



On a tract of land at the end of Des Chenes Drive, behind the Sault Ste. Marie Airport, is Point Des Chenes. It is approximately 25 acres of fields and wooded area that borders on a kilometer of beautiful sand beach. In the westerly edge of this park is a campground operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club. The Park was established in the late fifties and in 1964 the campground was added when the City relocated a trailer park from a downtown location.

2006 will mark the 20th year that the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club has operated the Pointe Des Chenes Campground. From its tenuous beginnings it is now a flourishing success, due to a combination of the many talented managers and the Sault Ste Marie Lion's hard work.

At the end of the camping season in 1985, the Lions took up the call to action to operate the park as a fundraising project, taking over from City management. The first season the Lions acted as contract operators was difficult. An operating committee was formed from club members of the day. They hired a manager that they thought would absolve them of their lack of experience. They rented a van to haul wood and pick up trash with. They stocked the tuck shop like a convenience store and they put a large amount of seed money into a fund for disaster sake. The City Parks Department helped them quite a bit that first season and acted as a resource. Nevertheless, at the end of the season after they had put in thousands of volunteer hours, they came up thousands of dollars short. Valuable lessons were learned that first year and after more debate and insistence by the original committee members, the Lions Club signed a second contract with the city, this time for five years.

Maintenance and improvements came at a cost. All the revenue generated, to date, was turned over to the club and half was turned back to the park. This was now the seed money that improvements and renovations were made from.

Twenty years later the park now has its own water filtration, 100 sites, almost all with power. In the future, the emphasis will continue on the upgrading of existing facilities. The managers have helped to take a service project to a major fund raising venture that the whole community benefits from. For a reservation call Pointe Des Chenes Campground at (705) 779 2696.

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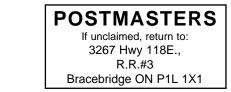
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#### Club Renewal: Expanding Our Mission of Service

Lions clubs must continually grow, to never cease reassessing the manner in which they relate to their communities. Consequently, it is vital that every club engage in a periodic renewal, a time to revitalize itself. Doing so, it will be energized to both provide services that are relevant to the community and which meet the personal needs of not only the current membership, but men and women who are considering an opportunity to give of their time and talents in voluntary service.

Let us make 2006-2007 the Year of Club Renewal and, in a word, "reinvent" ourselves through new ways of thinking and conducting business. If we are to move forward and enhance our image as the community's premier service club organization, we must, when necessary, replace old assumptions and attitudes that have outlived their usefulness and develop new ideas and approaches to community service that do, indeed, promise success. I encourage every Lions club at its very first meeting to closely examine everything that it does...service projects, membership growth, relationship with other community leaders and organizations, the way meetings are conducted... anything that relates to the strength and future of the club. There are, in fact, three precise steps to identify how to most effectively meet the needs of both current and prospective members.

First, determine which of your activities are successful and swells enthusiasm within the club. These should obviously be continued and, whenever possible, expanded.

Those projects that have proven to be less successful need to be re-evaluated and improved. Every activity in which your Lions club is engaged must be a quality endeavor and answer needs that are paramount to the community and to the needs of your members.

Also, I know that Lions dislike the thought of abandoning a project, especially one that has been a part of the

club's calendar for many years. However, if, on serious examination, it no longer answers community needs and is unsuccessful, it simply must be dropped and replaced with a new program. All this is essential to what we call the Paradigm Shift.

We cannot maintain activities and practices that are outdated and of little value. It is our responsibility as Lions, as community leaders, to continually develop and implement innovative service projects and workable strategies to bring in new members and the best strategy for growth, I assure you, is to have activities that members, and potential members, consider serious and important. In this way, and only this way, will we strengthen our clubs through membership growth. But it demands a rigorous self-evaluation of where our clubs are and where we want to go.

Let us permanently leave behind the concept of "but that's the way we've always done it!" This absolutely has to be stricken from our method of operation. New ideas need to replace those that no longer work, and this can



only occur when the club members participate in open and constructive discussion. This is the open path to club renewal and development and it will happen when Lions come together to honestly evaluate their situation and determine a course of action for tomorrow. Each club needs to accept the challenge to re-establish its mission of community service and prioritize its goals. This can only be achieved at the club level: it cannot be established from above. Each club must set its own targets for success, in activities and for membership growth. Analyze what is best for your community and for your fellow Lions, and then judge how you can go about reaching these objectives.

A serious evaluation of your club is the key. Employ the three step approach for club renewal and there is no question that you will be able to look forward to a bright and positive future.

#### **Lions Convention Update**

July 3 - 7, 2007 Chicago, Illinois, USA June 23 - 27, 2008

Bangkok, Thailand

July 6 - 10, 2009 Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

June 28 - July 2, 2010 Sydney, Australia

For the Record, as of February 28, 2006, Lions Clubs International had 1,317,674 members in 45,168 clubs and 753 districts in 196 countries and geographic areas. Senior Master Key (25 Members) Lion Keith Cook, Brantford North Lions Club, Ontario, Canada

### **Canadian Lions Faculty Development Institute**

May 4-7 2006

As spring has arrived in all of Canada our country stretches out its vast glory. We are a land of great spaces and Lions Clubs International travels great distances throughout. Our International Board has authorized the Leadership Department of LCI to develop a Faculty Development Institute in each constitutional area.

PID Bill Moody assembled a faculty including PCC Harry Marissen and PDG Polly Voon with the support of International Director Terry Graham at the Howard Johnston Hotel in Richmond Hill Ontario.

20 Canadian Lions, identified from Multiple Districts 19, 37, 5, 5M, A, U and 41 were invited as participants. They were instructed to effectively present Lions information with the use of visual aids, interactive adult learning, lesson design, session management and evaluations.

The graduates were encouraged to continue this development in their Multiple Districts and Districts through

local forums and institutes. This process will foster greater understanding and develop leadership skills for all Lions who participate.

Through this pilot program, the first of its kind in North America, LCI are developing a core of persons they can recommend for this purpose to conduct Regional Institutes within their Multiple Districts.

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes are now available regionally, sponsored by a multiple district. Lions Clubs International provides support, direction and curriculum materials to any multiple district wishing to conduct an Emerging Lions Leadership Institute at the regional level. The curriculum focuses on building the skills of Lions members in preparation for leadership opportunities at the club level, particularly the position of club president.

