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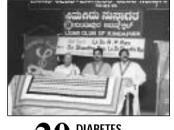
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President's Message

Open the Gateway for Youth

by Dr. Tae-Sup Lee President The International Association of Lions Clubs

Activities on behalf of young people have, traditionally, been popular objectives on the agendas of Lions Clubs worldwide. Such programs as Leo clubs, International Youth Exchange and Youth Camps, Lions-Quest, Scouting, the Peace Poster Contest and other manner of involvement have made it possible for the leaders of tomorrow to gain confidence, become aware of the need for world understanding and, of great importance, to comprehend the value of voluntary service in the community. In all these areas of partnering with youth, it is important that Lions be creative in their approaches to working with them, to attempt something new; in other words, to give solid evidence that "Innovation: Gateway to Our Future" is a formula that will reap untold benefits in the years to come.

Leo clubs define for young people the absolute need for voluntary service. Through participation in community service projects and by observing the example set by their sponsoring Lions, Leos will readily understand that they have an obligation to the areas in which they live and to assist in any way they can people who are less fortunate. The sponsoring Lions may consider using innovative methods to bring their Leos into the flow of community service and to demonstrate how they may join with professional and business leaders for the common good. You will, in effect, be introducing our association's legacy of service to a new generation.

Scouting teaches self-reliance and commitment to reaching objectives in a variety of fields and Youth Exchange, Youth Camping and the Peace Poster Contest testify to the need for promoting global understanding and harmony, ideals that are at the very core of the principles of international Lionism. I have spoken with many Lions whose clubs are involved in the Lions-Quest program and they are unanimous in praising this initiative for helping youngsters, kindergarten through high self-confidence, school, gain the importance understand of

.....understanding and harmony, ideals that are at the very core of the principles of international Lionism.....

cooperation and grasp the vital need to avoid substance abuse.

This year I am making a special request for Lions to recognize how crucial it is to take up the cause of children in need. To help achieve this, I have asked every district governor to make the promotion of children's services a priority objective during 2003-2004. There are young people who live in desperate need, who look for the hands of concern, caring and love extended to them. They can be found in every community and are the victims of drugs and alcohol, who come from dysfunctional families, are poorly clothed and fed and who lack opportunities for healthy outlets for their youthful energy.



President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee

In areas where the situation is desperate, there must be special focus upon those in greatest need, those who are commonly referred to as "street children." They number in the millions and are found in cities the world over abandoned and unwanted; prime targets for exploitation, abuse and criminal activity. Illness, illiteracy, drug use and early death are, unfortunately, all too common. As community leaders, Lions need to recognize their responsibilities to addressing the plight of these children because their health, their futures and their very lives are at stake.

Our 2003 Humanitarian Award recipient Gregory Smith eloquently challenged the Lions of the world in his speech at the international convention in Denver when he accepted the award. "I am speaking to you today to plead for your compassion, your leadership and your help to protect the rights and lives of the world's children," he said. "We must hear their cries and answer their prayers. Children around the world are depending on us. Millions will not survive if we do not help. Pray with me for these children. Never forget them. Never stop helping."

Lions, on behalf of young people in every community, in every nation, I urge you to promote innovative activities that will help enable them to step through the gateway to their own future.

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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rally Your Community

In October Pat and Lisa had the wonderful experience of attending the Search Institute's Healthy Communities-Healthy Youth Conference in San Jose, California. After spending three days there it became so clear that asset building can really change a community and lives of its young people.

The Search Institute has designed interactive workshops to bring people together to discuss the power of asset building and how they can change the climate of their community.

Lions Clubs have positioned themselves as champions of young people and providers of service to their communities. Lions should be involved in bringing this message to the people in their areas. Through the Lions-Quest Programs Lions have already been working hard to build assets in young people, as the Lions-Quest Skills Program supports 75% of the Developmental Assets Framework. The Framework was created using an extensive review of research in the area of positive youth development.

In the new year we are asking Lions to host a community rally to bring together people from their areas that care about the future of young people. The workshop provides resources and an opportunity to show each person the role they play in creating the future they want for their community. A Host's package will be available after November 14th from Lions-Quest Canada. If you have any questions please contact Lisa at lisa@lions-quest.ca.

Lake Joseph 50/50 Draw

The donations for the MD"A" Lake Joseph Sponsorship 50/50 Draw for 2002-2003 amounted to \$26,853.00.

A cheque for \$13,426.50 was presented to the first prize winner, the Chatham Lions Club of District A1 at the recent Governor's Council meeting. The second prize winner of a weekend for two at the Lake Joseph Holiday Centre was presented to the Rockwood Lioness Club of District A-15. Thanks to the generous support of the Lion's, Lioness and Leo's Clubs many CNIB clients will have the opportunity to attend camp next summer.

The tickets for the 2003-2004 draw have already been mailed. The 50/50 draw will be held at the Lion's Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 14, 2004.

Le Message du Président

Ouvrir la porte pour la jeunesse

Par Dr. Tae-Sup Lee Président Association internationale des clubs lions

Les activités au profit de la jeunesse sont, traditionnellement, des objectifs populaires dans les ordres du jour des clubs Lions du monde entier. Des programmes tels que les clubs Léos, les camps internationaux d'échange et de jeunesse, Lions-Quest, le mouvement scout, le concours d'affiches de la paix et autres formes d'engagement ont permis à nos futurs leaders d'acquérir de la confiance, de développer une conscience mondiale et plus important encore, de comprendre la valeur du bénévolat dans la communauté. Dans toutes ces sphères de partenariat avec les jeunes, il faut que les Lions adoptent des approches créatrices pour travailler avec eux et expérimenter des nouveautés; en d'autres mots, prouver sans l'ombre d'un doute, que la formule porte de l'avenir" "Innovation: produira des bienfaits indicibles dans les années à venir. Les clubs Léos spécifient que les jeunes doivent de faire du bénévolat. En participant à des projets de service communautaire et en suivant l'exemple des Lions qui les parrainent, les Léos vont plus facilement réaliser qu'ils ont des responsabilités envers leur région et qu'ils doivent prendre tous les moyens pour aider les plus infortunés. Les clubs parrains pourraient songer à utiliser des méthodes innovatrices pour guider leurs Léos dans le mouvement service du communautaire et pour leur démontrer de quelle façon ils pourraient s'associer à des leaders professionnels ou du monde des affaires pour le plus grand bien de tous. C'est ainsi, qu'en effet, vous allez faire découvrir à une nouvelle génération, l'héritage de service de notre association.

Le scoutisme enseigne la confiance

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en soi et l'engagement en vue d'atteindre des buts dans des domaines variés et les échanges de jeunes, les camps de jeunesse et le concours d'affiches de la paix témoignent du besoin de promouvoir l'harmonie et la compréhension mondiales, des idéaux qui sont au coeur même des principes de l'Internationale des clubs Lions. J'ai parlé avec plusieurs Lions dont les clubs sont impliqués dans le programme Lions-Quest et ils sont unanimes à faire l'éloge de cette initiative qui aident les jeunes de la maternelle au secondaire, à acquérir la confiance en soi, à comprendre l'importance de la coopération et à discerner le besoin vital d'éviter l'abus des substances nocives.

Cette année. je demande spécialement aux Lions de reconnaître qu'il faut s'attaquer à la cause des enfants dans le besoin. Pour atteindre ce but, j'ai demandé à chaque gouverneur de district de choisir la promotion des services aux enfants comme objectif prioritaire pour l'année 2003-2004. Il y a des jeunes qui vivent le désespoir et ils cherchent des mains de sollicitude, d'affection et d'amour tendues vers eux. Ces enfants se retrouvent dans toutes les communautés et ils sont les victimes des drogues et de l'alcool. Ils viennent de familles à problèmes, sont pauvrement vêtus et nourris et ils n'ont pas d'endroits salubres pour dépenser leur énergie juvénile.

