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St. George Lions President **Marvin Ireland** (right) and Sign Committee Chairperson Lion **Kevin Hewitson** stand in front of the new Welcome signs that were designed and installed by the **St. George Lions Club**.

The Lions Club have the Lions logo on all four signs at the entrances to the village. It only seemed fitting, as the Lions have been great community supporters over the past 65 years.

Thanks to all the club members for their support on this project.

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Hewitson



Omemee and Fowlers Corners Lions Clubs Feb. 18, 2010

Official unveiling of the trail marker for the Kawartha Lakes Trans Canada Trail. Both Omemee and Fowlers Corners Lions Clubs have partnered with this organization for regular maintenance and cleanup of the trail within our Clubs' areas. L to R -Omemee Lion Jack Murphy (Representative on Trail Committee); Al MacPherson, Chairman Kawartha Lakes Trans Canada Trail; Fowlers Corners Past President Lion David Birch; Omemee Lion President Bill Hawman; Omemee Lion Sam Pittman.

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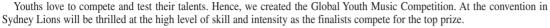




Serve by Modeling Service for Youths

In an Indiana town two sisters who are Amish and blind have become Leos. They've found new friends, discovered the joy of service and altogether expanded their sense of who they are and what they can accomplish in life. So it goes with Lions and youths. Whether it's in Indiana, India or in your community, Lions steer the energy and enthusiasm of youths toward service and success.

One of my goals this year was to engage young people in service and fellowship as well as help grow them into potential Lions. Lions clubs have had a lot of success here. Lions Quest has expanded into four additional nations and soon will be started in two others. The Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program is flourishing: Lions lead 123 camps in 40 nations. The Leo program is as popular as ever: there are nearly 145,000 Leos and we've rebranded the program to make it even more appealing.





Lions President Eberhard Wirfs

As an international association, the future is now regarding youths. Half of the billion people in India are younger than 25. The percentage of young people is also high in China and in Africa, places besides India where our membership is growing impressively. We must continue to grow Leos and grow Lions among younger people. They bring fresh ideas, boundless energy and hearts full of goodwill toward others. To quote a younger Lion who was a Leo: we older Lions must "MOVE TO GROW younger."

We know that connecting with young people early on builds a bond not easily broken. Study after study shows young people engaged in community service carry that passion into adulthood. It's analogous to the old saying about teaching a man to fish instead of giving him a fish. We must teach young people the value of service instead of merely looking for ways to make them happy in the moment. Lions always will reach out to disadvantaged youths and youths in crisis after disasters. But we also must be eager to encourage a service mentality in youths able to contribute to the community.

Move to Grow can inspire Lions of all ages to progress in service. Youths especially move forward and grow when Lions take them under their wing and point them in the right direction. We are a great association that will prosper for decades to come. Yet we can reach our full potential by tapping into the potential of youths now.

Lions Planted Ginkgos in 2009-10

The marvelous ginkgo tree can live for 1,000 years or more. It is an apt symbol of heritage, adaptability and utility-which is why I chose it as a symbol of my presidency. Lions, I have served as your international president for just one year. But I believe that in 2009-10 Lions worldwide have embraced my theme of Move to Grow and we've moved our association forward with great success and much hope for continued growth and success.

Lions have planted ginkgo trees to strengthen and develop our association in many ways. We've served our communities with great energy and innovation, started new clubs and inducted new members, and showed the public who Lions are and why we're absolutely vital.

The number of new clubs is up 12.5 percent from last year, the best we've done in a dozen years. The latest figures show that our overall net growth is 24,079 members, compared to 17,058 the previous year. China has 113 new clubs and Africa has 46 new ones. The Global Membership Team and Lion leaders deserve a round of applause.

Lions have stepped forward for leadership training, a prerequisite for any organization with grand goals. Nearly 450 Lions representing 302 districts graduated from the Senior Lions Leadership Institutes. Applications for this program exceeded program capacity by 26 percent. Additionally, 45 Regional Lions Leadership Institutes are being held this year and 3,800 Lions will be trained, a 36 percent jump from last year.

Two initiatives I personally championed did very well. The Lions in Sight Campaign was held in January to raise awareness of Lions. Districts from every constitutional area participated and local media covered the events. The Global Youth Music Competition proved to be popular and representatives from each constitutional area will compete in Sydney at the international convention.

The list of successes goes on. The Leo program was rebranded and rejuvenated. Our e-Clubhouse (a Web site template) grew to 2,300 sites. Lions Quest marked its 25th anniversary and expanded its presence; it now operates in 57 nations.

This year Move to Grow has been a constant reality and an overarching guide to Lions. It's been my great privilege to serve as your international president, and Margit and I are immensely grateful for the kindness and hospitality shown to us. We wish you well and, for the last time, express our deep appreciation and admiration for the invaluable service you give to your community.

Convention Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2010 International Convention. Our 93rd International Convention will be held in Sydney, Australia. It begins at 9 a.m. June 28 and ends July 2. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president and 17 members of the International Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Sydney is a world-class city, a "dream destination" with a distinct culture, customs and cuisine. The "Lions Precinct" at the convention will place Lions in the midst of a vibrant and fascinating cosmopolitan area. Sydney will be a spectacular setting for fun, fellowship and learning.

During Convention Week Lions will participate in helpful seminars. They will witness the installation of a new president, the presentation of the 2010 Humanitarian Award to Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai of Kenya, an inspiring speech by pilot-hero Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the enjoyable and newly installed Global Youth Music Competition, the World Ginkgo Awards, the ever-popular flag ceremony, outstanding entertainment and our festive parade.

The Lions of Multiple District 201 will welcome their visitors and ensure their stay is enjoyable, productive and comfortable. It will be my pleasure to share with you a year where Lions Moved to Grow and moved our association forward in new and fruitful ways.

Signed by me at Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 10th day of May 2010.

Pictures on Inside Front Cover

Warmest regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs Lions Clubs International President



Gearing up for another day are kindergarten students at Brookside Place Elementary school in Cranford, New Jersey, a Lions Quest school.

Lions Quest, 25, and Still Growing by Alecia Dimar

The Lions Quest program had a banner year. With the conclusion of a milestone celebration, continued growth worldwide and securing a grant and recognition, the future has never looked brighter.

Lions Quest, a program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), increases service among youth and Lions in communities around the world. The program develops youth of all ages into strong, healthy citizens.

"We believe by using the program, our school is a safe and caring environment," said Margaret Urlich, a principal in New Zealand, "Students learn skills and strategies to make them acceptable community members."

Lions Quest has been celebrating its 25th anniversary this past year. In June at the international convention in Sydney, Q Bear, the program's mascot, will be at the Foundation's booth. Lions who donate to the program can be in a photo with the mascot. In addition, a life-size Q Bear will be auctioned off to the Lions Quest supporter with the highest bid.

Lions Quest is experiencing significant growth worldwide. Three new countries, Bulgaria, Mauritius and the Philippines, were added in January at the Lions Quest Advisory Committee meeting. Twelve grants totaling US\$506,450 were approved. This brings the program closer to President Eberhard J. Wirf's goal of being in 60 countries worldwide by the end of this year. The program also surpassed the half million mark, having trained more than 500,000 educators to implement Lions Quest programs.

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) exemplify the growth of Lions Quest. CPS has introduced Lions Quest at eight schools to develop students' social-emotional learning (SEL).

The program's positive presence in CPS recently led to a \$10,000 grant from Bank of America. The funds will be used to train 36 teachers and provide Lions Quest curriculum materials to 500 students at Edward Tilden Career Community Academy High School. Tilden has a high drop-out rate and a low graduation rate; the majority of its students come from low-income families.

"Youth in Chicago are some of the most at-risk in the U.S.," said Al Brandel, chairperson of LCIF. "But the Lions Quest program aims to provide these youth with the life skills they need to develop into healthy adults and build stronger communities."

Lions Quest is a leading proponent of SEL, which is attracting positive attention. A recent congressional hearing cited SEL for its links to academic gains. CNN's American Morning profiled a suburban Chicago school that embraces SEL.

Unprecedented opportunities exist for the Lions Quest program. Through support from LCIF and Lions, the program will continue to achieve great success. Join the Foundation in its commitment to supporting youth and ensuring a better future for tomorrow.

Ten Years of Saving Sight

The numbers tell the impact: 178,000 athletes screened, 85,000 prescription eye glasses distributed, more than 12,000 Lions clubs members recruited and more than 11,000 vision care professionals trained. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Opening Eyes, the partnership between Special Olympics and Lions Clubs International to provide free vision screenings and glasses to Special Olympics athletes.

"It is important that each of the intellectually disabled people find their dreams and wants to be part of this important program. We have achievements that will continue forever in our lives," said Ariel Ary, an athlete at the 2010 Special Olympics Latin American Regional Games.

LCIF has awarded more than \$11 million to support Opening Eyes in more than 80 nations. In February, LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and his wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, joined nearly 100 Lions who screened 1,200 athletes from 34 countries at the Latin American Regional Games in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

A large number of athletes had never had a comprehensive eye exam. Roberto Oliver Guillen, a 24-year-old from San Salvador, was screened and provided with free frames by Safilo, S.p.A and fitted with prescription polycarbonate lenses by Essilor International. Essilor of Puerto Rico cut the lenses on site, enabling Roberto to receive his new prescription glasses before leaving the screening. Essilor and Saflio provide in-kind product donations for Opening Eyes, further leveraging Lions funding.

"This is a great example of the impact we can have when joining hands," said International Director Eugenio Roman Jr., who coordinated Lions involvement at the Latin American Games. "This partnership gives our clubs a wonderful way to serve, while really serving to better ourselves."

Lions in Puerto Rico are establishing new Lions clubs in support of Special Olympics and those with intellectual disabilities. Similarly, other special interest Lions clubs are being formed in California, Minnesota and Sydney, Australia. "The formation of Lions Clubs dedicated to supporting those with intellectual disabilities in Special Olympics is a wonderful development for our partnership," said Brandel.

Said David Evangelista, director of the partnership for Special Olympics International, "As a Lion myself, I have experienced first-hand the transformative nature that service can have on individuals, and the way it becomes a positive, contagious force. It is exciting to see this energy of service for those with intellectual disability."