Director Graham reported the results, encouraging Councils and Elects to use this resource. He will be officiating the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus Ohio Sept 14/16, 2006.

#### The Faculty of 2006

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### 2005-2006 Peace Poster Winner

"Roses were scattered everywhere as a gesture expressing peace ... harmony became reality."

#### "Peace Without Borders"

Cleverson da Silva Rosa 13 years old from Brazil Sponsored by Cidade Gaucha Lions Club



#### Highlights of The MD"A" Council Meeting Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls June 2, 2006

Presentation by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario: His Honour, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, James Bartleman made a presentation about the thousands of children living in the remote aboriginal communities scattered across the far north of Ontario, hundred of kilometers north of Thunder Bay. These children live in third world conditions abject poverty, serious social and mental health problems, and a suicide rate ten times that of the rest of Canada, all within the borders of our own province. The 30% of these children, who manage to stay in school, graduate with a grade 12 diploma and grade 7 educations. Literacy rates very low and the value of literacy has not been instilled in the communities, which are trapped in a vicious circle of hopelessness. The fourth phase of His Honour's program is called "Club Amick for Young Aboriginal Readers". The goal of this program is to reinforce the word of the summer literacy camps by enrolling the participants in a book club. Every two months, each member will receive a brand new book selected just for them and a copy of the Club Amick newsletter. This program will allow native youth to build their own libraries for the first time and schools will be able to integrate Club Amick books into their classroom activities. His Honour proposed that a coordinated effort be launched to inform Lion's communities about the Club Amick program so they may understand the issues and benefits of this project and to develop their own local responses which suit the needs of their respective communities.

Motion to allow the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, James Bartleman to send out a letter to all clubs in MDA inviting the clubs to participate in this project and to provide a set of labels at no cost. Carried

ID Terry Graham stated that at the meeting with His Honour James Bartleman, it was felt the best way for our clubs to participate was to commit to sponsor one child in the program. The cost would be \$100.00 per year. It is hoped the commitment could be for a five (5) year period. With 550 plus clubs, each club could have a large impact on

the program. Helen Keller said it best "Alone we can do so little." "Together we can do so much."

LFC Ontario Director Michael Salter reported some 2005-2006 highlights: Bequeaths - a huge jump in support. Lions' donations continue to be close to budget and total gifts with sponsorships and Brian Stevenson Fellowships would appear to be up overall. The plan for shift to spring Walk dates has taken off with 129 spring walks now planned. All our Dog Guides programs have continued to grow and we anticipate reaching our goal of over 100 dog guide teams graduating in 2005-2006.

Chairperson Carl Young reported that the Lions Homes for Deaf People (LHDP) have undertaken their next project, which will greatly assist the Canadian Hearing Society (CHS) in their ability to deliver needed services to the hearing impaired. The project as described by LHDP Chair Lion Jack Graydon is as follows: "It is our intention to build the necessary cabinetry, provide the carpentry and electrical support and purchase forty different devices to be displayed in a fully operational manner in every one of the twenty eight offices of the CHS".

Chairperson Yvette Gerber reported that Ryan Chin has moved to another position within CNIB and Jacqueline Harrison would take on this responsibility. She has an extensive camp background with the YMCA in both residential and day camp settings as well as experience in working with a service supported camp. Due club to Government regulations MD"A" was unable to run the 50/50 draw tickets this year for the Lake Joseph camp and in lieu of this an appeal to the Lions and Lioness was made to donate whatever funds they could to the camper sponsorships. The Lions Family of this Multiple raised \$26,715.00 as of May 10th. This is \$10,268.00 more than last year. Yet again the Lions Family stepped up to the plate.

Chairperson Ted Rypma presented his Website report and announced that this year has seen the MD"A" Web site grow with the additions of a Peace Poster Gallery, more historical information about the beginnings of Lionism in Canada in District "A", and the addition of links to information for the Past District Governors' Association. The following are the major changes made during this past Lions year:

• The MD"A" Pin Collection is now featured on the History section of the web site

• Again, thanks to Lion Lynn Mathewson, all winning District Peace Posters for the years 2004 and 2005 are now available for viewing in the Peace Poster Gallery.

The Events page has information on the changes to the Friendship Arch program.
The Lions Web Forum now has a Coming Events section, available for any registered Lion to post Lions events for the sub-Districts of MD"A".

Brockville Lions Club are having a draw for SightFirst of Sports Memorabilia that will occur at the 2007 MDA Convention in London. Any funding raised by individual districts will be credited to that district. They are looking for permission to canvas all the Districts in MDA for prizes and to sell tickets. They also requested a set of labels for all the clubs.

Motion that permission be given for the Brockville Lions Club to canvas all the Districts in MDA for prizes and to sell tickets and that they be provided with a set of labels for all the clubs. Carried

A new 'Volunteer Screening Policy' for MD"A" was adopted for inclusion in the MD"A" Policy Manual and that the MD"A" Secretary be designated as the contact person for the coordination and management of the screening process.

The job description for the Promotion Committee, as amended, was adopted to replace the current job description in the Policy Manual.

A special Ad Hoc Committee be established, to undertake a comprehensive review of the MDA Constitution and By Laws with a mandate to realign the format with the standard LCI form and updating all elements to ensure consistency with LCI. This tasking would also include ensuring that the MDA Policy Manual is consistent with the MDA Constitution & By Laws.

#### PDG Wayne Hoey will be concluding his tenure as Multiple District "A" Secretary as soon as a replacement is selected.

To: All Lions of Multiple District "A" The position of MD "A" Secretary has become available.

#### **Qualifications:**

The successful applicant will possess experience and a working knowledge in good office management, financial budgeting, Lions Clubs Activities and MD "A" and LCI Constitution and Bylaws. They must have good communication skills. As well, the successful applicant will demonstrate excellent computer skills and a working knowledge of software programs currently in use.