Dans les régions où la situation est désespérée, il faut se concentrer davantage sur ceux qui sont dans le plus grand besoin et qu'on appelle communément "les enfants de la rue". Ils se comptent par millions et se retrouvent dans toutes les villes du monde-abandonnés et non désirés:



Président Dr. Tae-Sup Lee

cibles de choix pour l'exploitation, l'abus et les activités criminelles. La maladie, l'analphabétisme, l'usage des drogues et la mort prématurée sont, malheureusement, tous trop En tant que leaders répandus. communautaires, les Lions doivent reconnaître qu'ils ont la responsabilité de réagir à la situation désespérée de ces enfants dont la santé, l'avenir et même la vie sont en jeu.

Quand Gregg Smith, notre récipiendaire de la récompense humanitaire pour l'année 2003, a reçu son prix lors du congrès international à Denver, il a prononcé un discours éloquent et a lancé un défi aux Lions du monde. "Je m'adresse à vous pour implorer votre compassion, votre leadership et votre aide pour protéger les droits et les vies des enfants du monde" disait-il. "Nous devons entendre leurs appels et exaucer leurs prières. Des enfants du monde entier dépendent de nous. Des millions ne survivront pas sans notre aide. Priez avec moi pour ces enfants. Ne les oubliez jamais. N'arrêtez pas de les aider".

Lions, au nom des jeunes de chaque communauté, de chaque pays, je vous exhorte à promouvoir des activités innovatrices qui vont les habiliter à traverser la porte vers leur propre avenir.

To All the Lions, Lioness & Leos of MD"A" MD"A" Convention Update

Plans are now nearing completion for the upcoming MD"A" Convention being held at the Holiday Inn Select, 970 Dixon Road in Etobicoke from May 27th - 30th, 2004.

The activities, information sessions, seminars and social events planned are going to make this a convention that will be long remembered as the much publicized "Olde Tyme Convention" just as they used to be.

It is not just the events listing above that will make it memorable, but the added bonus of being able to participate in the campaigning for the election of our next International Director for Canada. The candidates campaigning for this honour, PDG Yvette Gerber, PDG Terry Graham, PCC Mary Jane Gagnier and PCC Carl Young are all making this an exciting time with their campaign teams spread out across the Province, the hospitality in different forms they will all be offering, the entertainment and the demonstrations on the convention floor will all make this an event and experience no one should miss. Whoever your choice of candidate may be, come to the convention and make your presence known. BUT, with the interest and enthusiasm that all this activity is generating, there are still a few rooms available, and we have secured extra rooms at the Bristol Wyndham Place Hotel at the same competitive rates as offered by the Holiday Inn Select, complete with complimentary parking and daily continental breakfast included in the room rate. If you have not gotten a registration form, please go the the MD"A" Website at: www.mdalions.org or the A711 Website at www.a711lions.com or obtain it in a recent issue of the Lion magazine.

We are very fortunate and honoured to have as our International guest for this convention our Immediate Past International President Kay K. Fukushima.

Your Council Chair Lion Betty Jean Findlay, together will all the Governors from across this great Multiple District are all looking forward to greeting you and your families at this event.

Please don't be disappointed. If you haven't already registered, please do so now, and if you have registered but haven't yet purchased your event tickets, please don't delay as the tickets are selling quickly. The cut off date for event tickets is Wednesday May 26th 2004.

On behalf of your MD"A" 2004 Convention host committee, we look forward to seeing you at the convention. As they say on the "Price is Right" MD"A" Lions Come on Down. It's your turn to be pampered at the MD"A" Olde Tyme Convention!

Yours in Lionism, PDG Derek Bloomfield Convention Chair 23 Erindale Drive Erin ON N0B 1T0 Home# 519-833-2056 Fax# 519-833-1290 Email derek.bloomfield@sympatico.ca

LIONS MEMORIAL FORESTS

My Friends Through Lionism:

I am personally excited about the Memorial Forests in Elmira and Breslau, Ontario and believe the concept offers tremendous potential for a Lions project in your community. I am especially proud of the efforts of the Elmira Lions Club and would like to share with you what have learned.During we the development of Ontario's railways into trailways, the Elmira Lions took the opportunity to establish its very own Memorial Forest on former railway lands. In just two years, the Elmira Lions Memorial Forest has attracted 90 families to sponsor a tree and have it planted in the name of a loved one. Along with a lasting memorial, this project provides shade, helps our environment, and adds to the natural beauty of previously abandoned railway lands.

Breslau is the home of the Lion's Foundation of Canada Dog Breeding and Training facility where 6 years ago, the Memorial Forest was established to provide an opportunity for remembrance in an environmentally sustainable manner. Since then, over 1,000 trees have been planted in memory of loved ones. A Memorial Wall was recently added to provide a special place to remember guide dogs and family pets.

The success of these programs has led me to believe that these projects are a great opportunity for Lions Clubs to create living memorials, beautify their communities and create community traditions with very little costs.

I know that many of you are involved in tree planting and environmentally related projects and we thank you for that commitment for sure. I view the establishment of a Memorial Forest in your Community as an extension of that and at the same time remembering a departed loved one. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Good Planting, For Sure!

Arthur Woods Past International Director (Canada), 2001 - 2003



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Council Chair Betty Jean Finlay

From the

Council Chair

GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

I spoke to Reene Aubin (Lions Clubs International Convention Manager) on October 21, 2003 an was informed that at the Board Meeting that was held Friday Oct. 17 until noon Oct. 21, the Windsor Event that was discussed was passed by the Board. We now officially have an Event in Windsor. It was agreed that the Windsor Convention Bureau would pay \$3,500.00 and the Host Committee would pay \$5,000.00 and Lions Clubs International would pay \$3,024.00 and provide the Bus Shuttle.

On Friday July 9, 2004 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. we will host the **"LIONS FUN FESTIVAL"** at the outdoor Riverfront Festival Plaza in Downtown Windsor. This fun filled, first-of-a-kind Lions Festival will host an array of vendors representing some of the city's finest restaurants and food specialty stores will be on hand to offer scrumptious taster portions or fantastic full meals. Food and drink prices will vary from \$2.00 to \$7.00.This is Great News for us; I would like to thank the Committee for their support.

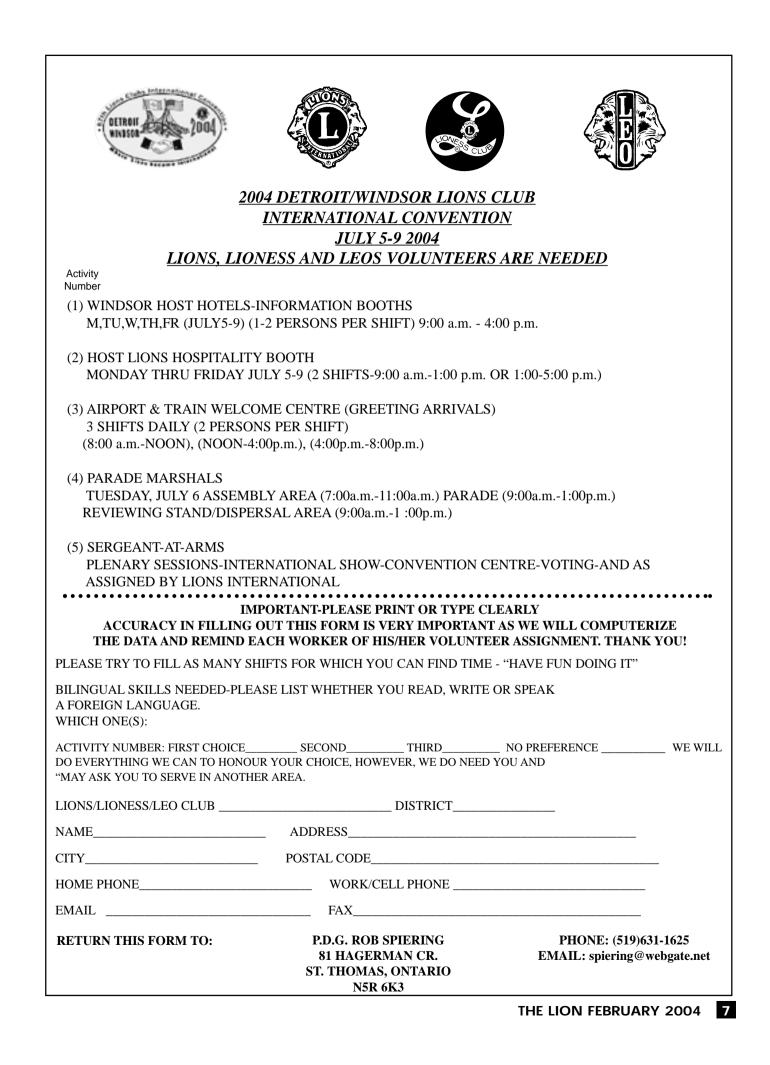
P.D.G. Rob Spiering has agreed to chair the Volunteer recruitment and I have sent a copy of the Volunteer Form and information about the Windsor Campground to all District Governors. Lions Clubs International have stated there will be a shuttle service from the campground, I do not know how often it will travel.

