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – September 23/24, 2022
- Council Meeting – November 18/19, 2022
- Council Meeting – February 10/11, 2023
- Council Meeting – May 26, 2023

ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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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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Trunk and Treasures Community Event Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club

The Sault Ste. Marie Lions welcomed the community to join them in their "Trunk and Treasurer" sale.

The weather was ideal for the event, held in the parking lot of the Moose Lodge. Lions sold baked goods, organized and sold donated items to raise monies for the community. A great day for the Sault Lions to get back into the community after months of Covid 19 isolation!



IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2023 Four Points Sheraton, London May 26-28, 2023

International Conventions

106th	Boston, Mass., USA	July 7 - 11, 2023
107th	Melbourne, Australia	June 21 - 25, 2024
108th	Mexico City, Mexico	July 4 - 8, 2025
109th	Atlanta, GA, USA	July 3 - 7, 2026

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Thanks from the Heart from Lion David Mills Council Secretary

Lion Betty and I can't say "Thank You" loudly enough to show how overwhelmed and grateful we were by your generosity at the MD' A' Convention. The parting gifts we received from the Councils with whom we have served were totally unexpected and took us completely by surprise.

My five-year journey of service to the multiple district has been hugely rewarding. It became far more than a job. It provided another opportunity of service and gave me a totally different perspective on the world of Lionism.

Thank you to PDG John Stewart who handed over to me a well-organized and well-managed Council Secretary portfolio. I will work hard to do the same for Lion Marjorie Lewis, my successor. Thank you to Council Chairs John, Tim, Kevin, Debbie and Dan for your leadership and friendship. Your skills as we manoeuvred through the pandemic were extraordinary. Thank you to Council Treasurer Dave of "Dave Squared" for helping me to ease into the role and for sharing your extensive knowledge over the last five years. Your support and friendship meant a lot.

To "my" fifty District Governors, I hope I was able to help you as you did the double duty of managing your individual districts as well as the multiple district. Thank you for your leadership. To "my" committee chairs, I hope I wasn't too much of a nag to get your reports in. I really just wanted Council to know of your great work. Thank you to my best friend for your hours of support, proofreading, ironing out details and for encouraging me when things got tough and when timing was everything. You epitomize the value and strength of partnerships in leadership in this great organization.

As we transition into the next five years of service, I leave the role of Council Secretary in capable hands. Please don't hesitate to call if I can be of any assistance.

Yours in Lions Service

Council Secretary David Mills

"Make a Great Day!"



L to R: Council Chair Dan Armstrong, Lion Betty Mills, Council Secretary David Mills and Lions International 1st Vice President Brian Sheehan

Port Colborne Lions Club 100 Years of Service

The Port Colborne Lions celebrated their 100th year of service by holding a 100TH ANNIVERSARY HOME APPLIANCE DRAW! The draw valued at up to \$10,000 includes a fridge, stove, dishwasher, microwave oven, washer, and dryer. Leading up to the October 29th draw there will be five early bird cash draws of \$100.00 to \$500.00.

100th Year Club Budget: Earlier this Lions year, the Port Colborne Lions approved their 2021-22 budget with expected spending of \$7,000 for the youth of Port Colborne, over \$11,000 for the community of Port Colborne, \$1,200 for Lions Camps supporting youth with cancer, diabetes, vision impairment or requiring dialysis while at camp and \$7,250 for various Lions projects. Due to the generous support from the Port Colborne community, the club is well on their way to achieve their goals. To date, \$5,200 has been contributed to support minor soccer, minor baseball, the Navy League, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, girls' hockey association, PC Conservation Club children's fishing derby, children's summer program at the PC Library, as well as scholarships at both Lakeshore Catholic and Port Colborne High Schools.

For the community of Port Colborne, the club supported the Legion's Remembrance Day celebrations, the PC food drive, Niagara Children's Centre, Port Cares, PC meals on wheels, and Woman's Place. In addition, the club has committed \$10,000 for new park benches at H.H. Knoll Park as well as a Lions Arch at Lions field to commemorate the clubs bond with the community.

During the PC Lions 100th year of service the club organized a food drive for Port Cares, that realized a collection of 26,867 lbs of groceries as well as \$7,548 in cash. Due to the urgent need, the club's funding of Lions Clubs International Global Projects exceeded club budget projections in 3 specific areas: \$2,000 to assist flooding in both western and eastern Canada; \$2,000 to assist those in Ukraine who have been displaced from their homes because of the Russian conflict; and the first of two \$3,000 installments to the Lions of Canada Vision Dog Guide Program.

The year 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the Port Colborne Lions Club. It also marks the return of our annual Walk-A-Dog in support of Dog Guides of Canada in May and the club's annual carnival scheduled for July 21-24th followed by Port Colborne's Canal Days celebrations July 29 through August 1st.



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Westport Lions

On Saturday, April 30th, 2022, the "Pitch In" effort by Westport Lions and community volunteers, Linda & Peter Minnelli collected bags of garbage and beer cans between 9:30 am to 11:30 am. In addition to this two hour effort over three weeks, these two club members picked up numerous bags of garbage in the Westport and surrounding area roads. Research shows that litter affects people's wellbeing and safety. Trash can spread disease and cause dietary and internal problems for animals. People believe that their actions will not harm society and others will clean-up after them. In conclusion, education is a vital tool to help reduce littering. Educating adults and children on proper disposal of trash and the detrimental effects caused by littering is vital to help reduce litter. A big thank you to Westport Lions and community volunteers for their Lions Roar effort.

*L - R: Marty Hawkins,
Bob Reddick, Kim Kelly,
Pat Reddick, April
Baird, Julie-Anne Baird,
community volunteers
Linda and Peter Minnelli
and Lion Jim McGlade*