This position requires attendance at all Council Meetings, certain Committee Meetings and any additional meetings called by the Council chair. This position comes with an Honorarium and actual expenses paid. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

For additional information in Constitution and Bylaws and the Policy manual for MD "A", please check our web site. http://www.mdalions.org/

All applicants must have their resumes e-mailed by Sept. 1, 2006 to:

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#### Lessons a Service Organization Learned from the Disasters of 2005

by Dr. Clement F. Kusiak 2005-2006 LCIF Chairperson

The newspapers and nightly newscasts are no longer filled with reports from South Asia on the tsunami. So let me briefly report on just one significant development affecting more than 2,500 residents of Aceh province in Indonesia. Over the past year, they have gradually moved into 570 single-family homes paid for by LCIF, Indonesian Lions and Lions from several other nations.

The two-room homes, constructed simply of wood with corrugated tin roofs, are wired for electricity and cost about US\$867 each to build. For most of the villagers, they are a marked improvement over where they lived before the disaster. These dwellings demonstrate several invaluable lessons that LCIF has learned from its members' experiences after the tsunami. These lessons have helped Lions throughout the U.S. and worldwide as they have assisted and continue to aid victims of the Gulf Coast hurricanes and the earthquakes in northern Pakistan and India. As governments and large organizations like the Red Cross handle the giant relief and reconstruction efforts, smaller groups make significant contributions of their own-and in ways that much-larger relief organizations have difficulty doing.

**Lesson One**: Local relationships and feet on the ground allow local service organizations - familiar with an affected region's political and other power brokers - to move swiftly to identify very specific needs and cut through politics and red tape to fill them, often more efficiently than large international organizations. By the time relief workers around the world learned of the tremendous disaster in South East Asia, members of Lions clubs and other local organizations already were rushing to the area with trucks loaded with water, medicine, food and blankets. We have more than 60,000 members in the affected areas-people who know the best ways to reach the devastated communities where there were no airports and major roads had been washed away. So it isn't surprising that Lions were the first organization to coordinate relief in many areas.

While there aren't any Lions clubs in Banda Aceh, many strong clubs exist in nearby Medan. The Lions quickly identified a village where the tsunami had wiped out every home and where a Lions member had worked previously with the village chief. Then Lions underwrote similar houses in two more villages. Banda Aceh's mayor was so impressed that he extended an unprecedented offer to the Lions to build homes in the capital city itself. The Lions' personal contacts and relationships with government leaders, business people, judges and others helped them get things done quickly. In Sri Lanka, Lions partnered with the government relief agency at the request of the country's president and the then-Minister of Housing, a Lion. They were given a police escort for the 60 truckloads of supplies they sent. Local contacts and relationships also helped Lions work with mostly rural communities hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to identify immediate relief and long-term needs.

Lesson Two: Clear, accurate information is vital, for the short- and long-term. Service-organization members who grew up in a region can assess immediate needs and then mobilize in droves. Once immediate rescue efforts are completed, in-depth information can help plan and carry out long-term rebuilding. In Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and India, all hard hit by the tsunami, LCIF provided funds to build more than 1,300 homes to date, benefiting thousands of people. However, these homes could not have been built so quickly except for the information, hard work and expertise of the Lions in those countries. Lions around the world were quick to donate millions of dollars for relief assistance, but the foundation relied on local Lions in the field to assess, set priorities and provide the relief-in this case to get the new homes built. With Lions clubs in 197 countries, Lions members are always nearby and ready to help. Technology enables Lions from elsewhere to lend a hand. After Hurricane Katrina, LCIF set up an online Help Link to partner clubs in the Gulf Coast with clubs elsewhere that wanted to help. Just two days after the Help Link was created, 21 clubs made arrangements to send money, provide toys for Christmas, send supplies, replace club paraphernalia and travel to the Gulf Coast to fix the club houses or do other relief work.

Lesson Three: In times of disaster, while everyone and every organization wants to help, organizations and individuals must determine how to do this most effectively - especially since relief and rebuilding will take years. Lions clubs and Lions members aren't known as volunteer disaster-service providers. We have many priorities including helping the vision impaired and young people. Yet when disasters strike, we are eager to help. In the tsunami-affected region, we provided immediate relief followed by housing construction and economic development in villages such as rebuilding salt houses, a key industry. In the U.S., regions affected by the hurricanes, Lions also mobilized quickly to provide emergency relief but also supported longer-term projects. Because thousands of people lost their eyeglasses, Lions in the affected areas brought in Lions mobile vision vans and provided free vision testing and assistance in getting new glasses. We realize that our strength lies not in providing emergency relief, but in providing long-term assistance, even after the news cameras and the media leave and the major relief organizations move on to the next disaster. LCIF currently is providing funds for Lions of Mississippi and Louisiana to continue important service projects such as sight screenings, an eye bank and eye care services for the poor.

What the tsunami, the hurricanes and the earthquakes have made clear is that volunteer organizations play a major role to supplement and extend the efforts of the much larger nonprofit organizations or government agencies. Along with many other volunteer groups, we each contribute what we know best. And that adds up to quite a bit.

### Thank You Lions of MD 'A'

The Lioness of MD 'A' would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lions for their support of our Multiple District Lioness program over the years since 1992, when Lions International made the decision to eliminate recognition of Lioness beyond Club level.

That initial period of support within Multiple District 'A' has enabled us to grow into an efficient, self-sufficient organization with an excellent program and confident, capable leaders prepared to assist and support our Clubs, as they continue to work together with their Lions Clubs - to provide for the needs of their communities and live up to our motto "We Serve".

Although we are disappointed that the Lions of MD 'A' have chosen to remove the reference to the Lioness Program from their Constitution and Bylaws - we certainly understand the reasons for the decision, and we truly do appreciate the 14 years of support and encouragement that we have enjoyed.

THANK YOU LIONS! The Lioness of MD"A" Lioness Patricia Peterson, President



### Charlie Gets Melvin



Lion Charlie Perkins joined the Sarnia Township Lions Club in 2002. He has been active in various fundraising activities ever since. Before joining Lions, Charlie and his wife Louise formed Families in Action, a group that held drug workshops and information sessions in Lambton County schools for twenty years. Pictured are DG Bill Bissonette and Lion Charlie receiving his Melvin Jones Award.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



Sight

Cavalcade

The Sight Cavalcade began in the Western provinces. It got its start in District A1 in 1987 under the name Journey for Sight. Over the years it has been held in Windsor, Chatham, London, and Dutton. After a two or three year lapse it was recently revived by Lion Bev Werta. Attendance was down from previous years, but close to \$9000 was presented to the Diabetes Organization on May 7. Winners of the best decorated antique car: Lion Bell Fell from the Petrolia Lions Club, best decorated Lions car: Lion Joyce Doucet of Sarnia Township Lions Club. and classic car: PDG Jacqui Flood from Essex Lions Club. Pictured left to right: Lion Joyce Doucet, Lion Bill Fell, Governor Bill Bissonnette and PDG Jacqui Flood.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

### **Zone Project**



Pictured presenting the Push Mower are Lion Mike Swan, President of the Petrolia Lions Club, Petrolia Lion Gord Perry, cochair of the Zone Project, and Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Cabral.