The MD "A" Hotel is called the Travelodge Ambassador Bridge located on Huron Church Road. The room rate is \$98.00 per night and you must book through Lions Clubs International. Registration for the 2004 International Convention is required for all Lions. The cost is \$80.00 U.S. for early registration until December 31, 2003, from Jan. 1, 2004 until March 31, 2004 cost is \$90.00 U.S. and from April 1, 2004 until the Convention \$100.00 U.S. This must be sent to Lions Clubs International.

If you go to www.lionsclubs.org click on News & Events then the Convention tab and under More Information 2004 Convention Schedule it explains where all the sessions are being held. The DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER is the Lions Headquarter hotel which is located right in front of the tunnel exit, as you are speaking to customs you will be facing the Headquarters Hotel. The Convention Centre is at COBO CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION CENTER (COBO) which is about 15 minutes walking from the tunnel exiting the opposite way from the Headquarters Hotel. The International Show is being held in JOE LOUIS ARENA which is behind Cobo. The only place that is any distance is the Fox Theatre which is about 4 to 5 Kms from the tunnel. The official event that will be held in Windsor is on Friday July 9, 2004 at the Riverfront as stated on the Convention Schedule.

We are selling 2004 Convention pins for \$5.00 Canadian as a fundraiser for the Host Committee Fund.

Respectfully submitted by, Lion Ron Devos MD "A" 2004 Chair 2004 International Convention Vice Chair



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Lions' Club Members:

The Windsor Campground welcomes you. To all that will be making reservations with us, we will offer **you 20% off. Please mention that you are with the Lions Club when calling for reservations to receive the 20% discount.** Reservations must be made no later than June 15th 2004. We have 41 full service sites available, and 52 water electric sites available, and 54 tent sites as well. During the winter months you may still call even though we are closed as there will be someone checking messages and they will return your call as soon as possible to book your site for you. Our offce will be open again on April 1st 2004. We look forward to making your visit with us more enjoyable.

Reservations are accepted with a valid credit card which will be charged for one night plus GST at the time of reservation. The balance will be charged at time of arrival.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

For a full refund, reservation must be cancelled 24 hours before time of arrival, for campsites. Camping Cabins reservations must be cancelled 3 days before, holiday weekends must be cancelled 7 days before.

NO SHOWS WILL BE CHARGED 1 NIGHT

Executive Summary Lions Clubs International Board of Director's Meeting Chicago, Illinois USA October 17-21, 2003

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. Approved an insurance seminar for the 2004 Detroit/Windsor International Convention.

2. Expedited for review a constitutional complaint on redistricting in District 324-A1.

3. Denied constitutional complaint on redistricting in District 324-A1.

4. Reaffirmed the Constitutional Complaints Procedure for resolution of complaints without litigation.

5. Expedited for review a constitutional complaint on an international director endorsement election in District 310.

6. Upheld constitutional complaint on an international director endorsement election in District 310, the election was overturned and a new election was ordered.

7. Appointed International Director Melvin M. Nakamura as the new registered agent for Hawaii.

8. Proposed an amendment to the International By-Laws to eliminate requirement to hold one annual board meeting at International Headquarters.

CONVENTION

1. Approved a Lions Festival during the 2004 International Convention to be held in Windsor, Ontario, Canada on Friday, July 9 from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.

2. Approved a revised Schedule of Events for the 2004 International Convention in Detroit/Windsor.

3. Approved per diem allowances for Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, district governors-elect, DGE Seminar faculty, and headquarters staff for the 2004 International Convention. DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE

1. Approved the single club transfer of Winnipeg Beach Donnottar-Lakeside Lions Club from District 5M-13 to District 5M-11, Minnesota, USA.

2. Approved charter cancellation of 435 clubs with regret.

3. Eight previously canceled clubs were brought back to good standing after the reasons for cancellations had been removed.

4. Approved the designation change of the northern part of Cyprus as an un-districted area. The five exiting clubs in that area are to be advised to change the club names as the association rules require by April 1, 2004. If not, the clubs are to be canceled with the possibility of reorganization with new club names.

5. Approved to send a request to the council of governors of MD 118, Turkey, to try to resolve the Federation problems in District 118-U, involving 14 opposing clubs in the district.

6. Approved ten redistricting proposals with the effective date of July 10, 2004, and tabled one proposal.

7. Designated Timor Leste to be a part of District 201-Q1, Australia.

8. Approved the status change of District 120, Estonia, from "provisional district" to "single district."

9. Approved seven district and club officers seminars to be held during the 2004 International Convention in Detroit/Windsor. 10. Approved the expense of a Hindi interpreter for DGE Seminars and international conventions for the upcoming three conventions, with a maximum allowance of US\$2,500 per year.

11.Deleted the Board Policy Manual rules concerning printing of district governor's stationery at International Headquarters.

12. Revised the rules for the 100% District Governor Award to become effective in July 2004.

13. Revised the rules for the special reimbursement policy of transportation expenses for the spouses of district governors in transitional districts.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION

1. Transferred surplus funds from the Emergency Reserve to the General Fund in accordance with the constitution.

2. Audit Committee shall meet person-to-person following completion of the annual audit.

3. Approved fiscal year 2003/2004 1st Quarter Forecast with surplus of US\$71,123.

4. Consolidated Objectives in Strategic Plan Issue 7.

5. Approved banking resolution for Banco de la Republica Oriental de Uruguay naming power-of-attorney Lion Sr. Luis Solari Rodriguez.

6. Amended board policy regarding controlling officer and director expense advances and repayment of personal expenses.

7. Researched district governor expense allowances for March/April 2004 board meeting.

8. Researched district governor expense reimbursement timing relative to funds availability from club payments.

9. Reduced officer and district governor regularly scheduled mailings to once per week.

10. Deleted Karen J. Dolinick and add Peter J. Lynch as an authorized check signer.

LCIF

1. Authorized the LCI/LCIF Joint Audit Committee to seek competitive bids for auditing services.

2. Approved a budget forecast adjustment for Lions-Quest and for a SightFirst Technical Advisor service agreement.

3. Authorized LCIF to open a bank account for the 2003 direct mail fundraising campaign.

4. Approved a request by the Lions September 11 Steering Committee to restrict the remaining balance of 9/11 relief funding (approximately US\$950,000) to support bereavement retreats and camps for 9/11 victims, which have proven very successful. Eighteen have been held thus far benefiting 800 victims.

5. Approved several actions in support of the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (LAHAP), including (1) a grant to hold a meeting of audiologists to review data from the clinical trial phase; (2) authorization of a limited pilot program to offer the LAHAP hearing aid as a member benefit to Lions in the USA and India.

6. Approved a two-year grant of US\$153,720 for the Tennessee Lions Eye Center and related personnel to provide

training and technical help to recipients of Core 4 Children's Eye Photoscreening grants.

7. Authorized a feasibility study for a major fundraising campaign in support of an expanded SightFirst program. A special symposium will also be held to bring together blind advocates, scientists and other experts to identify new opportunities to fight blindness in the 21st century in view of recent scientific developments.

8. Approved 50 Standard, Core 4 and International Assistance Grants totaling US\$2,095,100; tabled four grant applications.

9. Approved extension of the Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive recognition program up to US\$100,000 donation levels (from US\$60,000), and added new special class of MJF recognition - the "LCIF Humanitarian Partners" level - for donors whose total contributions exceed US\$100,000. Preliminary lapel pin designs were approved.

10. Amended the LCIF Policy Manual and Board Policy Chapter to update authorized bank account signatories.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Approved plan and faculty for the 2004 District Governors-Elect Seminar in Detroit/Windsor.