More than 100 Opening Eyes programs are scheduled to take place this year at Special Olympics Games including in Warsaw at the Europe Eurasia Regional Games, in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the USA National Games and in Athens at the Greece National Games. Plans are also under way for a 10th anniversary celebration and screening event in Osaka, Japan, in October as part of Lions World Sight Day.

Lions' involvement in the partnership is critical. Lions help coordinate the screenings and volunteer during the events. Lions are encouraged to visit the Opening Eyes demonstration screening at the International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

More information is available at www.kif.org.



Lions assist in patient registration and vision testing during Opening Eyes.

Candidates for Second Vice President

As of press time, there were four candidates for international second vice president. The election will take place July 2 at the 93rd International Convention in Sydney, Australia.



Michael P. Butler

Past International Director **Michael P. Butler** lives in Kerrville, Texas. A Lion since 1974, he is a member of the Kerrville Host Lions Club. He served as an international director from 1984-86 and as a board appointee in 2006-07.

Wayne A. Madden Past International Director Wayne A. Madden lives in Auburn, Indiana. A member of the Auburn Lions Club since 1984, he served as an international director from 1999-2001.





G. Ramaswamy

Past International Director *G. Ramaswamy* lives in Coimbatore, India. A member of the Annur Town Lions Club since 1985, he served as an international director from 1996-98 and as a board appointee from 2005-07.

Past International Director **Scott A. Storms** lives in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, United States. A member of the Windsor Locks Lions Club since 1973, he served as an international director from 2001-03.

Scott A. Storms



Stayner Lions Club



In the picture are from left Don McNalty of Burnside and assoc, corporate sponsor, Jory Pritchard-Kerr Collingwood Hospital, Lion President Robert Walker, Susanne Legue Barrie Hospital, Gala committee members Lion John Gascho, Lion Len Menecola, Lion Shawn Davidson

The Stayner Lions Club held a New Years Eve Gala with profits being split equally between the Collingwood General and Marine Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. The Gala was a great success with a profit of \$13,000.⁰⁰. Representatives from the two hospitals were invited to a partners in service night and were presented with their cheques.

Submitted by Douglas Inkster



Left to Right: Lion Morley Marchant Betty Beach - Coldwater Scouts Jill Silk - Coldwater Figure Skating Brenda Hope - Village Players Lion Jay Yanuziello Yvonne Sim - Coldwater Food Bank Michelle Clark - Coldwater Minor Baseball Carol Carpenter - Coldwater School Dana Greenwood - Coldwater School

Frank Brazda - Coldwater Minor Hockey Lion Ken Cadeau Lion Richard Jolliffe Lion Colin Rae Kim Carson - Childrens Aid Society Lion Judith Cox Rose Phillips - Moonstone School Lion Anna Taylor Lion Jim Marchand Gail Murphy - Coldwater Girl Guides

Coldwater Lions Club was formed in 1939. Many years ago the club became aware that the seniors in the Village of Coldwater needed a location for their entertainment and social activities. The club agreed to purchase and renovate an empty store on the main street of Coldwater and then turn the building ownership over to the Seniors Association for \$1.⁶⁰ with the stipulation that the building be returned to the Lions Club for \$2.⁶⁰ in the event that the seniors ceased to use it.

Approximately 2 years ago the Coldwater Lions Club obtained ownership of the Riverside Seniors building and sold the structure. The Lions Club members decided that the proceeds from the sale must be returned to the Coldwater community in ways that would assist the community and area.

On February 22, 2010 at the regular Lions Club meeting approximately \$15,000.⁹⁰ was distributed to 10 local organizations. Included were the following: Minor hockey and baseball, Figure Skating, Coldwater and Moonstone public schools, The Village Players theatre group, Coldwater Food Bank, Coldwater Girl Guides and Scouts and the local Children's Aid Society.

In the near future \$60,000 will be donated to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, to assist in the purchase of new equipment for the Regional Cancer unit. Approximately \$100,000 still remains to be distributed and this will be done through various community projects over a period of time. Once again the Coldwater Lions Club has fulfilled the Lions motto - **WE SERVE**.



Fellow Members of the MD'A' Lions Family,

Thanks for the memories are what this column is all about - Remembrance, Reflection, & Gratitude. This past year as your Council Chair has gone by unbelievably fast. And as I reflect back, I am filled with a sense of wonder and gratitude for the honour and privilege of having been able to continue to serve at the Council level. This time last year I was filled with the excitement and honour of having been chosen by my peers, to be the representative of last year's Council...to

be this year's Council Chair.

As with any new challenge, I will admit, there was anxiousness and trepidation concerning the expectations that lay ahead for me. Because of the backing of an excellent team of Council committee members, all dedicated to 'getting the job done', I believe we truly exceeded expectations. Our paper trail of policy, procedure and manual updates will provide direction to future councils. The revamped training concepts are now detailed for those that follow, we've renewed and strengthened our ties with the CNIB, reinforced youth in our programs and along with the work of the many other Council committees, all seems to bode well for the future of the Multiple. A special Thanks for the help and guidance provided by our PID's, International Director, Council Treasurer and Council Secretary. Your input and advice throughout the year were certainly appreciated by your Council of Governor's.

We will soon have the ultimate opportunity to showcase the quality of MD'A' Lionism, with our hosting of the **2014 International Lions Clubs Convention in Toronto**. We have already laid the foundation for the 2014 organizing committee this year, and you will soon be given

the opportunity to step up and become a part of this Convention Organizational Team. Look for details in upcoming issues of this Lion magazine.

And by the time you read this Lion issue, we will probably all have returned from our MD'A' Convention. Your Council heard your call for Convention change and we trust you enjoyed the multiple options and changes made available for you through the auspices of our A-3 Host Convention team.

Over the past year, my wife Lise and I had the pleasure of connecting with many members at Charter nights, meetings and conventions. We had the opportunity to see the world of Lionism change lives, assist others less fortunate and reach unprecedented levels of success. So we thank the thousands of MD'A' Lions, for whose delivery of a multitude of community service projects, secured 'Lions Clubs' as the best service club organization in the world. We thank those that touched us with their kindness and thoughtfulness. It will be forever cherished.

James Barrie, a Scottish author wrote, 'God gave us memories so that we will always have roses in December.' You have given us memories we will always treasure. The fragrance of these 'roses' will be forever with us. *Thank you.*

HoHo Al Page MD'A' Council Chair 2009-2010

Short History of Pin Trading

It is very difficult to be precise as to when and where the first Lion pins were produced. It is known that pin trading started back in the early sixties so it is safe to assume that they were being made before then. These pins were called **"FRIENDSHIP PINS"** and were being produced by different Multiple Districts and States. Banners were equally important when meeting and greeting members of the Lions family.



We Serve

The Lions Club International Pin Trading (L.I.T.P.C.) was formed in June, 1973 in Miami, Florida, USA during the 56th International Convention. Its purpose was to foster and develop the hobby of collecting, and trading, to strengthen International friendship.

The Multiple District A (MDA) was started in 1984-85 and now has a membership of about 65. The membership covers Canada, United States, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and a couple more countries around the world.

The British Isles and Ireland Pin Trading Club (BI&ITPC) began in January 2000. A member of the LITPC who had attended the 1998 International Convention, held in Birmingham, UK wanted to see a pin club formed in Europe. The following year, at the 1999 International Convention held in San Diego, USA, a request was made to start the Club in MD-105. Some Lions in 105-EA were approached and it was decided to start a Club. There are now several members of the MDA Pin Trading Club that are also members of the British Isles Pin Trading Club. It's nice to meet each other at International Conventions and Pin Swaps. A lot of pin trading is done through the mail.

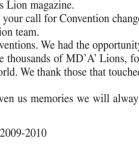
The author started off pin trading at a Convention held in the old Skyline Hotel in Ottawa. I had a lot of different pins on my vest from different districts but I had no theme. I saw a person coming down the hall that had a big airplane pin. It was from Baldwin, NY. That is when I decided to specialize in collecting airplane pins. I am ex-air force and my last name is Baldwin. I wrote letters to the President of Baldwin, NY to ask about any other airplane pins their Club has put out. I now have all the Baldwin, NY pins. The President of that Club was Lion Dave Rosenberg. He came up to visit us in Ottawa and we've gone down to Long Island, NY to visit him. We became very good friends, that all started with a pin.

Pin trading is a lot of fun, plus a lot of information and history of different Clubs If Lion members only took the time to look slowly at a pin trader's table and see the history they would be impressed and astounded at all the different types of design. There are a lot of different pin sets. For example, the MDA Pin Traders put out a set of twelve Klowns each year of different colours. The first Klown set was developed in 2005 for the Hong Kong International Convention.

Some of the MDA Pin Traders will be at the MDA Convention in Kingston so please drop by and say hello or even join.

This information was from the International Pin Traders Club, MDA Pin Traders Club and District 105 British Isles and Ireland Pin Club...





During a dinner to celebrate the 40th Charter anniversary of the **North Oshawa Lions Club**, Lion **Fred Campitelli** was presented with a Lions Life Membership to recognize his many years of outstanding contribution through his fund raising efforts. **Fred** *is shown here on the right accepting his award from District Governor Lion Barry Tate, and North* **Oshawa Lions President Lion Kevin Pumphrey.**

North Oshawa Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern





MD'A' Council Chair

Al Page

Off the Streets and Into a Classroom

by Alecia Dimar

Virginia Languza, a young mother living with her husband and 5year-old daughter, is thankful for Lions' support of the learning center in her city in the Philippines. "We can give our daughter a very good center, to learn, to study," said Languza.

Before the learning center was constructed, Virginia's daughter and other children in Pasay City roamed the streets. Shacks lined the broken roads where the children played; there was no sewage system, no electricity and no sense of safety.

"We know for a fact that a lot of young people, ages 3 to 6, are not given the proper daycare education, particularly here in Pasay City,"



said Bobby Laurel, past district governor of District 301-A2, Philippines. "We felt that this would be a very m e a n i n g f u 1 project for us to do."

The City of Pasay is located in metro Manila. Nearly 350,000 people live there.

The Languza family is one of many who have benefited from the learning center.

⁹ Until recently, Languza's neighborhood was filled with squatters. The government demolished this makeshift

community and constructed housing for 400 families.