District A1, Zone 24 West has once again completed a successful Zone Project with the proceeds going to Diabetes Research. Six thousand and seventy-three tickets were sold by the clubs in the Zone with profit of \$7,565.19 to Diabetes Research. Winner of the John Deere L100 - 17h.p Tractor Mower was Ken Clark of Shetland, ticket sold by Glencoe and District Lions: winner of the Kubota T1570 - 15 h.p. Tractor Mower was Grant Gilroy of Wyoming, and the 6 h.p. Yard Man Push Mower was won by Antonio Cabral of Forest. Heartfelt thanks to all the Lions in Zone 24 West who helped to make this project a success.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



### Krestel Melvin



Long Point Lions Club member John Krestel, District A2 Region 4 Chairman, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in honour of his 50 year club membership. He is a dedicated member having served in several positions in both Club and District A2 levels. Presenting the award is Club President Richard Denn, left.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

## Hospital Help



Chippawa Lions Club President Rex Smith presents a cheque to Joyce Morocco, chair of the Greater Niagara General Hospital Building Committee. The money is to be used for construction of a new emergency section at the hospital.

## **Big Money**



A cheque for \$3,200 was presented by the Fisherville Lions Club to CNIB for Talking Books. Making the presentation are, left to right, Lion John Robinson, Journey for Sight Chair; Lion Keith Rothney, District A2 Sight Conservation Chair; Lion Gene Ottennan, President; and Lion Sheldon Booker, 2004-05 President. The money was raised at the 2005 Journey for Sight.

A cheque was also presented to the CNIB Camp at Lake Joseph in the amount of \$6050 which includes \$3,200 from the 2005 Journey for Sight, \$1,500 donation from the Fisherville Lions Club, \$900 from the lady Lions, money raised from the snack sales at the club's Variety Show, and a further \$450 raised at the Variety Show.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick



Windham Township Lions Club recently presented cheques to several worthy causes. PDG Les Stedman presented \$1000 to Lioness Sandy MacDonald for Camp Trillium, Rainbow Lake. Club President Mark Bannister presented \$200 to PDG Bob Davis towards his 'Pennies for Helping Hand' dog fund. And a \$1000 cheque was presented to Ken Sheradon from the Norfolk Fire Association toward their "Teaching Fire Safety" trailer.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick

### **Boys & Girls**



Chippawa Lion Garth Hutcheon, left, and President Rex Smith (right) presented a cheque To Amanda Braet of the Boys and Girls Club of Niagara Falls. The donation is the profit from the annual Irish Night presented by the Chippawa Lions Club.



## New BBQ Blood



The Belleville Lions Club had a BBQ where they also inducted three new members into the club. Pictured from left to right, DG Jim Lemoire, new Lion Josèe Prud'homme, sponsor President Lion Art Chartrand, new Lion Laura Gere, sponsored by PZC Lion Harvey Gere. This makes 3 new members in the club this year.

Reported by PDG John Thompson.

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### Campers



Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club President Wilma Bush presented \$230, on behalf of the Club, for two students from Sacred Heart School to attend training at Camp Quin-mo-lac. Lion Brian Pierce also presented \$230 from the Marmora Legion Br. #237.

## Celebration Plus



Millbrook and District Lions Club welcomed five new Lions to the Club on their 58th Charter Night this year. This brings the membership to 52 Lions and we are well on our way to reach our goal of "60 by 60". (Front Row, left to right) Lion Reg Loyst, Lion Bill Hughes, Lion Linda Hughes, Lion John Bennett, Lion Tony VanKatwyk. (Back Row, left to right) PDG Bob VanWort, Lion Irving Rumbolt (sponsor), PRC Carl Brown (sponsor), DG Gayle Hodgson, Lion Linda Brown (sponsor), CS Lion Gord Taylor (President), Lion Albert Munneke (sponsor), Lion Allen Brownridge (sponsor)

Submitted by Lion Gord Taylor

## Sharbot Lake



The Sharbot Lake and District Lions members joined with the members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #425 to take part in the "BIG BIKE FOR HEART AND STROKE" ride recently. The participants braved the rainy weather and then enjoyed a hearty breakfast sponsored by the Legion.

The Lions also sponsored another very successful BLOOD DONOR CLINIC, surpassing the goal set for the event.

10 Sharbot Lake and District Lions also completed their "ADOPT - A-HIGHWAY" Project, amassing 16 bags of litter from 4 kilometers of road.

Submitted by Lion Dawn Hansen



### Gananoque Joint Project

Thanks to a co-operative effort between the Rotary Club of Gananoque and the Gananoque Lions Club the \$19,000 joint project is nearly complete on Rotary Beach. The new gazebo was finished recently thanks to a grant of \$10,000 provided by the Lions Club. Lions Richard Cliffe, Bill Stevens, Paul Breckenridge and Rob Janke, along with members of the Rotary Club still have some work to do to complete the project. However both Clubs are satisfied with the co-operative effort.



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# Une histoire de coeur...

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râce à votre générosité, le Club Lions de Buckingham a remis une somme de 9 100 \$ à la Fondation des maladies du coeur dimanche dernier.

Pour une huitième année consécutive, les Lions vous ont convié au déjeuner bénéfice Robert Champagne. Cette fois-ci, la présidence d'honneur était confiée à Andrée Tremblay, épouse de Denis, tandis que Claude «TV» Deschatelets a agi à titre de conférencier invité.