2. Due to a low potential registration of only twelve multiple/single MERL chairpersons, district MERL chairpersons will be invited to participate in the 2004-2005 Multiple/Single District MERL Chairpersons Seminar for chairpersons representing Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & the Islands of the Pacific Ocean. Participating district chairs will be responsible for all travel and hotel expenses, with meals and material costs paid by LCI.

3. The appointment and submission of multiple district MERL chairpersons, multiple district campus club chairperson and multiple district women's membership development and participation chairperson will be made by the current council of governors, prior to July 1, in consultation with the multiple district leadership development chairperson and the multiple district membership development chairperson.

The appointment and submission of single district MERL chairpersons, single district campus club chairperson and single district women's membership development and participation chairperson will be made by the district governor.

The appointment and submission of sub-district MERL chairpersons, sub-district campus club chairperson and women's membership development and participation chairperson will be made by the district governor, in consultation with the multiple district leadership development chairperson and the multiple district membership development chairperson.

4. Changed the term of office for sub-district leadership development chairperson to three years to provide consistency with other sub-district MERL chairpersons terms.

5. Added the role of the multiple district leadership development chairperson to the Board Policy Manual.

6. Two leadership seminars will be conducted during the 2004 International Convention at Detroit/Windsor: The Role of an International Director and Recognition.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Starting in Lions year 2004-2005, Year-Round Membership Growth materials will no longer bear a presidential emblem.

2. Approved funding for workshops offered by multiple districts to district chairpersons responsible for membership, extension, retention, campus clubs, and women.

3. Approved a US\$15,000 membership development grant to Indonesia (MD 307) for use exclusively in Lions year 2003-2004.

4. Approved a program waiving both entrance fees (US\$25) and charter fees (US\$30) for all females who join Lions between November 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

5. Approved membership development seminars for the 2004 Detroit/Windsor International Convention.

6. Requested District and Club Administration Division to collect names and addresses for region and zone chairpersons appointed for Lions year 2004-2005.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Expanded the list of official editions of THE LION magazine to include Indonesia.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Added an objective for international youth exchanges and youth camps in the association's Strategic Plan.

2. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with The Hadley School for the Blind.

3. Authorized a one-day conference of Lions Eye Bank representatives, to be held at International Headquarters early in 2004.

4. Proposed themes for service activity seminars and events at the 2004 International Convention in Detroit/Windsor.

5. Approved "Lions Services for Children" as a new adopted program of Lions Clubs International.

Governors Council Highlights - November 2003

At the council meeting held in Kitchener on November 8, 2003 Council approved the following actions.

1. The position of Leo/Peace Poster Program chairperson will remain as two positions

2. Camp Kirk was allowed to fundraise within all clubs in MDA

3. For all Lions who participate actively and directly with youth, a Police Records Search Certificate is strongly recommended.

4. The cost of Friendship Arches is presently \$2200 for a concrete arch and \$1850 for a fibreglass one.

5. Council approved to have The Five Counties Pipe Band be the official band of MDA at the Detroit/Windsor Lions Club International Convention in 2004.

6. Council also approved that marching bands selected in the future would receive up to \$2500 to attend LCI conventions on behalf of MDA

7. A new treasurer was appointed for MDA. She is PDG Cathy Bock of A2.

8. The Windsor/Detroit LCI convention will host The Lions Fun Festival on the Canadian side.

Submitted by John Proulx, MDA Secretary

District Chairperson to Drive Women's Initiative

by Janet McMahan

The recently created District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson position is one of the key elements of the association's initiative to bring more women into Lions clubs. While women have been members of Lions clubs since 1987, and there are thousands of women members worldwide today, women are still considered a largely untapped membership resource. The Chairperson, appointed for a threeyear term, is responsible for overseeing the recruitment and participation of women within his/her district and will serve as a cornerstone of the district's involvement in the women's initiative.

Chairperson Responsibilities

The District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson has several responsibilities to help her/him meet the main objective of encouraging recruitment and participation of women within the district:

* Develop and chair a team of motivated Lions. With the team create and implement a plan that recruits, retains and develops the participation of women Lions within the district.

* Conduct research to identify areas of possible recruitment and community projects

* Conduct educational seminars and provide individual instruction on recruitment of women and project development for district members

* Communicate regularly with the district governor and vice district governor

* Develop articles on the recruitment of women for district and international publications

* Work with the District Cabinet and MERL Team and encourage their involvement in the women's initiative * Provide encouragement, coaching and motivation for all Lions directly involved in women's recruitment

* Communicate with the Multiple District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson * Attend a one-day multipledistrict workshop

Working with the MERL Team

A vital component of the District Women's Development and Participation Chairpersons' success will be the effective liaising with the District MERL Team. The District MERL Team, composed of the district's Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership

Women's Initiative Beginnings

The genesis of the women's initiative was a weekend-long meeting, in a Chicago suburb, of 14 energetic women Lions from clubs worldwide. During the Lions Women's Workshop, participants discussed how women fit into the association and how best encourage their to participation. Enthusiasm for the workshop was unanimous among its participants, and they left having drafted a series of recommendations for the association's consideration. Two direct results of the workshop were the creation of the District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson position and the adoption of gender-neutral language for all association publications.

To meet the participants of the Lions Women's Workshop and network with other women Lions around the world, please visit www.lions.org.

Development chairpersons, as well as the district governor, immediate past district governor, past international officers and region chairpersons, and chaired by the vice district governor, is the pivotal leader in the district's growth efforts.

District MERL Teams generally meet once a month to discuss the individual chairperson's goals, progress and concerns in an open and positive manner. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity to share and brainstorm ideas as well as provide encouragement and motivation. The District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson will find these meetings extremely valuable. They will help ensure that the District MERL Team is fully apprised of the District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson's goals and will provide an open forum for the chairperson to discuss ideas and help formulate an action plan. It will also give the District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson an ample opportunity to learn what other chairpersons are planning and see how the women's initiative might fit into their plans, or vice versa. Both the District MERL Team and the District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson will find their collaboration very beneficial for their district as they work to increase the number of women Lions club members.

Setting Goals

Establishing goals that will help determine the success of his/her efforts is another essential responsibility of the District Women's and Development Participation Chairperson. Chief among those goals will usually be the number of new women members the district should recruit during the year. The District MERL Team will be an excellent resource for developing timelines, target dates and recruitment numbers, as the team's prior experience will District help the Women's Development and Participation Chairperson set a challenging, but achievable recruiting goal.

The goals are also excellent

signposts for the District Women's Development and Participation Chairperson's communication efforts. Documenting the success of the women's initiative and communicating those results through interpersonal contact, reports, meetings and publications will motivate district Lions to continue their efforts.

Chairpersons who are upbeat, positive and enthusiastic about the women's initiative and share their enthusiasm with others will find fulfilling their responsibilities exceedingly rewarding, and they will help ensure the future success of Lions clubs meeting the needs of people worldwide.

Recruitment Tool

To help chairpersons with their recruitment endeavors, there is a new publication that specifically addresses women titled "I am a Lion" (ME-37). This year, the brochure is available from the Membership Programs Department at International Headquarters by calling (630) 571-5466, ext. 390 or by e-mailing memberprog@lionsclubs.org. It can also be downloaded from the association's Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

The Women's Development and Participation Chairperson is a critical component to the success of the women's initiative in clubs around the world. To learn more about the Lions women's initiative, refer to previous issues of THE LION Magazine, visit the Other Programs - Membership Programs section of the Lions Clubs International Web site or contact the Membership Program Department by phone at 630-571-5466 ext 339 or by e-mail at

memberprog@lionsclubs.org.

About the Name

Yes, the Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson is a long title. But there is a reason for it, namely, to convey as best as possible in the title the scope of the position. Women's Membership Development is straightforward; having "Participation" (rather than "retention") reflects a specific point of view...if women participate fully as a Lion, the retention question takes care of itself.