Lions recognized that there was still a need for a safe place for young children. Together, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions from District 334-A, Japan, and



A Makati Golden Lion tutors a young boy.

District 301-A2 funded the construction of the learning center.

"Everyone understands that we Lions are an international organization," said Sadao Kawase, a member of the Nagoya West Lions Club, Japan. "So all members, they are happy to do projects in the Philippines."

The learning center currently serves nearly 100 children and that number is expected to increase as additional classrooms are opened. The three-story building is equipped with books, educational materials, recreational equipment and computers. An outdoor recreation space soon will be improved with playground equipment and toys.

Lions regularly volunteer at the center. They plan to expand it so it serves all children who live in the housing project.

The learning center demonstrates Lions commitment to working with youth in their local community and helping provide opportunities to underprivileged children. Supporting positive youth development remains a central mission of LCIF, along with Lions worldwide.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

'Temple of the Eye' Restores Sight

by Joshua Friedman

Dozens of people come to the Udaygiri Lions Eye Hospital in India daily to pray at its temple. Many of them are former patients. They call the site the "temple of the eye."

The Lions Club of Udgir opened the hospital in Udgir in 2005. The hospital has been phenomenally successful. Since January 2006, the hospital has restored the sight of more than 21,000 cataract patients and screened nearly a quarter of a million outpatients. In its inaugural year, the hospital performed 3,815 cataract surgeries, possibly a Lions record for any start-up hospital.

"The Lions Family of Udgir always felt that something substantial must be done for the people who are not able to receive proper medical care at home. The goals of SightFirst are in our hearts," said Dr. R. N. Lakhotiya, president of the hospital. "This was an untouched and underdeveloped area with unaffordable care and without availability of services to reach the people most in need."

The remote area served by the hospital is underdeveloped in health care services. Forty percent of the population lives below the poverty line. By reaching out to this community, the hospital is addressing one of the five goals of the SightFirst program: targeting underserved populations.

The hospital initially served only nonpaying patients. Now nearly 40 percent of its patients are paying. This was made possible by establishing a strong reputation for excellent care and respect for the patient. Attracting such a sizeable percentage of paying patients addresses another important goal of the SightFirst program: creating sustainable eye care services.



The Lions Club of Udgir has been involved in eye care services for nearly

20 years. District 323-H and the local Lions were awarded three SightFirst grants totaling \$93,252 between 2004 and 2007 for hospital staff training, eye care equipment, an outreach vehicle, furniture, an electricity generator and clinical laboratory equipment. The most recent grant enabled expansion of the hospital to include a second building.

Lions themselves contributed nearly \$150,000 for the building. Tens of thousands of dollars more have come from the public, the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme and the MLA Local Area Development Scheme. The hospital conducts outreach work. In the Latur district alone, the hospital is responsible for more than 40 percent of the cataract surgeries done annually.

Revan Siddapps Amboji Kore, 79, does not have any relatives to take care of him and was blind for eight months. He attended an outreach screening in his local village and was referred to the hospital, 62 miles away, for free cataract surgery. Lions provided free transportation. Now he can take care of himself.

"I will bring all other blind people like me to the next screening so that they too can once again see and have a better life," he said.

The Lions of Udgir desire to do even more. They plan to provide diabetic retinopathy care, set up satellite centers and even establish an eye bank. By doing so, the hospital will fulfill yet another goal of the SightFirst program: developing comprehensive eye care systems.

To the Members of the Lions Family of Multiple District "A"

As I am writing to you it is early in the month of May and we are just nicely arrived home from the *Lions Clubs International Board of Directors Meeting* held in Hamburg, Germany. We were all very busy during the course of the meetings and I believe they were quite productive.

By the time you read this message it will be well into the month of June and our Lions' Year will be close to completion. I hope that you have been able to attain your goals and realize your aspirations in Lionism over the course of this past year. I personally am looking forward to the visit of our 1st Vice President Lion Sid Scruggs to our M.D. "A" Convention in Kingston in early June. I know that those of you who are attending the convention will enjoy meeting Sid and Lion Judy and that you will be inspired by his message.

According to the latest figures there will be approximately 45 to 50 of us attending the International Convention in Sydney in Late June and I look forward to seeing you all there and to experiencing some good Australian hospitality together.

For those of you who are unable to go to Sydney I would recommend that you give serious consideration to attending the U.S.A. – Canada Forum in Milwaukee, September 23 to 26, 2010. The U.S.A.- Canada Forum is always a

fulfilling experience for all who attend and this year's Forum promises to be even better.

As we come to the conclusion of our Lions' Year we appear to have made real progress in our membership efforts this year. I would ask that you do all that you can as individual Lions and Lions Clubs to maintain our membership over the June – July period. We have proven in M.D. "A" that through the superb efforts of our MERL Teams, our G.M.T. Leaders, our District Governor Teams and most of all through the work of you the Lions that we can



Lion Carl Young, I.D.

grow our membership. It is now time to show that we can keep our Lions through proper and diligent retention as well. I believe that we have demonstrated our ability to implement President Eberhard Wirfs' programme of *"Moving to Grow"* successfully.

Enjoy a healthy and happy summer in this most wonderful country of ours.

Take care, Lion Carl Young



The 2014 International Convention Host Committee is currently seeking applications from the Lions of MD "A" to serve as a Committee Chair on the Host Committee in one of the following capacities to take effect as of September 2010.

Ireasurer-Finance Committee: With Fundraising Chair. Souvenir & Pin Sales, Reporting Directly to the Host Committee Chair.

Secretary: Minutes of Committee Meetings, Committee Chair Communications, General Secretarial duties reporting directly to the Host Committee Chair. Vice Chair (4 positions): Vice Committee Chairs to work with and oversee various Committees and their functions, reporting directly to the Host Committee Chair.

Promotion & Publicity Committee Chair: In co-operation with Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Manpower Committee Chair: Key Areas. Sergeant-at-Arms, Manpower Communications & Website, Crisis Management.

The following Committee Chairs will be open for applications in the coming months as and when the committees become scheduled.

Parade Committee Chair: Bands, Judges, Snacks & Refreshments, Band Housing, Floats, Parade Volunteers.

Transportation & Hospitality Chair: Transportation for the International Family, Interpreters, Greeters, Host Night, City Hospitality, Host Office & Booth, Shuttles from Pearson International Airport, Shuttle Bus schedules.

DGE Seminar Committee: Registration & Gift Distribution, Classroom set-up, DGE Shuttle, DGE Opening Ceremony, DGE Hall Monitors & Runners.

Applicants for the above committee chairs will be supplied with a more comprehensive and detailed description of the responsibilities for the Committee Chair of their choice upon receipt of their application. These positions are open to the Lions from all Districts of MD "A" and applications should be sent to the Host Committee Chair, PDG Derek Bloomfield at: derek.bloomfield@rogers.com

or mail to : PDG Derek Bloomfield, 23 Erindale Drive, Erin, Ontario NOB 1T0. Home #: 519 833 2056

All applications will be reviewed by the MD "A" Administration Committee and the chair of the 2014 Convention Host Committee

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Lions Focus on Restoring Hope to Haiti by Pamela Mohr

As Lions and LCIF work together to bring hope to the people of Haiti. Chairperson Al Brandel says that he's become aware of a new regard for Lions Clubs International's standing in the global community. While in Haiti in late February, he met with representatives of aid agencies, Port-au-Prince Vice Mayor Nadege Joachin Augustin and the United States Ambassador to Haiti, Kenneth Merten. "Our reputation as a major NGO is growing," he states with pride. Lions hit the ground running in Haiti and they're still there working to provide

relief, housing and a sense of security to those who lost so much.

The Lions tent city provides shelter and a sense of community.

With hundreds of thousands of people sleeping in the streets of Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital, families living in the three tent cities created by Lions have built a community of sorts, "We're bringing in tanks of fresh drinking

water and our goal is to keep improving the quality of life for these people," says Brandel. "Each tent city has an unofficial mayor and we meet with them to find out what needs to be done. They provide their own security forces. They're creating their own communities-it just so happens they don't have houses. These are smart, resourceful people."

Brandel points out, "Wherever you look, people are trying to build something. They put sticks together and put a tablecloth on top to try to create a home in the

wild animals" rove throughout Port-au-Prince, he says. "The rainy season is about to start and that's going to be a real problem."

Brandel says Lions are trying to find a way to provide eyeglasses for those who lost them and meet urgent medical needs. "We hope to set up eye clinics in the camps and are working to get a medical clinic up and running soon," he says. At least 200 more tents are expected to arrive soon to alleviate crowding and provide additional shelter.

Haitians gather water at the tent city.

"We're trying to get people back into their homes, but it's going to be a long, long time." Brandel declares. "Government officials are marking homes for safe occupancy. A green checkmark means it's safe for habitation; yellow means homes can be used again as long as some things are fixed and red means it's a total loss." Most structures bear red checkmarks on what's left of the exterior.

It's estimated that about 80 percent of homes in the Haitian capital were slapped together of adobe or poorly made concrete blocks. With no municipal building codes established, these structures quickly tumbled when the 7.0 quake struck. Lumber is in short supply and expensive in Haiti. Lions trucked lumber and other building materials into the country to help rebuilding efforts. The capital city's seaport and airport were

closed in the critical first few weeks after the quake struck, so Dominican Republic Lions helped facilitate deliveries into this ravaged city.

"We don't want these people to be in tents two years from now. We want to help them get back home. We're not in the tent business-we're trying to help rebuild lives," emphasizes Brandel. Post disaster needs assessments are still being done by Lions and other agencies since there is such widespread need.

International Director Eugenio Roman Jr. of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, says nothing prepared him for the destruction he witnessed when he went to Haiti days after the earthquake with Brandel and Past International Carlos Justiniano, of the Dominican Republic. "To be honest, I never saw destruction of this magnitude before-only in war films. What did I see? I saw more than devastation," he reveals. "I saw a poor country that needs our help. But I also saw Lions from Haiti show us their determination and loyalty to our association and the spirit of service."