Avec son sens de l'humour habituel, Claude a partagé les expériences qu'il a vécues au cours des dernières années. « J'ai accepté de venir partager mon expérience parce que le Club Lions est un des plus respectés de la région et que ses membres sont des gens extrêmement impliqués, dévoués et engagés, de dire M.Deschatelets. Au cours des dernières années, j'ai profité grandement de l'expérience et de la compétence des médecins et des infirmières de la région. C'est sans aucun doute grâce à eux que je suis ici pour vous raconter mon histoire puisqu'à trois reprises, je suis allé cogner à la porte du ciel, et heureusement, personne ne m'a répondu. Aujourd'hui, je porte sous la peau un stimulateur cardiaque (pacemaker) jumelé à un défibrillateur, qui m'a été installé il y a deux ans. »

#### Merci aux Lions qui année après année organisent ce déjeuner et en font un succès.

La vie de Claude Deschatelets a changé en avril 1981. «Je vais vous donner la vraie recette pour faire un infarctus : vous vous levez vers 7h30 et vous vous allumez une cigarette. Ensuite, vous prenez votre équipement d'hockey et vous participez à un tournoi. Quand vous chaussez des patins pour la première fois de l'année en avril et que vous n'êtes pas en forme, c'est infaillible, l'infarctus arrive. Dans mon cas, la





C'est avec plaisir que les Lions de Buckingham ont remis une somme de 9 100 \$ à la directrice régionale pour la Fondation des maladies du coeur du Québec-Outaouais.

partie a débuté à 8h et à 8h30 j'étais de retour à Buckingham, dans un lit du Centre hospitalier. C'est là que l'on m'a dit que je venais de faire un infarctus.»

Après une convalescence de quelques mois et avoir pris soin de lui pendant quelques semaines, M.Deschatelets a malheureusement très vite repris ses vieilles habitudes. « J'allais bien, donc je n'avais pas besoin de faire un suivi avec le docteur, et plus besoin non plus de faire attention à ma santé, se rappelle-t-il. Dix ans plus tard, j'ai fait de l'angine. J'ai alors consulté un médecin qui m'a dit de faire attention à moi. Ce que j'ai fait pendant quelques semaines, mais j'ai une fois de plus repris mes vieilles habitudes. Jusqu'en avril 2004, là où mon coeur s'est mis à battre beaucoup trop vite, pour aucune raison. C'est à cette époque que l'on m'a installé le défibrillateur. »

Depuis, le policier admet prendre beaucoup mieux soin de lui, notamment en surveillant son alimentation et en prenant religieusement ses médicaments.

« Mon expérience m'a permis de constater qu'en Outaouais, nous sommes très bien équipés, mais nous avons surtout la chance de pouvoir compter sur des personnes compétentes. Nous sommes entre de bonnes mains : ces gens-là sauvent des vies à tous les jours. »

Le Club Lions, grâce à ce déjeuner bénéfice, a remis près de 60 000 \$ à la Fondation des maladies du coeur au fil des ans. Pour Christiane Matte, directrice régionale pour la Fondation des maladies du coeur du Québec-Outaouais, l'implication des Lions envers la cause des maladies du coeur a une valeur inestimable. « Merci aux Lions qui année après année organisent ce déjeuner et en font un succès, a-t-elle dit. Je n'ai pas eu la chance de connaître Robert Champagne, mais d'après les dires de ses amis, c'est un homme qui aimait s'impliquer et je le remercie d'avoir commencé cette belle tradition. Et je remercie les Lions de l'avoir poursuivi. C'est grâce à la générosité d'individus comme vous que la Fondation peut supporter les recherches de haut niveau dans le domaine cardio-vasculaire et maintenir ses efforts de sensibilisation et de prévention.»



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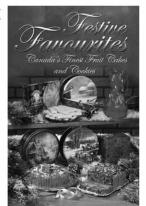
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### Supporting Kevin



Members of Canines for a Cause joined Kevin Frost and his dog Nemo at the Orleans Lion's Club Walk-a-thon.

Schools, the Girl Guides, Canines for a Cause, and the Orleans Recreation Centre joined Kevin Frost, a deaf and blind speed skater, for the Orleans walk-a-thon on May 13th. Since joining the sport about two years ago, Frost has been helped by the community and event organizers and the Lions Club.

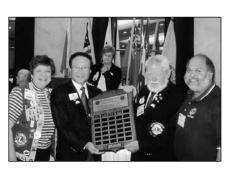
Frost finished last season with an impressive nine medals. One of his most important races next year will be the World Master's Long Track Championship, which will take place in Calgary, he will bring awareness to his cause as he not only competes against able-bodied athletes, but he is working to get speed skating in the 2010 Paralympic Games

### St. James Award

Past International President, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee and DG Ted Hughs presented the Dr. Michael St. James Memorial Award to the Kemptville Lions Club at the 2006 A4 Convention. "Mike St. James started the Guyana Eye-Care programme that the Kemptville Lions continue today. Second Vice President Lion Gail and Lion Paul, chief Lion in charge of the Guyana project, accepted the award on behalf of the Club.

Submitted by Lion Mavis Lecuyer









The Sudbury Lions Club and PDG Rolly Albert presented ZC Robert Vaillancourt an award: "Passion to Excel." It was presented on behalf of DG Reid Johnson. The Club has 5 new members so far this year.

Submitted by Lion Gloria S. Packard

## Purina Walk



The Sudbury Lions Club went out in full force to make a success of the annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides to raise much needed funds for The Lions Foundation. The event took in over \$6000. Money raised will help train special skills dogs for people with disabilities. In the photo is Pamela Turcotte and her Special Skills dog Hilton. All the dogs were well refreshed and treated at several dog stops.

Submitted by Lion Gloria S. Packard

# **Valentine Fun**



The Sudbury Lions Club had a Valentine dinner for the Lions and their sweethearts at their Lions Resource Centre meeting place. The smiles on all 33 faces reflect the enjoyment of the evening. At the center of the picture in the middle row is President Bill Beaton and his wife Rosemary and surrounded by very hard working "We Serve" Lions.