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Awards

LIONS-QUEST FELLOWSHIP AWARD PID Lion Bill Moody-Mount Forest Lions Club



Joanne McQuiggan, Executive Director of Lions-Quest Canada, presented PID Lion Bill Moody with a plaque of Q-Bear, at the Ladies Night, on 18 Dec 03, in recognition of his commitment to the Lions-Quest Program. Since L-Q Canada is an Educational Charitable Foundation, the Board thought it should set up a Fellowship Fund to provide funding for development of new programs for kids. The

Fellowship is presented to persons Clubs would like to recognize for "Truly Caring About Kids". The picture on the plaque was drawn by Sheelagh Marie Vervaecke a 6 year old, Skills For Growing Student. It is a picture of Q-Bear and in Sheelagh's words, "Q-Bear teaches us about caring and sharing" and this fellowship is for individuals who truly care about Canadian Children. Lion Bill stated "I want to thank the Mt Forest Lions Club for being so thoughtful as to consider bestowing this honour upon me. I will be mounting the Fellowship in my home for all to see and yes, I will continue to brag about My Club, the Mt Forest Lions Club. Thank You Lions, I certainly am proud and elated by this honour".



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Canadian National Institute for the Blind & Multiple District "A" or "M-10" Lions Edwin A. Baker Founder Award Nomination Form		
The following individual is being nominated to receive the 2004 Edwin A. Baker Founder Award.		
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Address:		
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Briefly summarize the relationship this nominee has with CNIB that warrants receiving the E.A. Baker Foundation Award. Please ensure that your nomination form is signed by either your Club President or a CNIB District Manager.		
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Nominated by: Lion Club President/CNIB District Mgr.		
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Awards

Chippawa Lions Member is Awarded Two Honours



Lion Rolf Schefold, a long time member of the Chippawa Lions, achieved a rare double. At the September dinner meeting Lion Rolf was presented with a Melvin Jones Award and a Judge Brian Stevenson Award. Lion Rolf has held club and district offices and is currently treasurer of the Chippawa Lions.

Long Point Lions 65th Anniversary Celebration

One of the highlights of the evening at the Long Point Lions' 65th Anniversary celebration was the presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Don Dedrick. Lion Don has contributed greatly to the club and to District A-2 at the cabinet level. The award was presented to Lion Don by Immediate Past President Bob Stanley and A-2 Governor Bob Davis.

Seven Mildmay Lions Receive Award

Seven Mildmay Lions received Judge Brian Stevenson Awards. Lion Lea Meyer, PDG Orbin Erckmeier, Lion Keith Campbell, Lion Mel Waechter, Lion Earl Schneider and Lion Bill Robson and Lion Dave Dosman all received the award. Two Petrolia Lions Presented with Helen Keller Fellowship Awards



Lion's Sharen Wilson and Marilyn Madacsi were presented with the Helen Keller Fellowship awards at the dinner meeting of the Lions Club of Petrolia by Past District Governor Joe Madacsi, on December 1, 2003. Both recipients have 20 years of perfect attendance. From left to right: Lion Sharen Wilson, Past District Governor Joe Madacsi, Lion Marilyn Madacsi.

Office Furniture for Sale

Suggested List Price or best offer
One 2 drawer reception desk, 60 x 30 w/keyboard tray and a 3-drawer typewriter carry 39 x 20
One 3 piece workstation: 2 x 48 x 24 & centre peninsula 60 x 24\$400
One 4 drawer desk 60 x 30 w/keyboard tray\$150
Boardroom table 8' x 3-1/2' with 6 black leather armchairs & one executive tilter
(All of the above items are grey melamine)
Two steno chairs (brown cloth)each \$25
Chrome waiting-room magazine unit w/2 brown vinyl seats\$50
Two coat stands/hall treeseach \$25
Two Beaumark humidifiers 17 x 12 x 24each \$25
Metal mailroom desk (beige/cream) w/brown arborite surface 60 x 18\$100
Metal mailroom tray (grey) w/dividers 42 x 12 x 6\$25
Metal 2-drawer letter file cabinet (beige) 28 x 15\$25
Metal storage cabinet (beige) 35 x 28 x 42 with two movable shelves
Panasonic KX-P1124 dot matrix printer w/chrome paper stand
Two Metal guest armchairs (light green leather) each \$25
Two metal guest chairs (light green leather)each \$25
Vantage telephone system with three beige desk phones\$450
Contact: Phone 613-860-1001, email secretary@mdalions.org Furniture is located in Toronto

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Happy Days are Here Again!

September 12, 2003, The Selkirk and District Lions Club prepare to do battle for a prize of \$4,000 at the Great Haldimand Motors Trike Race. Event chairs PDG Lion Charlie Bradshaw and Lion George Thorell, and their

committee came up with the theme of Happy Days.

They all did a great job of building the float to represent Arnolds Diner, the favourite hang-out in the popular TV series.

All the characters were there, the Fonz, Laverne, Shirley, Ritchie, etc, plus other members who supplied back up. Even Elvis stopped by to grad a quick peanut butter and banana sandwich.

Extra support was given by the

Selkirk Leos Club who did a great job of waitressing around on roller blades, and also by Jim and Jenny Bryce who gave a great jiving dance routine.

Without all this time, effort, commitment and support the Selkirk and District Lions Club would not have won first place and receive \$4,000 prize money, which is to be donated to D u n n v i l l e Hospital.

Lion Ellie Deanne increased the winning by \$300 by participating in

the Tricycle Race, and did the club proud with her magnificent effort. Shown in the photo is the float being prepared, as Selkirk Leos take a break and Elvis (Lion George Thorrel) is leaving the "building".

Norfolk Lions Support Family Fund



Long Point Lions President Peter Brennerand and 1st Vice Bob Abbey stand in front of the "Family Fund" form the Lions for the Norfolk Hospital. Funds were raised by all clubs to support this project.

Bottle Up



Left to right: Lion Don Dedrick and Secretary Lion Edgar Barrett.

September 20th, 2003, Long Point Lions held a successful bottle drive to help "Bottle Up" diabetes. They raised \$555 through empties and cash donations. Twelve Lions and Lioness took turns in manning the collection.

Working Together



Gord Little (Trillium Fund), Dave Lane (Hagersville Lions), Mayor Bergstrand and Joan Hutcheson (S.S.).

The 8 Lions Clubs of Region 38-West worked together under Chairman Jim Boughner of the Townsend Lions Club and Dave Lane of the Hagersville Lions Club to help with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van for the use of Seniors of Haldimand County.

Jim and Dave put a lot of effort into pulling all of the clubs together for this project and the outcome shows that Lions working together on big projects can get the job done. All of the clubs of 38-West should be proud of this accomplishment and of the freedom they've given to seniors who can now get around to do things on their own. We also want to thank the Lions Foundation, Trillium Fund, Mayor Lorraine Bergstrand for her Golf Tournaments Funds and many local businesses who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Candlelight Ceremony



The Port Dalhousie Lions Club welcome four new members. From the left: Martin Hearn, Mark Molner, membership chairman Ron Brenneman, Bruce Beckett and Michael Racz.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Lions District A-2 Charities Inc. Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of District A-2 Charities Inc. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at 8:15am at the District A-2 Friendship Convention at the Ramada Parkway Inn, in St. Catharines. All members of the A-2 Lions family are invited to attend. There will be an election for three 3 year Directors to the board. If you are interested please write: A-2 Charities Inc. PDG Raymond Rohrbach P.O. Box 174, Cavuga Ontario, NOA 1E0 or phone (905)772-3931

Halloween Dance

The Selkirk and District Lions Club held a Halloween Dance on October 25, 2003, to raise money for Jaws of Life for the Selkirk Fire Department. Event chairs Lion Bette MacDonald and Lion Maxine Murphy along with their committee, did a magnificent job of decorating and organizing the event.

More than 100 ghoul friends attended the dance and supported the club's efforts to the max. Music was provided by live band Slow Motion Walter. They had the place rocking all night long.

Well done everyone, fangs a lot. In September the club was presented

with a Certificate of Achievement Award by Haldimand County for their Walk For Guide Dogs Campaign.

Past Memories



The Townsend Lions Club decided to plant trees to honour members of our club who have passed away and we did this on October 18th, 2003, with the help of the families of these deceased members. We remember Lion Branko Hunjet, Lion Jack Dunnett, Lion Milos Prell and Lion Hedley Vickers. These trees are planted behind the fence in the outfield of our ball diamond, for all to see for years to come, and we will continue to do this in remembrance of all members who join them.