He continues, "I saw what Carlos Justiniano did every week to be with them and bring containers of food, water, medicines and goods. I saw the generosity of the Lions of Puerto Rico, who continued collecting materials and money for Haiti, over US\$33,000 so far. I saw my own doctor and his son, also an M.D., go to Haiti and save lives. Both are members of my Arecibo Capitan Correa Lions Club and went there two more times."

Roman says that by personally meeting and helping so many Haitians in need, his connection to them is stronger. "They thanked me many times for what the Lions of the world are doing to help them. I will never forget these numbers-more than 200,000 deaths, 10,000 amputations and more than one million homeless. But we are there to help. That's what Lions clubs and LCIF do. It's impossible to describe how this has changed my life."

Health Sciences Project District A-15 There is a severe shortage of Doctors in District A-15.

There is a distinct opportunity to help alleviate this situation by supporting the Health Sciences Project. The objective is to supply equipment and materials that make learning easier, and that show the medical students in training that this is a great region of Ontario to practice Family Medicine, whether that be by a private practice, a Hospalist, or a member of a Family Health Team.

These students must be taught by the Doctors in our region, and that is a huge undertaking as we have upwards of 250 students training in our Hospitals at any one time, from both McMaster and Western. To make it easier for our Doctors to teach, it is important to have Video Conferencing Equipment in every Hospital, Clinic, Family Health Team, etc. This allows the Doctor Teacher, to teach all the students at one time, without the movement of either the Doctor or the medical students from their place of work. Without this equipment, students must move to an area where a Doctor can teach, and the Doctor must move as well, therefore making if very difficult to attract enough Doctors to become mentors. This is a huge waste of time, and an expensive way to teach. The equipment eliminates the inconveniences, saves time for the medical students, and indeed saves very valuable time for the Teacher, and makes it more desirable to become a medical student teacher.

A Video Conferencing Unit costs between \$15,000 and \$20,000. So far Lions of A-15 have raised enough funds to purchase 2 units. We are in need of at least 4 more units.

The A-15 area has never had a Medical School. We now have this facility and next year we are hoping to have 168 medical students in our campus. This augurs well to help cover the shortage we are experiencing, but we must do everything possible to accommodate the students and teachers. The theory is that people who go to school in an area are most likely to stay and practice. We want that to happen, and we want to make it easy to learn their skills, become assimilated into our communities, and start the process to reduce the waiting list for Doctors.

Supporting this project will prove to be very valuable. Chair Lion Bill Weiler

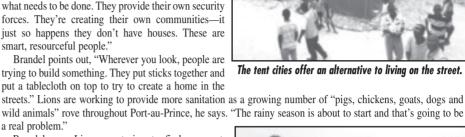






Past International President Al Brandel fist-bumps a boy.

Zone Chair William Eliacin looks on.



LCIF Newsletter*

May 2010 Greetings Lions,

As I look back on everything Lions Clubs International Foundation has accomplished during my time as chairperson, I feel honored to have been the leader of such a great organization. The Foundation truly brings humanitarian service to communities in every area of the world.

The many achievements of LCIF would not be possible without the support of each of you. By committing your time, funds and service, the Foundation is able to maintain its status as a leading humanitarian organization. Lions support is critical to our continued growth and achieving the unprecedented opportunity that lies ahead of us.

Developing partnerships to further our impact is also fundamental to advancing LCIF. By working with organizations that share likeminded missions, the Foundation is able to increase our ability to serve those in need.

I have great admiration and respect for your efforts on behalf of LCIF.

You are my everyday heroes.

Best regards, *Al Brandel* Chairperson, LCIF

Developing New Partnerships

New partnerships continue to advance the work of LCIF and its programs worldwide. The Foundation is working with Essilor International to support comprehensive uncorrected refractive error (URE) services through the development, expansion and strengthening of sustainable systems that target underserved populations through high quality, low-cost and environmentally sound programs. LCIF recently received a US\$10,000 grant from Bank of America's Chicago Division to expand Lions Quest, the Foundation's positive youth development program.

Additionally, LCIF recently became a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, furthering the newly established partnership supporting cataract initiatives in Peru.

Supporting Disaster Relief at Convention

At convention in Sydney, Australia a number of activities will commemorate the devastating earthquake that struck the island nation of Haiti in January. A full-size tent, like those being used in Lions' tent cities in Haiti, will be showcased in the exhibit hall by the LCIF booth. An exhibit with photos highlighting Lions' response to the Haiti earthquake will also be on display. Lions will have the opportunity to learn about relief efforts, see first-hand the tents we are providing and make a contribution to further support disaster relief efforts. In addition, Haitian Lions will speak at



Al Brandel Chairperson, LCIF

the LCIF plenary session, providing a firsthand account. Lions will also have the opportunity to support other recent disasters, like the Chile and China earthquakes.

Image Refresh a Success

A refreshed LCIF image recently launched in March has since received very positive reviews. One of the central objectives of the image update is to raise awareness of the Foundation, supporting growth among both Lions and the general public. Included in the image update are refined key messages, brighter color schemes, engaging graphics and refreshed logos.

Grants Approved at Board Meeting

At the April Board Meeting in Hamburg, Germany, 65 projects were awarded a total of US\$2,554,948 in funding. Approved projects ranged from expanding centers for the disabled to purchasing vehicles that provide health services of approved grants online.

New LCIF Videos Available

The Foundation has three new videos available, including Lions Are....LCIF, SightFirst II: Looking Forward, and Making a Difference Together. All three videos will debut at events throughout convention. The videos are now available online.

Please contact LCIF Communications mail to: **Alecia.Dimar@lionsclubs.org** for hard copies.

Make a Donation, Support LCIF

Support for LCIF ensures that humanitarian services are delivered to those in need. After the Haiti earthquake, generous donations from Lions around the world helped mobilize more than US\$4.7 million to provide immediate relief and support long-term rebuilding efforts. Make a donation online today and support the humanitarian work of LCIF.



The view of the Canine Challenge as seen by the Lion members' Grand daughter.

Today we went to dog guides in Oakville of Canada. There was the president Lion Jane and Lions Bruce, Beth, Phil, Marlene, Gail (Grandma), and Mike (Grandpa), Madison and I. First we had to act out a play about what some people do and what your supposed to do for a seizures. I didnt know what to do so I tried to get through and touch Grampa since he had to be the person having the seizure. The other team was blocking us from touching him because in order to win thats what you had to do. So I think it was Beth who touched grampa and her team won. After that we went to a room and we took turns sitting in a wheel chair. When you sat in the wheel chair you would have to say the does name and then the command. The first command we did was heel then he would turn around with the help of the person pushing you in the wheel chair and you would say tugs and the dog would pull the tie or whatever is tied to the handle of the fridge, dryer etc. Then it would open and you can get what you need or the dog would get it for you. The next thing we did was whisper the dogs name then we would whisper help and the dog would start barking loudly and looking at the people around us for help. You have to praise the dog each time you tell it to do something and dont give the dog a treat every time, because what it really wants is a nice petting a walk or cuddle time with its owner. The best award for a dog after they helped you get out of your house in the middle of a fire is a nice and very long walk. The dogs names were Zorra and Willis. Next we went to another room and one person would close thier eyes and hold the dog by the leash and another person would go out the door and knock. When the dog hears the knocking it repeatedly touches you and then you get to open your eves and follow the dog because it pulls you toward the sound and waits for you to open the door. After that we met a guy in another room and he had a poodle named Max. What we did here was very intresting and my favourite part. The person who was going would get blind folded and given a cane and was told to walk through the maze of pylons and you would have to move the cane back and forth but wider than your body. Then after everyone had a turn with the cane everyone would get a turn with the poodle. The poodle would lead you through the maze and got you to the other end safely without hitting anything. At the end we listened to the guy talk and the Amaranth Lions raised \$2,700.00 to help with dog guides. After all that excitment we went to the gift shop and went home. I dont know about everyone else but I had a lot of fun! Today I learned and felt the way handicap people feel with thier guide dogs and to me it was fun and a very good learning experience. After today I think that when I grow up I want to have a job like this one

Thank you Lions Jane and Bruce for letting me do this.

A Report from your Ontario Director of the Lions Foundation of Canada

I am so pleased to have returned to this position after serving a number of years ago. The work is so rewarding and fulfilling that it is pure joy to witness the results. The biggest joy of all, of course, comes from watching our grateful graduates as they become so excited with their new lives with the assistance of their Guide Dog.

These great works are only possible because of the ongoing support being provided by the Lions Family of Multiple District "A" and the entire Lions family of Canada. The reports of the Directors representing the other parts of our Country are always of interest and provide incentive to keep our support growing and leading the way. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides does not receive any government funding and relies on the support of fundraising events and donations from service clubs, corporations, foundations and individuals across the country.

We have seen our first-ever Autism Assistance Dog Guide class graduate at the Foundation. By the time this message reaches you, we will likely have had our third graduating class. Trainer Chris Fowler is very pleased with the progress of this program and the children and families benefiting from this service are extremely happy and excited about their new lives made possible with their new dog.

Please keep in touch with your Foundation. We regularly publish a Newsletter with updates to all of our programs: CVC- Vision Dogs, HED-Hearing Dogs, SSD-Special Skills Dogs, Seizure Dogs and Autism Dogs. The more informed you are, the better you will feel about being a Lion or Lioness and being a part of such a wonderful service to those less fortunate.

I cannot tell you all the heartwarming stories our clients send us on a daily basis about how their dog guide has truly changed their life. As we move forward, I want to acknowledge the tremendous support to date you all have contributed as well as encourage you to continue your support because without it so many Canadians with disabilities would lack the greater sense of mobility, safety and independence they so well deserve.

The following anonymous poem expresses some truly warming thoughts:

SEEING THROUGH MY HEART

I'm standing here before you, no longer just a dog, For I've climbed the height of Heaven, and I've reached the Heart of God. I understand my purpose and the gift I have to give, and I'll gladly take the challenge, so that you may freely live, I'll be the eyes that guide you, in night time and in day, And when you close your eyes in rest, beside you I will lay. I will never forsake you; I'll never go astray And I will always love you, until my dying day.

I won't ask for fields of clover to romp and roam and play, I'll go wherever you lead me, and I'll do whatever you say For I've climbed the height of Heaven, and I've reached the Heart of God. And now I'm standing here before you, no longer just a dog, So many hands did guide me, and love me along my way And they bowed their heads in tears, and slowly walked away. For they understood their purpose, and the gift they had to give And they loved enough to let me go so that you could freely live For they too have climbed to Heaven, and they've reached the Heart of God And they understand that I'm here today, no longer just a dog.