Submitted by: Lion Gloria S. Packard

# Highway Cleanup



On May 13, 2006, the Charlton-Englehart Lions Club piled up their 11th year with Adopt-a-Highway, for a grand total of 121 kilometres. It all started in 1995 when the club adopted the eleven kilometre section of Highway 560 from Englehart to Charlton. The first year they picked up three 2-ton truck loads of litter. Every year since they have been able to get it all in one load. Coffee cups, cigarette packages and pop cans usually make up most of the litter. Some of the youth groups that the club donates to take this opportunity to say thank you and help. They included the Charlton-Englehart Hockey Team, Squadron 355 Cadets and the Charlton-Englehart Lioness Club. Pictured are some of the Lions and volunteers, with club President Lion Madeline Hill on the extreme left

# **Skatepark Project**



The Minnow Lake Lions Club donated \$30,000 to the City of Sudbury Skateboard Park project located in Minnow Lake. This very worthwhile project will benefit the kids of the area and from Sudbury itself. The state-of-the-art park project has been in the making for the past three years, with a total construction cost of close to \$400,000.

Reported by PDG Lion Armand Jean





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#### CNIB would like to acknowledge the following Clubs who supported us between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006

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### Edwin A. Baker **Founder Award**

Lions and Lioness Clubs have been helping people with vision loss to live with independence and dignity since 1935 when Helen Keller invited them to become Knights of the Blind.

Each year CNIB recognizes this commitment and honors an individual Lion who has performed above and beyond the call of duty and has shown outstanding dedication to CNIB on behalf of those living with vision loss.

The Edwin A. Baker Founder Award was established in 1998 by the Knights of the Blind /CNIB Partnership Program. The Award is named after Colonel Edwin A. Baker who founded CNIB in 1918. The proud recipient of the 9th annual Edwin A. Baker Award is Lion Dave Hewitt of Port Carling Lions Club, District A-12. The Award was presented to him by Lion Ray Trudel at the Lions Closing Business Session on Sunday, June 04, 2006 at the Multiple District "A" Rainbow Convention in Niagara Falls. Lion Ray was the first recipient of this prestigious award in 1998.

Dave has been a Lion since 1987, starting in the Barrie Lions Club. In 1990 Dave's work transferred him to Muskoka where he joined the Port Carling Lions Club. In 2002-2003 he took on the role of District Governor for District A-12 where he inspired the Lions to raise more than \$60,000 for the rebuilding of the Lake Joseph Centre. He also successfully applied for a matching grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The resulting \$120,000 was instrumental in the building of the Medical Centre at Lake Jo. Lion Dave's ongoing support of CNIB is further exemplified through his successful application for a grant for the past four years through his employer, the Bank of Nova Scotia. CNIB has been the recipient of \$1,000 annually to support programs run through the Simcoe Muskoka District office such as the Peer Support and Volunteer Programs. In addition to all these outstanding achievements, Lion Dave is actively involved with the annual CNIB door-to-door campaign and annual CNIB crocus campaign. His enthusiasm for Lionism is so infectious that it even prompted his wife Bard to become an active Lion member herself.

It is the enthusiastic support of Lions and Lioness Clubs, and of dedicated members such as Lion Dave, that makes CNIB's work possible and allows us to provide vision health and vision hope for all Canadians.

Thank you Lions, Thank you Lion Dave!

#### Lions Appreciation Day at Lake Jo

To recognize the enthusiasm, compassion, and generous support of Lions and Lioness Clubs, CNIB is pleased to invite you to our annual Lions Appreciation day, August 19, 2006, starting at 1:00 pm at the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre. Boat tours, good food, great company - plus a chance to enjoy the scenic beauty of the camp await you. Come out and meet fellow Lions, mingle with CNIB staff and have fun!

We hope to see many of you there! Please email us at lakejo@cnib.ca to register.

CNIB has recently launched a new visual identity and updated messaging that more accurately reflects the work that we do. We are looking forward to working with Lions and Lioness Clubs to further strengthen our brand!



### Southeast Lion Honoured



Lion Harry Case, a Charter Member of the Southeast Lions Club, Manitoulin Island, and a 27 year member, received the Helen Kellar Award for Outstanding Service to the Lions and his community.

Submitted by Lion Jeremy Mailloux

## Jack Gets Melvin

The Whitefish & District Lions Club is very proud to present Lion Jack Oatway with a Melvin Jones Award. As an Education Officer of Ontario Ministry of Education from 1968 to 1991, Jack worked with Boards of Education throughout Northern Ontario. His specific area of responsibility was advising boards about special education, and programs for special students. He also served as supervisory officer for remote school district board. As a member of the Lions service club, Jack served as District Governor, as a Trainer for the Leadership Development Program of Sudbury with the United Way, and many other volunteer positions in the community and in Lionism. Jack is a fifteen-year Lions member. One Lions highlight was co-founding the Teachers Lions Club in Sudbury, and assisting in securing an LCIF Grant for Habitat for Humanity building project. And he continues his Lions work. All in all, Jack is a very busy Lion.

### Winner

The Intermediate English Speaking Champion from A5 at the speak-off in Ottawa was Tania Shewring, a student at Marymount Academy. Winner of the Junior English Division at the District level last year, she came in as a Champion at the MDA level this year.



**Fins** 

Celebrate

#### The Foronto-Finlandia Lions Club held a traditional Finnish Food Luncheon at the Senior's Centre, Leaside, in April. One hundred and thirty friends and supporters attended. The auditorium was decorated in an Easter theme and an arrangement of willow branches and pansies were set at each table.

Lion Anja Kaski had organized a luncheon, with traditional Finnish folk costumes worn by Lions and their history was recited by Lion Maija Nummi. Lion Martti Hyhko performed an energetic folk song to everyone's delight. Accordion music and folk songs were also performed by Anita Nutikka's band.

A donation of \$1,000 to fund evacuation sleds for the Nursing Home was given to the Senior's Centre Administrator Juha Mynttinen by Lion President Sirpa Kaukinen.

Submitted by Lion President Sirpa Kaukinen

### Black History Month



Toronto Bathurst Lions Club President Lion Abdullah Gamandie presents Achievement plaques to storyteller Itah Sadu and Deputy Police Chief Keith Forde.

A large crowd was in attendance at the Toronto Bathurst Lions recent Black History month meeting, held at the Harbourfront Community Centre this past February. The Toronto Bathurst Lions Club was the first Black Lions Club in Canada.

Two prominent Torontonians received TBL Achievement Awards: storyteller Itah Sadu and Deputy Police Chief Keith Forde. Itah Sadu involved the audience in her story. She spoke of adults creating positive images for young people, and noted that everyone in the audience was creating history just as those who were recognized during the evening had created it. Deputy Chief of Police Forde spoke of his experiences with the Toronto Police Force. He noted he had been critical in the past of many of their practices, including hiring, and ruefully said that now he is in charge of many of these areas. He stated that the force is now acknowledging errors and apologizing for them, so that corrections to policy and practice can be put into place.