Port Dalhousie Lion Ron Brenneman, chairman 2003 Journey for Sight (left), passes a cheque for \$17,500 to A-2 Charities Inc. Treasurer Lion Ed Tatarnuk. Looking on is Lion George Hostick, cochairman and founder of the Journey for Sight-Niagara.

Keep the Spirit Alive in Niagara

When Santa arrives in Niagara Region the Lions of St. Davids & District are eager to help celebrate his arrival. For the last five years a very enthusiastic Lion Ted Burrows has guided the club's Parade Float Committee to first place wins in local parade competitions. In the photo Lions prepare to meet the crowds at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Christmas parade.





Beach Park eyed for Dover Playground Plan Spearheaded by Leo Club

Port Dover - The beach is great if you're a kid, but some days there are only so many sandcastles you can build to keep yourself entertained.

To help stave off the summertime blues of beach-bound youngsters, the Port Dover Leo Club plans to have a playground built on the sandy shores of the lakeside town.

"It was the kids' idea to have a playground at the beach. There's nothing for youngsters to do when they come out of the water or in the fall," explained Stan Morris, Leo Club adviser.

Port Dover's Leo Club is 25 members strong and dedicated to accomplishing feats that enhance their community. What's particularly unique about the club is that its members range in age from 9 to 18.

They raised the money needed to build the town's Freedom Fountain last year in Silver Lake Park and landscape the surrounding area.

The proposed playground will be shaped like a fishing tug, with three slides and climbing equipment that resembles fishing nets. There will be a ramp (although it's too steep to make the playground wheelchair accessible), a ship's wheel, a periscope, and an X's and O's game. It will be located at the end of Walker Street on the sand.

All that's needed is \$25,000 to make the playground, designed by Henderson Recreation Equipment in Simcoe, a reality. So far, the kids have just under \$10,000 in money left over from other fundraising initiatives, Morris said.

"They won't order it until they have all the money but it may take two years," he explained.

The Leos would like to see maintenance and liability for the playground assumed by the county once the apparatus is built.

Council did consider the proposal at this week's meeting. It was referred to community services staff for a report which will be tabled in the new year.

Reported by Tiffany Mayer, Simcoe Reformer

Choose Life with HGH **Grow Yound**

From the landmark book Grow Young with HGH comes the most powerful, over-thecounter health supplement in the history of man. Human growth hormone was first discovered in 1920 and has long been thought by the medical community to be necessary only to stimulate the body to full adult size and therefore unnecessary past the age of 20. Recent studies, however, have overturned this notion completely,

discovering instead that the natural decline of Human Growth Hormone (HGH), from ages 21 to 61 (the average age at which there is only a trace left in the body) and is the reason why the the body ages and fails to regenerate itself to its 25 year-old biological age.

Like a picked flower cut from the source, we gradually wilt physically and mentally and become vulnerable to a host of degenerative diseases, that we simply weren't susceptible to in our early adult years.

Modern medical science now regards aging as a disease that is treatable and preventable and that "aging", the disease, is actually a compilation of various diseases and pathologies, from everything, like a rise in blood glucose and pressure to diabetes, skin wrinkling and so on. All of these aging symptoms can be stopped and rolled back by maintaining Growth Hormone levels in the blood at the same levels HGH existed in the

blood when we were 25 years old.

Growth Hormone first synthesized in 1985 under the Reagan Orphan drug act, to treat dwarfism, was quickly recognized to stop aging in its tracks and reverse it to a remarkable degree. Since then, only the lucky and the rich have had access to it at the cost of \$20,000 US per year.

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It is now thought that HGH is so comprehensive in its healing and regenerative powers that it is today, where the computer industry was twenty years ago, that it will displace so many prescription and non-prescription drugs and health remedies that it is staggering to think of

The president of BIE Health Products, the Canadian distributor, stated in a recent interview,"I've been waiting for these products since the 70's. We knew they would come, if only we could stay healthy and live long enough to see them! If you want to stay on top of your game, physically and mentally as you age, this product is a boon, especially for the highly skilled professionals who have made large investments in their education. and experience. Also with the state of the health care system in Canada which appears to be going into serious decline, it's more important than ever to take pro-active steps to safeguard your health. Continued use of GHR-15 will make a radical difference in your health, HGH is particularly helpful to the elderly who, given a choice, would rather stay independent in their own home, strong healthy and alert enough to manage their own affairs, exercise and stay involved in their communities. Frank, age 85 walks two miles a day, plays golf, belongs to a dance club for seniors, has a girl friend again and doesn't need Viagra, passed his drivers test and is hardly ever home when we call-GHR-15 delivers.

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Just In Time For Christmas with Support from the

Niagara Lions club



"No, you aren't seeing double".....that quote from my last report left the "KSD Kids" at Kate S. Durdan P.S. honoured to care for their very own "Quinton". However, there was not enough of "Quinton" to go around! To resolve the dilemma Lion Brian MacDougall of the Niagara Falls Lions Club worked out a co-funding arrangement that provided the school with authentic Q-Bears for all classes from K to Grade 3.

Hi, I am a grade 3 teacher at KSD and I want to thank you and the Lions of Niagara Falls for the wonderful gift that you each brought to our school today. I attended the (L-Q) two day workshop last spring and am using the Lions Quest approach to building better today's and tomorrow's for the children I teach.

The young girl who sang a solo to the Lions today is in my class. I know that her talent and words touched each of you and it was her voice that brought our combined thanks for helping us be better at what we do to show our thanks for the support of the Lions.

Thank you for all your generous gifts to the primary children and your presence in our school. I look forward to seeing the Lions often at KSD. Sincere Thanks....

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A3

Diggin'



The theme of the District A-3 convention in 2003 was Prospecting for the Future in Lionism. The theme was played out by our club members by dressing as prospectors and their wives. We had two mules housed in the parking lot at the Ambassador. Three of our Lions (Ian Halford, Vic Provost & Walt Lower) grew beards for the occasion. On Saturday, after the business sessions, we sold photos, at \$5 each, of individuals or groups with the prospectors and mules. The proceeds were donated to Vision Screening. All in all, everyone enjoyed the convention very much.

Salute to the Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club for their very hard work on this convention!

First of Five



The Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club in February 2001 pledged \$25,000 to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital. This photo is one of the club members making the 1st installment of 5 to that commitment. The monies are for the hospital Equip for Care Program. All money was raised in the community by different forms of fundraisers.

Volunteer Information Days



On Sept. 26 & 27 Info Northumberland sponsored Volunteer Information Days at Northumberland Mall giving volunteer groups a chance to meet the public and explain their organizations and what they do. Here Lioness Vicki, Lion Harry and Lioness Daisy man the Cobourg Lions, Lioness Display. Since September the Lions have obtained two new members and the Lioness one new member.



Big Numbers

The Lions Club of Perth celebrated their 50th Charter Anniversary having received their Charter November 15th, 1953. It is worthy to note that since the Lions Club of Perth received their Charter, monies raised and donated is in excess of one million dollars.

Having Fun



Lions had fun with the float that the Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club had placed in the Pembroke Germainia Oktoberfest Parade, receiving a plaque for most enthusiastic float. On float (left to right) are Lion Pat Mathewson, Jennifer, Sara and Lion Emily Ralph. In front Lion John Ralph, Herr Beck, President of Germainia Club, Lions Roy Naugle and Frank Cirella.

Always there when needed



Perth Mayor "Her Worship" Lana March presenting the Perth Medal to Perth Lion Jim Hill. It was with the unanimous endorsement of the Lions Club of Perth that Lion Jim's name was submitted for this award which truly depicts our motto "We Serve". Lion Jim is a tireless volunteer who is constantly providing a service to someone or cause.

Give to Food Bank



The Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club presented the St. Joseph's Food Bank a cheque for \$500. Making the presentation to Rene Sabourin, representative of the Food Bank, is Lion Pat Mathewson.

Donation



The Pembroke Petawawa Lions Club made a \$10,000 donation to the expansion of the Petawawa Library. Pictured left to right: Lions Lynn and Pat Mathewson, Ed Chow, Deputy Mayor Petawawa, Lion Frank Cirella.