Submitted by George Hostick, PDG



Lions Club of Barrie

Members of The Lions Club of Barrie's Bowling Team *ROARED* during the recent Simcoe & District Big Brother/Big Brothers Bowl for Kid's Sake Bowl-a-Thon.





Lions Foundation of Canada – **Dog Guide Graduation**

On Thursday, February 11, 2010 the Lions Family of District A2 sponsored 3 of the graduating dog guides. District A2 Governor Lion John Buchner collected loose change on his visitations and was able to sponsor a Canine Vision Dog Guide - a golden retriever named Kerry who became the life partner of Julie from St. Catharines.

Long Point Lions sponsored a Canine Vision Dog Guide named Reno – a chocolate lab who became the life partner of Rebecca from Welland.

Fabulous *Fenwick Lions* sponsored their 8th Dog Guide – a Special Skills Dog Guide – a chocolate lab named Raza. She became the life partner of Debbie from St. Catharines.

The Lions Family of A2 was well represented with Lions and Lioness from several of the A2 Clubs in attendance as well as our Ontario Lions Foundation Director Lion George Hostick P.D.G.

Submitted by Lioness Sue Beamer -Fenwick Lioness



Submitted by Lion Libby Mussell

St. Thomas Lions Club





On December 18th, 2009, ten members from the **Lions Club of St. Thomas** visited the Caressant Care Nursing Home in St. Thomas to sing carols and give gifts and candy canes to the residents.

Dist Gov. Evelyn Spiering presents a gift to resident Angela Sobry

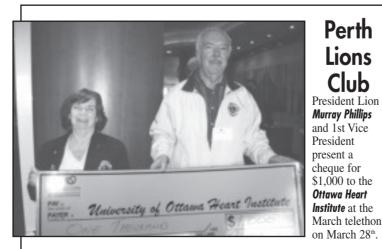
Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



1000 Island Lions Club

1000 Island Lions were all smiles as three members received Melvin Jones awards. With a total of 58 years of service, pictured above are *Lions Gord Hunt, Bill Hayden, and Duane Dillman (left to right) while President Todd Bickerton (left) and Past President Gord Chevalier (right) look on.*





Submitted by Lion Yvonne Connaty-Mahoney

Dorchester & District Lions Club



District Gov. Evelyn Spiering inducted four new members into the Dorchester & District Lions Club on Feb. 9, 2009. Front row - L to R: Lion Nevel Jones, inductee Amanda Milton, Dist Gov Evelyn Spiering, Inductee David Burrell. Back row L to R: Lion Harry Huigenbos, inductee Robert Dawe, inductee Fred Ward, Lion Doug Astin and Lion Tim O'Brien.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



Keene Lions

Keene Lions hosted their **42nd** *annual Cordwood Bonspiel* March 27, 2010 at Keene Community Centre. The children used wooden curling 'rocks' made by the Lions a number of years ago. The first place team (shown above) won the Keene Lions' Trophy re-named and dedicated to the memory of Tom Mather, a long time supporter of the Kids' Bonspiel.

(Doris Mather and Percy Elmhirst in background). Second place team won trophy donated by Lion Percy Elmhirst who initiated the Bonspiel.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush



Clarence Creek Lions Club

With the money raised from a golf tournament, the **Clarence Creek Lions Club** sponsored the department of prevention and education of the Clarence Rockland fire department by donating \$5,000.⁶⁰ to help with the purchase of a system (BullEx Live Fire Extinguisher Training) which educates adults on how to use an extinguisher in case of a fire. The objective of the campaign is to raise the sum of \$15,000.⁶⁰



Left is Alain Hupé from the Fire Dept. receiving a cheque of \$5,000.^{oo} from Lion President Donald Ouellette and Lion Gaetan Pagé chairman of the golf tournament.

The Clarence Creek Lions Club presented a cheque of $$1,000.^{\circ\circ}$ to the principal of the Ste Félicité Elementary Catholic School of Clarence Creek to help purchase a play board station valued at $$5,000.^{\circ\circ}$



Left: the principal of the school Nadine Goulet received a cheque of \$1,000.⁴⁰ from Lion Jacques Pagé and Lion Gaetan Pagé.

NO CHILD WITHOUT: Also the Clarence Creek Lions Club donated \$980.⁰⁰ to the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation in support of the No Child Without Program to the Ste Félicité Elementary Catholic School of Clarence Creek. *Submitted by Lion Sandra Baldwin*



Callander and West Ferris Lions Clubs



Callander and **West Ferris Lions Clubs** have held a gas raffle for a number of years. In the month of November 2009, we were selling our tickets at Wal-Mart North Bay when a young mother purchased a ticket from us. After filling out the ticket she asked Lion **Bob McCarthy** and Governor Lion **Maurice Turgeon** if they knew of any organizations or places that could assist her in getting a wheelchair for her young daughter.

The young mother's daughter started school and was very restricted in her activities, without having access to a wheelchair. Maurice asked the young lady for her phone number and we told

her we would see what could be done.

After we finished selling tickets that day, Lion Maurice went over to Rebuilt Resources (a second hand store in North Bay) and to his amazement there were two wheelchairs for sale. He purchased both chairs before calling the mother.

After calling the young girls Mom, Maurice proceeded to personally deliver the two chairs to her which included a 75 km drive west of North Bay. The mother and her young daughter were very impressed by Maurice's act of kindness. The little girl remarked to her mother "Mommy, now I have one for Halloween".



Being a very giving person, Maurice paid for all of this out of his own pocket and never asked to be reimbursed.

Lion Maurice not only believes in our Motto "We serve" but lives his personal life the same way. Submitted by Bob McCarthy



Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

About six years ago the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club began a project of making blankets that would be donated out to our community. We donate about 20 - 25 blankets in each Lions year September – June.

It started with a conversation with a friend on knitting/crocheting and all the excess wool we accumulated

Lion Pat Bryan displays Blankets for Assisted Living

and how this could be put to good use. An idea occurred and I took this idea to my club – asking if they would be interested in knitting/crocheting squares that would be put together to make blankets – and it took off.

Club members became involved as well as friends and neighbours. Even a lady that we bought patches from (to put on our finished blankets) donated half finished blankets and wool to our project. Most of the wool used is donated or bought at our local seconds stores keeping our cost to a minimum. All that is needed is a couple of hours in an evening.

The squares are brought to meetings. Lion **Pat Bryan** takes them home and sews them together to make beautiful blankets for beds, lap blankets for wheelchair bound individuals, a new baby or given to families that are in need. They have been donated to senior's home, homeless shelters, homes for the handicapped, even used as fundraisers. This is a winter project done in the evenings watching TV - a great way to relax while creating something that will be useful to someone you have never met and hoping it brightens their life just a little.

What goes around comes around. Just recently my brother's counselor mentioned at his annual review that he was approached by a service club donating lap blankets to his group home (he is in a wheelchair due to having Cerebral Palsy, and was a recipient for a blanket). I can't tell you the feeling it gave me that this project, this labour of love came home.

As a footnote if any of the Lions reading this would like to donate wool squares, we would be happy to receive them.

Haiti Earthquake - Local Haitian Lions Help Direct Aid

We are all aware of the enormous impact the January 2010 earthquake has had on Haiti the poorest country in this hemisphere of the world. Lions International the world's largest community service organization has a long history of service to community and helping with disasters globally.

http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/previous-disasters.php

There are six Lions clubs and one Leo club in Haiti. These Lions felt the impact of the earthquake first hand. We lost three Lions to the earthquake. Lions have a history of responding to disasters. The surviving Lions will help coordinate and direct relief efforts through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) rebuilding efforts for years to come. (See Testimonials as http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/testimonials.php)

The Lions Clubs of Mississauga (District A711 Zone 6A) held a four day fundraising drive January 21 – 24 2010) within The Square One Shopping Centre in Mississauga Ontario for "Lions Hope for Haiti" to facilitate aid for the relief of the January 12 2010 massive earthquake that hit Haiti.



With the cooperation of Square One Management the Mississauga Central Lions Club coordinated assistance from their own club, The Credit Valley Lions *Club, Cooksville Lions Club, Brampton Village Lions Club,* and The *Mississauga Leos* to communicate the need to the malls patrons at two booths in the mall. The clubs were ably assisted by volunteers from The Square One Older Adult Centre, Peel Regional Police, St. John Ambulance, and Mississauga Fire Department Crews who helped attract donations at the booths throughout the weekend.

\$15, 728.⁷¹ raised was sent along with another \$2,000.⁶⁰ from the Mississauga Central Lions Club to LCIF for immediate application to relief efforts. Lions and LCIF take no overhead from funds raised from the public, 100% of funds raised will go to the needy. If you have not been able to donate in person you can visit http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/donate.php to donate directly and securely online.

Submitted by District A711 Zone 6A Chair Lion Jeffrey Friedman



We Serve



Kitchener Pioneer Lions

Lion Chief Robert Montgomery and the Pioneer Lions making a donation to the K-W Air Cadets. Submitted by R.S. Montgomery



Markham Lions

Markham's Used Eye-glass Collection Means New Sight In Third World Countries. The Markham Lions have been collecting used eve-glasses for use in Third World countries for several years. There are 14 collection locations at optometrists and pharmacies throughout Markham. The Markham Lions collect over 3,000 pair of glasses every year and transport them to Calgary, courtesy of long-distance trucking companies, where correctional facility inmates clean the glasses, identify the prescriptions and package them for shipments to Third World countries.



The Fisherville **Lions Club**

The Fisherville Lions Club recently celebrated their 55th Anniversary and presented 3 Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. The proud recipients of this award are Lions Russ Jepson, Milford Hartwick and Jim Rohrbach. They are seen with Lion Chief Jim Swing.

Submitted by Lion Jim Rohrbach

Lion Bill Hosking loads up his car for the delivery of some of the 3,000 eye-glasses collected by the Markham Lions every year.