Prior to the formal event, TBL held its Effective Speaking Contest Speakoff. The winner was Holly Watson, who is a Grade Seven student at The Waterfront School. Holly was also a winner in the TBL poster contest.

### Erindale Golf



#### Over \$75,000 Donated to Lions Foundation of Canada

For over 25 years, Erindale Lions have been hosting a golf tournament with proceeds each year going to LFC in Oakville. Seven years ago, the annual event was re-named "The Len Jeffrey Memorial Golf Tournament." And the total pledge just keeps growing.

PDG Wayne Chambers presented another \$2,000 raised at the June tournament, to Bev Berger (and guide dog, Jasper). Bev spoke on behalf of LFC expressing appreciation to the participants during the dinner and award ceremony.

### **Ties of Friendship**

At the sixth annual Ties of Friendship event the Dixie Mississauga Lions Club and the Erindale Mississauga Lions Club brought together representatives of the many organizations and groups to which these two clubs provide support. The idea was for them to meet the general membership and each other; to build reality in the relationships. There were 20 causes represented at the table. Most were presented donation cheques at the time. This year there is a difference. We were joined by the members of "The Lions Club of Dixie Mississauga" and "The Erindale Mississauga Lions Club." As of July 1st we are amalgamating with them to form "The Lions Club of Mississauga Credit Valley" with over 50 members strong. It was decided that we could better serve South Mississauga as a single large club.



There were cheques given out to fourteen different organizations this night totaling over \$20,000. Our lead gift this year from all three clubs was funds for the Trillium Health Care Foundation to purchase of a golf cart to



Lions Doug McLeod, Gord Wallen LFC with his dog, PDG Armin Bruer

transport infirm patients between the Hospital Parking lot and the Hospital itself. We were one of the original groups that raised funds for creation of the South Peel Hospital that is now the Trillium Health Centre. The 41 attending members of the three clubs and 18 guests made the night exciting. It was fun hearing, seeing, and talking to the people behind the causes.

Submitted by Lion Niles Shaw





# Mitchell Scouting

The Mitchell Lions Club was honoured for sponsoring Mitchell Scouting for the past sixty-five years. President Joe Waite (right) and Lion Bill Osborn, Youth Representative, received a plaque from Scouting Canada presented by Tom Chambers, Leader, (left) and Venturer Cal Christie. Mitchell Lions in turn presented a \$1.000 cheque to Mitchell Scouting.



# **Schomberg** Award

The Schomberg Lions Club is proud to announce that President Lion Marlene Koppens is the recipient of a "Presidents Excellence Award". She was given a pin in recognition of this at the meeting on April 3rd by DG Leonard Day. Of the 61 clubs in A12 only 6 presidents received the award. Lion Marlene is coming to the end of her second term as president of the Schomberg Lions. She is the first female president in the club's 59 year history.

Submitted by Lion John Bradbury

# \$100,000 from Alliston



Cataract surgery is a major component of the Ophthalmology Program initiated at Alliston's Stevenson Memorial Hospital in October of 2004, through a funding commitment from the SMH Foundation and a \$100,000 donation from the Alliston Lions Club

Dr. John Lloyd, Ophthalmologist at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, shows surgical instruments used in eye surgery to Mike Jerry, President of the Alliston Lions Club (left), Marilyn Holmstrom, President of the SMH Foundation and Peter McCague, Past President of the Alliston Lions.

Oldtimers Hockey



Lion President Jim Speers received a cheque for \$500 from Wayne Peavoy and Doug Gertsma of the The Lake of Bays Oldtimers Hockey Team. This was a portion of their profit in a joint effort with The Dorset Lions Club's -"Dorset Hounds Annual Hockey Tournament."

# Dorset Happenings



Lion President Jim Speers presented a plaque to Gina Baum and Lion Fred Baum, a Charter Member of 33 years, in recognition of their over 25 years of running the Dorset Lions Club Annual Family Fishing Derby.

### Lions & Lenscrafters



Barrie Lions Club presented to Lenscrafters in Georgian Mall in April 600 pair of used eyeglasses. These glasses are sorted, examined and tagged by Lenscrafters and sent to third world countries for distribution by Lenscrafters. The name of the Project is GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT of which the Lions Clubs are the Knights of the Blind. Pictured Left to right back row: Lion Barb Corkum, Judy Dorion of Lenscrafters & Lion Carol Ellis. Front row: Lion President Stan Corkum and Lion Jim Sproul

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

# Huntsville Hospital



Lion Treasurer Gord Henderson, left, presented the "Big Cheque" for Two Thousand dollars payable to "The Huntsville Hospital Foundation" to Debbi Davis, from the Foundation. Club President Jim Speers, right, holds up his end of the cheque. Lion President Jim Speers, also recently kicked off The Dorset Lions Club's "Plan 50 - SightFirst II" program.

### **Drive Wise**

The Dorset Lions Club also presented a \$50 cheque to Constable Harry Rawluk for his personal project of The Huntsville Lioness for a Mobile Driver Reviver Station. The Constable made his "Drive Wise Program" presentation, which is directed at mature drivers, at the Dorset Lions Club annual "Seniors Supper."

### Cookstown Soccer

Lion Barb Corkum from the Barrie Lions Club presented a cheque for \$500 to Barbara Caicco, Coordinator for the Cookstown Minor Soccer Association, to assist the players in their competition. The players on this team are from all over the Region of Simcoe and will be going to Italy to represent Canada and will be competing with teams from all over the world.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis



### **Final Installment**



The Stayner Lions Club presented a cheque to the Collingwood Hospital. This \$5000 was the final payment of a five-year pledge of \$50,000. The Stayner Lions have given \$145,000 to the hospital since 1985.

Submitted by Lion Mike Gennings

Photo by Stayner Sun

# Damp Dogs



Innisfil Lions and family members participated in the MS Walk. \$703 in pledges were given to the Multiple Schlerosis Society. The cold and rain did not dampen any spirits, and a fun day was had by all.