In The Saddle



Left to right: Lion Harvey Quackenbush, President Carson Lions; Dr. Dale Scott, Lion Fred VanDerHooft, Publicity Chair District A5; Lion Governor District A5 Barry Brett.

A great big "Way To Go" to Dr. Dale Scott with his bike-a-thon to raise money for dog guides of Canada. All along the route he received donations for dog guides collecting a total of \$1,830 from Lions and a total of \$1000 from veterinarians and pharmaceutical suppliers.

West Nippissing Lions Club Charter Night

West Nippissing Lions Club Charter Night was held November 1st, 2003. Lion Barry Brett, Governor of District A-5 inducted 32 members of the new West Nippissing Lions Club.

Another Good Donation



Ray Houle, Warren & District Lions Club, presenting \$250 cheque to the new office of Canadian Cancer Society in St. Charles.

Candlelight Induction



There was a Candlelight Induction Ceremony held during the Sudbury Teachers' Lions Club charter night November 22, 2003.

Bingo pays off



President of Warren & District Lions Club, Gerry Dignard is shown receiving a plaque for donating Nevada Ticket Sales from our weekly Bingo to the West Arm Water Improvement Corp. The amount to date is \$12,000.

Successful Christmas Bazaar

A \$1,000 donation to the new chemotherapy room on Manitoulin island is the Sheguiandah Lions largest donation ever! The money raised at this year's Christmas Bazaar went to the new chemotherapy room at the Mindemoya Hospital. The room, to be opened in early 2004, will ensure that people on the island will not have to travel the 100 miles to Sudbury, spending three days there for chemo treatment. The Christmas Bazaar is held on a Friday evening and on Saturday in December at the Little Current Legion. Crafts and baking and other home made items are sold by various individuals and organizations.

This large donation from the proceeds of the bazaar brings the total to over \$4,000 that the four year old Sheguiandah Lions Club has donated so far this Lions year.



Canada India Diabetes Project & Twinning With Indian Lions:



Diabetes is now becoming a worldwide epidemic. According to the recent Globe and Mail article, "Diabetes is set to skyrocket in Canada affecting up to 1 in 2 Canadians in the future". Around 16% of Americans are pre-diabetic, and diabetes is now affecting up to 1 in 3 people, even in developing countries! As people now live a stressful, fast paced lifestyle, eat more fast foods and adopt sedentary ways, there has been an explosion of diabetes. This is worrisome, as the cost to treat the complications of diabetes (blindness, heart attacks, kidney dialysis, amputations, and strokes) is now over 140 billion dollars per year in the US. The good news is that diabetes is preventable, and this will save human suffering.

The first Canadian initiative to address this problem was started by Lions Dr. R.P Rao and Dr. Shanti Rao when they conducted massive free diabetes and cardiac risk factor screening in rural South India over a distance of 600 km. There they found that diabetes was set to become an epidemic in rural and urban areas. Heavy demand from the surrounding communities has given birth to the first charitable international diabetes prevention, education and treatment center. It is called the Canada India Diabetes Project is expected to become a model diabetes prevention for the rest of the world. Local Indians have donated a 15 acre site for this project.

In June 2003, Doctors Lions Club of Toronto formed a committee to implement the Canada India Diabetes Program and appointed Lion Michael Sarin as Chairman for fundraising and Lion Ramesh Rao and Lion Shanti Rao as chairpersons to oversee the India operations of the program. The goals of this program are to raise diabetes awareness, focus on prevention and treat those who cannot afford care for their diabetes, as it can be very costly in developing countries like India.

A special presentation was made at the Kundapur Lions Club (India), on Oct.2, 2003 on diabetes by Dr. Shanti Rao and Dr. R.P Rao and this can be seen in the photo above. The Kundapur Lions club recognized the serious nature of the diabetes problem, which is now affecting youth, and was overwhelmingly in favor of supporting the Canada-India diabetes prevention and treatment program. They have made a commitment to recruit volunteers, conduct diabetes screening camps, and publicize the diabetes prevention center in their area. Several prominent physicians from the club, including Dr. Ravindra, Dr. Kullal, pledged their support and were gratified by the efforts at diabetes prevention and treatment by Dr. R.P Rao and Dr. Shanti Rao, as twenty percent of heart attacks in India are now affecting the under 30 age group, many of whom are diabetic.

Another highlight of the visit, involved twinning with the Mumbai-Sitaladevi Leo and Lions clubs for the common goal of fundraising and diabetes prevention. The knowledge gained from this project will be brought back to Canada, where diabetes is set to skyrocket and will affect 1 in 2 Canadians.We already have several other Canadian Lions which have joined Dr. R.P Rao and Dr. Shanti Rao in their crusade against the epidemic of diabetes. We welcome other clubs to get involved in our efforts. If interested, please contact Dr. Shanti Rao at: dr.rao@cogeco.ca or write to RICHE Charitable Trust, Canada-India Diabetes Program, P.O Box 21113, RPO University Mall, Windsor, ON N9B 3M4, Canada

Lioness Support Hospital

The William Osler Health Centre Foundation was pleased to receive a \$2,000 donation when members of the Georgetown Lioness Club dropped by to present the cheque. On hand for the presentation were Foundation chair Paul Armstrong, and Lioness members Lena Connors, Rita Zorge, Nancy Renaud and President Louise Giffin.

Lion Ed Sampson

Lion Ed Sampson of the Brampton Lions Club received his Sixth Sapphire as a Melvin Jones Fellow (Progressive). He has contributed US \$1,000 each year for sixteen years.

The Rebirth of a Lions Club

On Friday, October 24, 2003 the Charter Night was held for the Toronto Korean Lions Club. They had 52 Charter Members joining them.

In attendance were our Council Chair B.J. Finlay, IPID Art Woods, DG Bill Dicks, Consul General for Korea Tae Yoon Ha and the President of the Korean Canadian Cultural Association Ki Hoon Yi.

Including the Induction of the new members, which were all in attendance, the Installation of Officers, the Presentation of Gifts (5 clubs gave the new club gifts), and for entertainment the Korean Dance Studies Society of Canada did a Korean Folk Dance. Afterwards a delicious Chinese Buffet Dinner was enjoyed by all.

The original Toronto Korean Lions Club was chartered in April of 1981. Unfortunately, the club fell on hard times in the late 1990's and folded.

If you would like more information on the Toronto Korean Lions Club, please contact their Charter President Peter Y. (Byung) Cho at 905-731-4926 or myself at 416-251-1033.

Lion Wayne Hoey, PDG

Region 34 Lions Club



<u>Problem</u> - Ten years ago, the Lions helped purchase a Yag laser for the Brampton hospital to treat Glaucoma. The price tag for that machine was over \$120,000. Two years later the machine is held together by binder twine and chewing gum as parts were scarce and trained qualified staff were rare.

<u>Objective</u> - Dr. Klein of the William Olser Hospital, Brampton Campas, asked the Huttonville Lions Club to spearhead the project to replace the old laser. The new machine would cost \$51,095. It is a portable diode laser, the size of two small laptop computers. It plugs into an ordinary wall circuit. to Life".

<u>Action</u> - The Huttonville Lions Club requested financial support from all of the Lions Clubs in Region 34 to finance the project.

<u>Presentation</u> - the final presentation was made on Thursday November 27, 2003. Lions Chief Brownridge is shown presenting the symbolic cheque to the hospital on behalf of all of the Region 34 Lion's Clubs. The Lions participating were:

Bolton,	Chinguacousy,
Bramalea,	Erin,
Bramalea	Georgetown,
Seniors,	Huttonville,
Brampton,	Nobleton, and
Caledon,	Woodbridge.
Caledon East,	

Region 34 Lions Clubs Working Together - "Building a Better Tomorrow".

Etobicoke-Queensway Inducts Four



The Lions Club of Etobicoke-Queensway inducted four new members with a beautiful ceremony led by PDG Wayne Hoey. Pictured are new Lions Adam Sobie, Lorraine Jung and Sarina Bowen. Absent from photo was Colleen Murphy.

Nobleton Lions Club

Nobleton Lions Club were chartered in 1962. They currently have 20 active members. They have a major impact on the community. As an example, they have raised funds to purchase and install elevators in both the local arena and the seniors home. These cost approximately \$20,000 each.