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern

Selkirk Lions

Selkirk Lions President Lion John Murphy presented Sherry Welsh with a cheque for \$500.⁰⁰ towards her walk called Karen's Quest in memory of her sister and to raise funds to help our Lions' Camp Dorset camp where families of those who need to be on kidney dialysis machine regularly can go and stay and actually have a fun holiday week near Huntsville, Ontario.

Submitted by Ethel Waldick

Tiverton & District Lions Club Edna McTeer (R), treasurer of the Tiverton and District Lions Club.



presents a cheque for \$500 to **Diane Baldwin**, Co-ordinator of the Kincardine and Community Health Care Foundation. The money will go towards the new hematology analys.

St. Joseph Island Lions Club

2010 AUC Awards Ceremony

St. Joseph Island Lions Club president, **Jack Priest** (2nd from right) shown presenting our William Pollock Memorial Award to an Algoma University student (2nd from left) who is an island resident. This is one example of the many activities our club performs annually. **WE SERVE!**

Jordan Patterson – St. Joe Island Lions Club Award

Arthur Perlini – Academic Dean



Simcoe Lions Club

The Haldimand-Norfolk Diabetes Program received a generous donation of \$2,500.⁰⁰ from the Simcoe Lions Club in November 2009. Seen here is Cindy Gekiere RN, CDE, Program Coordinator, accepting the cheque from Ross Dougherty, Simcoe Lions Member. The program will use the donation to provide footcare for program patients who cannot afford to pay for this much needed footcare. The Diabetes program wishes to thank the Simcoe Lions Club for supporting their patients with this Footcare Fund for the past 11 years. Approximately 15% of all people

with diabetes will be affected by a foot ulcer during their lifetime. Five year recurrence rates of foot ulcers are 70%. Up to 85% of all amputations of people with diabetes are caused by a foot ulcer.



Submitted by Dave & Nancy



Special Announcement

It gives me great pleasure to announce this year's winner of the MD'A' Past District Governor's Association **STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD**, *Kristin Bridges*, Grade 8 Lakeview Public School, Grimbsy, ON. Sponsored by the Lions Family of *District A2* I wish to sincerely thank our judges for a job well done. It is not always easy choosing a winner for this award. All of the nominees are deserving of this recognition. Thank you too, to the four (4) districts who participated this year. My hope is that all ten districts will send in their nomination next year for this very worthwhile award.

Congratulations District A2! Yours in Lions Service PDG Kathy Daoust, Chairperson MD'A' PDG Association

Thank-you everyone for your participation.



Fenwick Lions

Fabulous Fenwick Lion *Harry Comming* gets ready to put some ribs on the BBQ. The annual Fabulous Fenwick Lions Rib Fest in February is a great event that raises money for their worthwhile causes.

Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend



The Lions Club of Barrie

Lion **Carol Ferris** & Zone Chair **Carol Ellis** present Barrie Mayor **Dave Aspden** with a cheque for \$3,000. This cheque represents the final payment of **The Lions Club of Barrie's** 10 year, \$30,000 commitment to the Midhurst Sportsplex. Submitted by Lion Libby Mussell



Lion Volunteers For Olympics

Following the Lion motto "We Serve". PRC Lion Chris Duncan spent his vacation time volunteering for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. From Jan 31 - Mar 4th, Lion Chris served in the Transportation area of the 2 Olympic Family Hotels. Lion Chris was proud to be part of the volunteer team and accepted the ongoing term for the volunteers (SMURFS). He also felt how much Canada is loved around the world and how proud he is to be CANADIAN. Submitted by Chris D.



The Waterford Lions Skate–a-Thon was a great success and was enjoyed by many of the area's school children. The money raised goes back into the schools of the participants. Submitted by Lion Bob Townsend



Shown holding certificate: VDG Lion Gord Taylor with Mark Duffy and Dave Ferguson who found the long-lost certificate and donated it to the Millbrook Lions Club.

been cleaning out a storage area of his barn and a house which he had rented out to another gentleman. This gentleman had apparently left without paying rent and leaving Dave with a great deal of junk as well as collectibles. While cleaning, a friend of Dave's named **Mark Duffy** came across a mailing tube with a certificate made out to the Millbrook Lions Club and dated 1948. The tube had been on top of a furnace duct in the basement. He had gotten my name from a member of the local historical society. He was contacting me with the hopes that perhaps the Club would be interested in reacquiring this certificate. I was able to examine and verify the document to be genuine and offered to purchase it for the club. Dave and his wife refused and made a gift of the original Charter Certificate to the Millbrook Lions Club. **Submitted by Wilma Bush**

Millbrook Lions Club

Lost Lions Club Charter Found after 62 Years

When I joined the *Millbrook and District Lions Club*, there was one thing I noticed almost immediately when I began visiting other clubs. I wondered why Millbrook had no framed Charter certificate on the wall. The explanation given was that apparently the charter had been destroyed in a fire. As Secretary, I took steps to acquire a duplicate charter from L.C.I. which hung on the wall from 2005 until present. On February 12th, 2010, I received a phone call from a gentleman named **Dave Ferguson** of Peterborough, who explained that he had

The Palmerston Lions Club

The **Palmerston Lions Club** & friends hosted an evening for Haiti on Feb 18th. We showed a short film on Haiti and then had Comedy Hypnotist Robert Maxwell give a hilarious show. District Governor **Ron Elliott** volunteered to go up on stage and was put under, at one point he was "John Travolta" dancing on stage. He and other participants entertained us for 90 minutes of laughter. We raised over \$2,300.⁶⁰ towards Haiti Earthquake Relief.

Haiti fundraising team Cheryl Yelland, Caitlin

Cheryl Yelland, Caitlin Hall, Lion Larry McCann, Lion Joanne Klonikowski, Robert Maxwell



St. David's and District Lions Club

On Thursday April 15th, the **St. David's and District Lions Club** welcomed 5 new members into our club.





Swearing in Induction by Lion Chief Allan Snider (2nd Vice District Governor) -New Lions from Left to Right, Lion James (Jim) Bradley, Lion Andrew Allan, Lion Rick Trapnell, Lion Martin Forster - absent John Ghetti Jr (Affiliate).

> New Members: Left to Right - Lion Andrew Allan, Lion Martin Forster, Lion Chief Allan Snider (2nd Vice District Governor), Lion Rick Trapnell, Lion James (Jim) Bradley - absent John Ghetti Jr (Affiliate)

This has brought our membership role up to 62 members and 1 affiliate.

Submitted by Lion Joe Typer

The Tottenham Lions

Governors' visit to Tottenham Lions on Feb 17,2010.









The Tottenham Lions kept our District Governor **George Bik** very busy that night

(1) Club President Lion **Andy Patterson** presenting Governor **George Bik** with a cheque for $$1,000.^{\circ\circ}$ towards the Governor's Project - Lion's Foundation of Canada-

(2) Governor **George Bik** presenting Lion **Elvis Spurrell** with a Melvin Jones Award with President Lion **Andy Patterson**.

(3) Club President Lion **Andy Patterson** presenting a cheque for \$200.⁰⁰ for CNIB Knights of the Blind to PRC Lion **Bill Kippen** District A12 Cabinet Chairperson for Sight Conservation and Lake Joseph Centre. Also in the picture is Lion **Arlene Donn** Club Secretary.

(4) Governor **George Bik** inducting Tottenham Lions newest member **Mary Lafanzanos** with her sponsor Lion **Les Stevens**.

Submitted by Lion Bill Kippen



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Magnetawan Lions Club

A new project undertaking for this year; our club offered the local grade 6 students the opportunity to compete in the Region A-12 Effective Speaking competition (Preliminary round) held at our Magnetawan Public School auditorium March 3rd. This was the preliminary round of competition with local winners *Josephine Phueth* (1st) *Marissa Johnson* (2nd) and *Amy Ballard* (3rd) All students in the competition received an inscribed medallion and ribbon while the 3 winners also received a plaque engraved with their name and placing. It was a lot of fun for all the Lions, judges and participants and we look forward to the next round of competitions and to next year. Congratulations to Project chair, Lion *Ron Winger* and co-chair, Lion *George Brooks* for a job well done!

Submitted Lion Randy Soth



Lion George Brooks (It) and Lion Ron Winger (rt) pose with the competition winners (centre) [Josephine Phueth:1st, Marissa Johnson: 2nd and Amy Ballard: 3rd



A group photo of our local Lions, judges and students of Magnetawan Public school in the local preliminary round of the Effective Speaking competition

Windermere & District Lions Club - Haiti relief

On March the 6th the **Windermere and District Lions Club** held a very successful annual Turkey Dinner for the Windermere and District Community. The \$968 profit from the dinner has been sent to LCIF Haiti Relief. Our Club is pleased that this small measure of support will assist LCIF in their relief efforts towards the Haiti Earthquake.

Submitted by John Dutton

The Innisfil Lions Club Effective Speaking Contest 2010

This contest is held annually in partnership with Lions International. The first round, at Club Level, was held at the Lions Hall, Innisfil Beach Road, Alcona, on Friday 12th February 2010 with the two top winners from each of our local schools competing. The contestants each presented their own selected topic which was the original work of the speaker. These speeches are always extremely well prepared and presented by an outstanding group of competitors. The First two Place winners at the Club level, **Jason Singh** and **Madison Colletti**, then competed in the Region 8 Finals at Tottenham Lions Hall on March 20th. Madison Colletti of Holy Cross, who is in Grade 6 and competing with Grade 8 level students, then qualified to compete at Victoria Harbour in the District A12 Level Finals. Hopefully Madison will win yet again and represent Innisfil all the way to the National Finals.



Local entrants, Jason Singh and Madison Colletti, plus the group shots for first three places. Jason did not place high enough to proceed but Madison gave an outstanding presentation and placed third.

Submitted by Mike Richardson

Charlton-Englehart Lions



The Charlton-Englehart *Lions* recently contributed \$2.500.00 to Foot Care at the Englehart and District Hospital. This money is used to partially offset the cost of this extremely beneficial treatment for people with Diabetes in our area. Why? Because there are approx. 2,000,000 persons in Canada with diabetes. and 4-10% will develop foot ulcers -

On the left Lion Bev Roach, Mrs. Williams (in the chair) and footcare worker Ellen McPherson RN.