# St Marys Museum



The St. Marys Lions Club was pleased to present a cheque for \$5000 to the St. Marys Museum. Shown in the picture are Lion Larry McClelland, Lion Linda Mills, and Club President Glen Mills presenting the cheque to the Museum Curator Mary Smith. The Lions Club continues its proud tradition of supporting local Institutions such as the Friendship Centre and the Museum.

## Woolwich Project

Helps Out

The Centralia-Huron Park Lions

Club helped out 'Community

Living South Huron' with a \$500

donation towards a new bus. The

Club also sponsored an Adopt a

Highway program in May, with

twelve members participating in

this project. Centralia-Huron Park

Lions Club also sent two children

to Big Brothers/Sisters Camp this

summer.



Woolwich Community Lions Club recently announced the completion of their first major project - "Project Playground". A Trillium Grant, numerous fundraising activities, support from the community and private donations made it all possible. Shown cutting the Grand Opening ribbon is Lion Diane Smith, Chair of Project Playground, Lion Joan Edenborough, Club President, Lion Dennis Martin, President of Elmira Lions Club and PID Lion Art Woods, along with MPP Ted Arnott, Mayor Straus, representatives from the Township of Woolwich and a representative from Recreation Playsystems.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Booth

# **Lions Soccer**



Plattsville & District Lions Club donated money to the Plattsville soccer club to replace all the soccer nets. This is the first time in 11 years since Kevin Thomson, Plattsville's soccer organizer, started soccer that he has been able to replace the net. Pictured (left to right) is Kevin Thomson, Curtis Starich, Kiria Shantz, and Tina Starich. In the front is Josh Vandamme.

Submitted by Lion Trina Reinhart

### Rockwood Habitat



Rockwood & District Lions Club President Darryl Nichol (left) and Lottery Chair Lion Walter Swanston (right) presented a cheque for \$20,000 to Rick Charity, Chairman of Habitat for Humanity, and Clare Irwin, Cochair of Rockwood Build. Two homes were built with the assistance of the Rockwood club. The Lions also donated \$13,000 towards the homes built in 2001.

Submitted by Lion Walter Swanston

### In the Shade



The St. Marys Lions Club donated \$5000 to help the St. Marys Central School PTA build a shade structure for the children. This school has Grades Kindergarten thru 3. The building will start immediately with the Lions out with hard-hats helping to build the structure. The pavilion will be used for outdoor learning as well as shade protection.

Submitted by Lion Tracy Brant

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Ron Richards Lion recently presented a Life Membership to the Lions Club of Stratford to Lion Chuck Dingman. On hand to celebrate was Lion Chuck's wife Margaret, then District Governor Dave Cole and members of the Vanastra and Stratford clubs, including three newly inducted members. Lion Chuck has been an active Lion for 38 years and his father was a charter member of the club over 80 years ago. Left to right: Lion Chuck Dingman and Lion Ron Richards.

Submitted by Lion Maureen Salter



### Cooperation

Several Lions and Lioness Clubs within the City of Kawartha Lakes organized a tag day on April 22nd with all proceeds (\$6468.24) going to the CNIB. Making the presentation to Sue Gardner, CNIB Central Region Major Gifts Associate are (back row left) Walter Jancsik (Dunsford Lions Club), Roger Larocque (Lindsay Lions Club), Jim Young (Lindsay Lions Club), Ed Johnton (Omemee Lions Club), (front row left) Doug Osbourne (Oakwood Lions Club), Wally McKinnon (Bobcaygeon Lions Club) and Bob McFadden (Oakwood Lions Club). Other participating clubs not represented at the presentation were the Fenelon Falls, Kinmount and Coboconk Lions Clubs. This was the second year for this project and it is hoped that we can expand the project to include additional clubs next year.

### North Oshawa Grows

The North Oshawa Lions Club continues to promote club growth by inducting new members. The induction of Dave Renaud and John Krasinski was performed by DG Christine Weerdenburg, who was accompanied by VDG Ray Howlett. New member sponsors were Membership Chair Lion John Kellam and President Lion Lyle Hargrove. At another meeting new member Dean McCullagh was brought into the Club by his sponsor, Membership Chair Lion John Kellam.

### **New Blood**

The Coboconk and District Lions Club proudly inducted two new members, Peter and Mary Visser. Since becoming membership chair Pauline Barber has welcomed six new members to the club.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Paul

### **Over 65 Years**



The North Oshawa Lions Club recognized over 65 combined years of dedicated Lions service with the presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Bob Tumey and John Hodgson. PCC Carl Young made the presentation in recognition of their service. Bob Tumey (left) and John Hodgson (right) accept the awards from Lion Carl.

Reported by Lion Doug Terry

## Murray McKinnon



Cannington Ducks

The Cannington Lioness held their annual Rubber Ducky race on the mighty Beaver River on May 28th.

Reported by Lioness Debbie Robinson

Recently, The Murray McKinnon Foundation, a non-profit foundation established by the North Oshawa Lions Club, opened a new facility in Oshawa which will serve as an 'alternative to custody' facility for teenagers. The Program Director, Marlene Niskala (center) is being by congratulated Lucia Lee. Executive Director of The Murray McKinnon Foundation, and Lion John Perrault, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Murray McKinnon Foundation.

Doug Terry



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### Canoe Fun



The Cannington Lions held a very successful Canoe-A-Thon on May 7. Some of the enthusiastic canoers are pictured.

Submitted by Lion Doug Fuller

### Surfs Up



Marmora Crowe Valley Lion PRC Winston Wylie was surprised at the May dinner meeting when he was presented with a surfboard he won on a draw at the A3 Convention. The Club also recently held a successful raffle for a Blue Ridge acoustic guitar.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush

### Rescue Vehicle Trailer



The Callander Lions donated \$3000 for a trailer to transport an ATV rescue vehicle. The rescue vehicle is capable of travelling in all seasons to rescue people or assist in moving fire fighters and equipment to bush fires. To date the system has been used three times to rescue people. Pictures are members of the Callander Volunteer Fire Department with Callander Lion President Sue McMartin (seated on the ATV).

### Bike-a-Thon



Innisfil Lions Club Bike-A-Thon held May 27 was a huge success. A bright sunny day, and plenty of enthusiastic riders made for a great day. A portion of the pledges collected were donated to the participating organizations.

Submitted by Lion Sharon Hunt

Submitted by Lion Roy McMartin



