Currently they have undertaken a feasibility study for the construction of a sports and cultural complex for King Township. The study alone is in excess of \$45,000.

A few of the clubs activities are:

Shrove Tuesday - pancake
dinner for the community
May 24 Weekend - parade
June - Elimination Draw, Silent
Auction Dinner
Fall - a highway (voluntary) toll
booth with the Fire Department
to raise funds for Children
Village
Christmas - Seniors Dinner.

There is a rumour that they may hold a Walk-A-Dog-Athon in the spring of 2004.



A Special 50th Anniversary

On Sept. 26, 2003, PDG Frank (Paddy) and Dorothy Rundle celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. In lieu of gifts, the Rundle's requested on the invitations that guests contribute to Dog Guides of Canada. As a result, a total donation of nearly \$3500.00 was realized.

As a member of the Palmerston Lions, Frank was always interested in Dog Guides, and Dorothy shared that interest. When the Rundle's decided to do "something good" on the occasion of their anniversary, LFC became the beneficiary.

Lion Val Brown



Picnic Shelter



Lions Club of Barrie members are shown making the final payment after a long haul. Tynedale Park in the south end of Barrie is a very old waterfront park. The picnic shelter needed upgrading for many years, but the neighbourhood was also gradually being upgraded at the same time with sewers, etc. The park could not be accessed to build the shelter for almost two years. But patience has finally been rewarded and this past summer the final dedication ceremony was completed.

Chances of meeting again??



Lion Roy Klementti of the Washago & District Lion's Club met with then Governor Tom Carlson of MDA 201 Australia when Lion Rov attended the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. Lion Roy and his wife, Ev so enjoyed Australia that they returned for another visit. They visited the Great Barrier Reef and the Gold Coast where they checked into their time-share exchange. On Monday night (Sept. 22/03), while attending a "getting to know you" reception, Lion Roy was approached by a chap who said, "Aren't you that Lion from Canada?" and Roy replied, "Yes, and you're a past governor."

Who would guess that 3 years after first meeting, these two Lions would check into the same vacation resort?

Lion Tom was 4,000 miles away from his home and Lion Roy was 12,000 miles away from his home.

Schomberg welcomes new member



Sponsor, Lion Gloria Coffey presents new Lion Ann Comer with her pin. District Governor Kathy Daoust kindly performed the induction ceremony for Ann on November 3rd. Also recently welcomed into the club was Gail Feeney.



The Canadian Diabetes Association Elmira Trail Ride and Carriage Drive

Christopher Bruder and the Canadian Diabetes Association would

again like to thank the following Lion and Lioness Clubs for their support with his efforts to raise money for diabetes research through the Elmira Trail Ride and Carriage Drive. This year the Lions and Lioness of MD"A"

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supported Christopher to the tune of \$18,450. Every cent of that

money will go directly to fund Canadian Diabetes research. The Trail Ride took place on a beautiful Saturday in May and raised over \$100,000 thanks

to the support of Lions and Lioness.

South Windsor Lioness Wheatley Lions Club Centralia Huron Park Lions Delaware Lioness Club Exeter Lions Club Lions Club of Straffordville London Central Lioness London East Lioness Club Strathroy Lioness Club St. Joseph Island Lions Club **Belmont Lions Club** Springfield Lioness Vienna Lions Club **Dereham District Lions** Drumbo Lions Club Lions Club of Thamesford Stratford Lions Club St. Williams Lions Club The Lions Club of Ingersoll Tillsonburg Lioness Club Thamesford Lions Club Ingersol Lions Club Sweaburg Lions Club Ancaster Lions Club Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club Burlington Nelson Lioness Club Dundas Lions Club Freelton Lions Club Pontiac Lions Club Waterdown & District Lions Club inc. **Dunnville Lions Club** Port Dover Lioness Vittoria Lioness Club Burford Lions Club St George Lions Club Waterford Lioness Club Chippawa Lioness Fenwick Lioness Club Grantham Lioness Club Stamford Lions Club **Ridgeway Lions Club** Lakeshore Lions Club North York Fairview Lions Club Toronto Beaches Lions Club

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THE LION FEBRUARY 2004

Fun and Fundraising at the Farm Show

Lions motto, We Serve, enjoyed another opportunity to work together raising visibility and funds by providing food and beverage services for visitors and exhibitors at Canada s Outdoor Farm Show on September 9, 10 and 11th past. The shows tenth edition, held on the northwest outskirts of Woodstock under near perfect weather and conditions, was by any account a huge success.

Thamesford's Larry Taylor posted a complex working schedule involving 250 Lions from Thamesford, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Hickson, Innerkip, Sweaburg, Drumbo, Ayr-North Dumfries, New Hamburg and the brand-new Plattsville club (23 charter members) that was not even certified until after the show was over. Peak periods had 56 persons preparing and serving between 6 AM and 8 PM, the \$50,000 profit being distributed on the basis of hours worked.

Resembling a racetrack tout with a big sheaf of bills stuffed in his breast pocket, Sweaburg's Rick Bell circulated ensuring cashiers always had change and commented that the show was hard work and a lot of fun, creating good Lion fellowship.

Random individual Lions expressed opinions that their own participating clubs get from 15 to 30% of their annual revenue from the show. Linking many of the clubs in fundraising are the inevitable bingos.

The Great Canadian Outdoor Expo, a new concept, is scheduled for the farm show site in the spring of 2004 and the Lions of Zone 37 South will be there. Roar Lions!

Koal Lions:

Lions on Tour

Cambridge Highland Lions Club recently visited the Oakville Lions Foundation of Canada and toured the facilities. After the tour the Lions presented a cheque for \$6000 to the Foundation.

Lions & Lioness "touch" Deaf – Blind

It has been clearly understood that Helen Keller made it known that those with "inconveniences", needed to be touched. Helen repeatedly told this key message by noting, "We're like everyone else. We're here to be able to live a life as full as any person's."

As Lions and Lioness we have no "inconveniences". We are able to see and hear. We are able to reach out and touch those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

This has truly been the case with the new deaf-blind facility in Brantford, Ontario. The new facility is known as The Lions McInnes House. In 1999 the LHFDP made a total commitment of \$660,000. We are almost through this journey with only a small mortgage remaining (\$40,000).

Many Lions, Lioness and Leos as well as the local community have seized the opportunity to become "miracle workers". As miracle workers we have reached out and touched the lives of 14 individuals with deafblindness, who continue to be free of "inconveniences" and integral members of the Brantford community.

But as this journey ends a new one begins. Help us continue to fulfill our obligation to serve. As "Knights of the Blind" we are charged with a monumental task but one that is challenged by a devoted and energetic group of men and women, the Lions & Lioness of Multiple District "A".

Submitted by the Lions Homes For Deaf People,

Lion John Lackey



Peace in the school

Ajax- Bolton C. Palby Public School was one of hundreds of schools around the world that participated in the annual Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. Youth, 11 to 15, are invited through their schools to create posters for peace. This year's winner was "A Bright Future".

Markham Lions

Congratulations, Lion Tom of the Markham Lions Club, on receiving your International Association of Lions Clubs Life Membership. Charter Member Lion Carman Lewis assisted Lion President Mike Hiatt with the presentation.

Lions Club Float



District A-16 Lions Club Float in the Richmond Hill Santa Clause Parade Nov. 20th as designed and built by Lion Bridget Carretta. In the Lion Costume Alexandra Carretta and Deanna Bradley as Snow White.

Dedicated Lion Honoured

The Cannington Lions dedicated a plaque at MacLeod Park to honour a former president, the late Clare Hardy who was instrumental in providing the baseball diamond at the park. His widow, Esther Hardy attended the unveiling of the plaque.

Pickering Lions Club Does It Again

On Tuesday, November 18, 2003, Pickering Lions Club sponsored and provided refreshments for the Diabetes Health Fair. This was an event to provide information and education to people living with diabetes in Durham Region, their families and friends. Over 180 people showed up at the event to listen to 5 prominent speakers and to talk with 13 diabetes experts who sponsored the event.

This sinister disease, which causes blindness, kidney failure, amputations, stokes and heart attacks, has no cure. The goal of the health fair was to promote quality of life despite the consequences of the disease.



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