80,000 - 200,000and of that number 14-24% will require amputation of some degree (partial foot to leg) = 11,200 to 48,000.

The donation of \$2,700.⁰⁰ to **Well Woman's Clinic** represents a donation of one hundred dollars for each of the lady Lions in the club.



Presenting the cheque is (right) Lion Sandra Penziwol - Past Pres. to Mary Lynn Kirkey organizer of the fund raiser

Submitted by Vic Roach

Orangeville Lions

Orangeville Lions President Lion Dave Baker presented PRC Bruce Blears and



District A9 Governor Elliot with а Ron contribution to the Youth **Effective Speaking Program.**

Left: PRC Lion Bruce Lears A9 Sight Conservation Chair with his van loaded with used Eye Glasses to be delivered for Lions to use in the Lions Sight Program.

Lions Club of Sudbury



The Lions Club of Sudbury recently inducted 6 new members into their club. From left to right, Willi Leveillee, Gerry Corby, Tony McGregor, Sandi Clarke, Bill Falcioni, and Al Miron. Thanks to the leadership of Lion Gerry Albert PCC, as Membership Chair, led the way to increase our membership. Submitted by Lion Harold Huhtanen

Chesterville and District Lions Club

The Chesterville and District Lions Club recently presented a \$1,000 cheque to the Winchester Skating Club. The club is Skate Canada accredited and has been operating since 1974.

It provides

lessons to

Winchester and



Pictured (1 to r) are Lion Timothy Hess, Skatina Club President -Cheryl Beasley, Lions President - Stuart Pringle, Skating Club Test Chair - Barb Menard, Lions Zone 41 South Chair - John Edgerton.

surrounding area, including Chesterville and Morewood (Chesterville Lions area).

The Chesterville and District Lions Club made a \$5.000 cheque presentation to the Winchester District Memorial Hospital Foundation as part of

their

commitment

to the hospital.



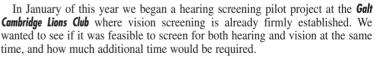
Pictured (I to r) are Lions President Stuart Pringle, WDMHF Director - Marlene Quinton, WDMHF Manaaina Director - Dawn Cooper, and Lion Carl Robinson.

Submitted by Lion Mark McMillan



Galt Cambridge Lions Club

Written by Lion Louise Reeve



The results were better than anticipated. The school principal's responses were very favourable, and most of the parents opted to have their child do both tests. They felt it was a very worthwhile program.

We screened approximately 500 children with a team of two people for hearing only, and the children rotated through the stations from eye screening to hearing, and it worked very well. The time involved for doing the hearing as well did not extend the total time for the teams by very much, and this could be worked out easily.

To do hearing screening you need a quiet area, preferably close to where the vision screening is being done, as this makes it easier to send the children through both stations. You need a parent consent form that has both tests on it, and the training involved for the team is minimal.

I highly recommend that if you haven't started doing hearing screening that you try it, as this is another program that really gives the children a good start in life.

The Galt Cambridge Lions Club has a training session, usually in September for new people willing to become part of the eye screening or hearing teams, so if you would like to learn how it is done please contact the club to find out the date or if you would like me to come out to your club I am willing to hold a training session for the clubs in your area. Submitted by Lion Jim Harris, District A-15 Hearing Chair



The LION June 2010



Wasaga Beach Lions Club

Wasaga Beach Lions Club hosted a very successful Snowman Mania Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Feb 14th. We had 197 adults and 64 children attend. Photos were taken with our 2010 torchbearers, Penny Baker, Crystal Estrada, Jason Harris and Peaav Brown (1988 torchbearer). We have raised \$870 to go towards Lions Hope for Haiti. Our club voted to match the amount raised, so we are contributing \$1740 for LCIF to help in Haiti.

Our club held their semi-annual cheque presentation.

TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND

Cheques totalling \$24,000 were presented to Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Bob Rumball Home for the Deaf, Bob Rumball Camp for the Deaf, Lions Foundation of Canada, Camp Huronda, Veterans D-Day Tour, Heart & Stroke Foundation, My Friends House, General & Marine Hospital, Ride to Conquer Cancer and Town of Wasaga Beach (RecPlex pledge)

Submitted by Lion Janice Campbell



Jarvis Lions Club Jarvis Lions Raise \$3200 for Haiti

Shown in the picture from L-R: Jarvis Lions President Lion Bill Kelly; Lion Bob Bowen, Club Treasurer: Lion Jim Boughner, A2 LCIF Chair, and Lion Neil Montgaue, Candy Committee Chair. The Jarvis Lions Club held their 57th Annual Variety Show on March 4th, 5th and 6th where the club pre-designated all proceeds from the Candy Money be directed to the LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation), for the Lions Hope for Haiti relief program. Each year Jarvis Lions Spouses and significant others make candy for the show which is distributed during intermission for a donation. Everyone was very generous and as a result there was a record set on candy proceeds, \$3159 which was rounded off to \$3200 by the club. At the Regular Meeting of the Jarvis Lions Club on Monday March 8th District A2, LCIF Chair Lion Jim Boughner was in attendance and was presented a cheque for the \$3200. The Jarvis Lions would like to thank all attendees for their most generous contributions towards this endeavour. Submitted by Lion Mike Feeney



Perth Lions Club

First row far right Perth Lions Club First Vice President Yvonne Connaty-Mahoney presented a donation of \$600.00 to the North Elmsley Public School to help purchase a projector for their Smart Board. Looking on, in the back row are, left Principal Mr. Benjamin, right Lion Gary Martin. Receiving the cheque is front row left, head girl Mary McGuire and next to her head boy Derek Oliver.

Submitted by Lion Yvonne

Norwood **Lions Club**

Norwood Lions Club handed over a \$25,000 cheque as part of money raised for Campbellford Hospital CT Scan.

Norwood Lions are a very active club in their community contributing to



many projects. Two years ago they completed a pledge of \$350,000 in support of the town's new Sports Complex.

Submitted by Wilma Bush



In this photo, Lions Garnet Kranz (a past president) and Jim Homer (the current president) join volunteers Pat McMunn and Rose-Anne Boucher (also a Lion, and a past club president) to mark a Killaloe Lions donation to a home-building project in Central America. McMunn and Boucher spend part of every year working for "From Houses to Homes" in Guatemala, helping build new houses in rural communities.

Killaloe Lions



Lions members meet with the principal and some students of St. Casimir's School in Round Lake (near Killaloe) to hand over a contribution cheque. Lions donations helped pay for the installation of 'smartboards' in the school's classrooms, as well for busing of school teams and school trips. In addition, the Lions sponsored St. Casimir's in the "No Child Without" campaign co-organized by the Lions and the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation. The Killaloe Lions have also sponsored two

other area schools in "No Child Without": St. Andrew's and Killaloe Public School. In the attached photo, St. Casimir's principal David Giroux (far left) and teacher David Afelskie (far right) receive a cheque from Lions (I-r) Garnet Kranz, Jim Homer, and Rose-Anne Boucher in front of a "Smart-board", purchased in part with the Lions donations. Joining the picture are students Danielle Cowan, Haley Coulas, and Rachel Pecoskie.

Kemble & District Lions Club



Mount Albert & District Lions Club

The Mount Albert & District Lions Club was formed in 1968 to serve the community. That is our motto - We serve. As part of this commitment to service, the Club had a vision for a community park. This vision came one step closer to reality in 1978 with the purchase of over 40 acres on the south side of the Mount Albert road, west of highway 48. It started with a couple of ball diamonds, then a soccer field. A hall with a capacity for over 200 people was constructed and officially opened in July of 1993. Today there are many soccer fields and the hall. It has been the site of many wedding receptions, anniversary celebrations, Support Our Troops rallies, and fireworks - to name a few events. Although this community park was the vision of the Mount Albert Lions Club and we have been the stewards of this facility, it was built for the community and paid for by the community through our fundraising efforts. We have had the support of the community throughout our history and now that the property and the hall have been completely paid for, in January 2010 the time was right to complete the vision started all those years ago and turn this community facility over to the Town of East Gwillimbury.

Submitted by Lion Donald McGovern

Lion... the Lion International Magazine....March 2010 issue recognizes the contribution of the Lions from **Sauble Beach**, and **Kemble and District Clubs** for their humanitarian 'good works' while being in Haiti at the orphanage of the Mission of Hope, when the devastating earthquake hit. District A-9, Ontario, Canada Lions were, in fact, already in the area volunteering to bring a clean drinking water system to a local orphanage. They established a Lions command post to render aid around the clock, tending to 600 earthquake victims.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Lions and Friends who have made personal contributions to the Lions project for

a fresh water windmill at this orphanage. For your generosity, I am sure that Haitians would say **"Mesi Anpil"** meaning **"Thank** you very much".



Lions Clubs pledges are still being accepted. Please contact Lion Val Mitchell, Treasurer

Box 276, Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0



Schomberg Lions

The **Sweetheart Dance** organised by the **Schomberg Lions** raised \$6,330.⁰⁰ towards the Schomberg Arena and King Township Curling and Fitness Centre. At the dinner meeting on March 1st

a cheque for this amount was presented to Councilor **Bill Cober** by the Club President **Bill Koppens**.

Lion **Darry Rice**, who is the Chair of the Arena Fundraising Committee was also present at the presentation.

The Lions thank all who helped to make this wonderful evening happen.

Submitted by John Bradbury



District A-3 Lions Laser Project A Partnership Between LCIF, Local Lions and the Local Community

District A-3 Laser Project Chairman Lion **Harvey Gere** and ophthalmologist **Dr. Andrew Davies**, were pleased to show the newly acquired Pascal Laser at the Trenton Memorial Hospital recently. When the need arises, Lions are able to respond quickly and proactively. It was May, 2008, when Lion Harvey Gere of the Belleville Lions Club approached Dr. Kevin Lachapelle, one of the four local practicing ophthalmologists at the Trenton Memorial Hospital. The purpose was to inquire about the ophthalmology laser which the Lions in the area had helped to purchase. It turned out to be a very timely event because the fifteen year old laser was just placed on the replacement list that very week. Not only due to maintenance problems, but also to improve the delivery of service, a new

and the necessity to be able to react quickly, a request was made at the next District A-3 Cabinet Meeting in June of 2008 to designate the project as a

district project. The request was unanimously endorsed thereby qualifying it for a Standard Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation, LČIF. The overall fund raising campaign was kicked off in January 2009. The timing was set so that the campaign wouldn't conflict with all the other fund raising projects which usually take place in the fall of the year. Press releases were prepared ahead of time and made public in the local newspapers on the last week of January, 2009. The first part of the fund raising campaign was directed towards the people who had been previous patients of the ophthalmology unit in the past. The Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation agreed to making a mail-out to these patients. This was accomplished in January of 2009, and within two months a total of \$18,544 was raised. Concurrently, Lions Clubs as well as Lioness Clubs in the district were approached for support and an additional \$19,432 was donated or pledged. When applying for a LCIF Standard Grant, local fund raising efforts are matched by LCIF up to a total amount of \$75,000 US. Our fund raising efforts to the end of March, left quite a gap in order to come up with the right financial formula. Since the new equipment would benefit the whole region invitations were made to other service groups and foundations. Success finally came by the end of May, 2009 when support from other service organizations put us over the top. A total of \$36,000 was donated to the campaign by local service organizations and \$20,000 from a local foundation. Thus the campaign yielded a total of \$93, 976.⁴⁹. We applied and received \$73,102.¹⁷ from Lions Clubs International Foundation which gave us a grand total of \$167,079.¹⁷. The cost of the new laser came to \$163,377.⁶⁰ which left us comfortably with \$3,702.¹⁷. I am sure that the Trenton Memorial Hospital Foundation will find a useful area to use up the balance. As Lions, we are indeed fortunate that we can have the assistance of our foundation, The Lions Clubs International Foundation whenever

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Belleville Lions Club

Belleville Lions Club at their Christmas Meeting, helped our Community by making donations to several volunteer organizations which help to make it a Safer and a Merry Christmas for our



Community. Belleville Lions presented: Christmas Sharing Program \$1,250.⁰⁰, Belleville Firefighters Toy Drive \$1,000.⁰⁰ and Operation Red Nose-Quinte \$2,100.⁰⁰ (raised at the Lions Drive for Operation Red Nose 2009 Golf Tournament).

Left to right Rev. Hal Wilson representing Christmas Sharing Program, Ralph Boomhower representing the Belleville Firefighters Toy Drive, Dan Collins, President, Belleville Lions Club, Rick Watt and Larry McQuiod representing Operation Red Nose-Quinte.

Submitted by Wilma Bush

Lions Checking the Eyes of Children

For the last five years the Lions from District A15 have been checking the eyes of children in junior and senior kindergarten in the Waterloo Region, Wellington County and Upper Grand District School Boards. During this time we have averaged 4,000 children per year examined with approximately thirty percent [30%] being referred to an Optometrist for further testing. An email is sent to the schools and a date is arranged for the team to examine the children. The school then sends a letter of information and parental consent form home with each child







and the parent must fill out the consent form and return it to the school. Approximately sixtv percent of the forms are returned. There are three tests carried out by the Lions in the schools. The first is the eye chart test using an eye chart that has symbols instead of letters as not all children can easily recognize all the letters on a normal chart. The child stands ten feet from the chart and one eye is covered so that each eve is checked separately. The stereo acuity test uses 3D glasses that, when worn, allows the child to see a butterfly and three other animals that appear to jump off the page. The third test is the Auto-refractor. which takes a picture of the child's eye, converts it to

give a prescription of the eye and using criteria set by the Ontario Association of Optometrists it indicates whether the child should be referred to an Optometrist.

Of the children referred to an Optometrist a number are seen the next year wearing glasses and we have had a number of letters from parents who have said that if their child had not been seen within a few years their eyesight would have been significantly damaged.

An eyesight team consists of three to five members and with some experience can screen a hundred children in a day.

Submitted by Lion Charlie Davis, Eye screening chair

IMPORTANT DATES Governors' Council Meeting Dates

• Council Meeting June 3 - 6, 2010

MDA Convention

2009/10	Kingston, Ambassador	June 3
2010/11	Ottawa	May 26
2011/12	Niagara Falls	May 31

June 3 - 6, 2010 May 26 - 29, 2011 May 31 - June 3, 2012

Kingston

International Conventions

93rd	Sydney, Australia	June 28 - July 2, 2010
94th	Seattle, WA	July 4 - 8, 2011
95th	Bosan, Korea	June 22 - 26, 2012
96th	Hamburg, Germany	July 5 - 9, 2013
97th	Toronto, Canada	July 4 - 8, 2014

USA - Canada Forum

Sept. 23 - 25, 2010	Milwaukee, WI
Sept. 2011	Anchorage, Alaska
Sept. 2012	Tampa Bay, FL
Sept. 2013	TBD

For The Record

As of January 31, 2010, Lions Clubs International had 1,334,734 members in 45,888 clubs and 743 districts in 205 countries and geographic areas.

Official Notice 2010 International Convention, Sydney, Australia

The following proposed amendment to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2010 International Convention. This amendment requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption.

ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER THE INTERNATIONAL DUES PROVISION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IX, Fees and Dues, of the International Constitution be transferred in its entirety to the International By-Laws as a new Article XII.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the remaining Articles of the International Constitution and International By-Laws be renumbered accordingly.

A-9 Winter Youth Exchange Students

White Christmas experience for Australian teens



The Canadian winter has arrived with blowing wind and snow and two Australian girls involved in the **Lions Club Youth Exchange** are experiencing it for the first time.

Nancy and **Jack Cameron** and their family have been involved in the youth exchange for many years now. They welcomed **Renae Chapman** and **Joannah White** from New South Wales, Australia into their home and are giving them the traditional Canadian winter experience.

White arrived on Dec. 6 and Chapman arrived on Dec. 9 and she experienced her first snow storm, which was an experience in itself for her. When I first arrived we drove in a

snow storm and that was a little scary, said Chapman. I love the snow now, but I thought it was going to be fluffy, but I've been told there are different types of snow.

Snow and the traditional white Christmas is one of the big reasons the two Aussie girls wanted to do their exchange in Canada. For Chapman and White it was kind of a shock because right now it's their summer and they are used to temperatures in the 40 degree celsius range.

Jo and myself have never seen snow, so we thought it would be pretty cool if we went somewhere cold, said Chapman. It's a little different because everything is the opposite from us because it's our summer right now. We are missing out on the beach and surfing, but that doesn't matter.

Chapman and White have visited Niagara Falls and done a lot of shopping since they have been here. They have also experienced Goderich and really liked the town for its interesting downtown square. The girls also experienced their first hockey game as they watched a midget game. Also to their delight they saw their first hockey fight.

It was crazy because you don't expect in your first hockey game to see a fight and when we got there they were hitting each other all over the place, said Chapman. White mentioned the one player received a red card, but Cameron explained it was a game misconduct, which is basically the same thing.

The Cameron family has enjoyed the Aussie infusion that has taken place in their house these past couple of weeks and their outgoing personalities have kept everyone on their toes. They will be missed by the Cameron family when they leave for Owen Sound and then finally when they head home on Jan. 7.

We know the value of travel and the value of being in another country and experiencing new cultures, said Nancy Cameron. We enjoy having young people stay with us. We have four children of our own and it's just been great having the girls here (Chapman and White).

Chapman and White are in their graduating year of high school and Chapman would like to go to university to become a detective some day. White on the other hand would like to go to university for public relations or journalism.

For the two girls it has been an exciting time in Canada for them and something they won't soon forget.

It's been a great time so far and it would be great to see the beaches here, said White. We wouldn't mind coming back next year for a whole new experience.

Article Courtesy of The Lucknow Sentinel By Garit Reid



Kemble & District Lions Club A-9 Lions

in Haiti during Earthquake

On January 5th, a group of 53 volunteers from the Sauble Beach Christian Fellowship Church, including **Kemble & District Lions Club** member **Richard Pipe**, and **Sauble Lions Club** members: **Ernie Farrow**, **Gwen Gilbert** and **Jim Howe** (also the organizer) flew to Haiti to work at the Mission of Hope for a few weeks. Their plan was to do some construction upgrades as well as dig a

trench for a new water pipeline. The Mission of Hope (sponsored and operated by a Texas group) incorporates a school (1600 students, all grades including high school), orphanage (~ 68 children, infant to 15 years of age), a church, and a medical clinic (currently being upgraded to a



Sauble Lions Club

hospital). The Mission of Hope is located a short distance outside of Port-au-Prince. When the earthquake hit all able members of this group were enlisted to help out at the medical clinic. Lion Richard was seconded to be in charge of 'triage'. Richard mentioned that this was "the hardest most traumatic thing he has ever done in his lifetime;" deciding who needed immediate medical help, who could safely wait and who simply did not have a chance of living. As you know, this turned out to be a very dangerous mission. Eventually 3 U.S medial teams were 'choppered' in from the Dominican Republic and Lion Richard was able to successfully complete his trenching for the water pipeline using a back hoe donated by Lions International. On January 17, co-ordinated by the Canadian Embassy, this group was flown home. Again, Lions and Lions International are everywhere helping in our world. The picture illustrates Lion Richard operating the back hoe ... notice the Lions International crest on the back hoe.

Submitted by Lion Dick Beresford



At the November 14, 2009 mortgage burning, Lions and Lionesses pictured from left to right: Cliff Faulknor, Mary Lou Krestel, Sue Flanigan, Gary Martins, Susan Manahan (DeafBlind Ontario Services), John Lackey, Anna Giles, Steven Kato

(resident of DeafBlind Ontario Services).

Home Free, Thanks to the Lions!

DeafBlind Ontario Services hosted an Open House on November 14, 2009 to celebrate the generosity of the Lions Homes for Deaf People, **Lion and Lioness Clubs of Multiple District "A"** which enabled DeafBlind Ontario Services to purchase a new home in London in September 2006. As of October 1, 2009, this house officially became mortgage free with the remaining pledge paid from the Lions.

Lions-Mercel house is named after our friends at the Lions, and in memory of former resident *Lisa Mercel*. DeafBlind Ontario Services cherishes our longstanding relationship with the Lions Homes for Deaf People. The Lions will always remain true friends of DeafBlind Ontario Services. Thank you again for your generous gift and for sharing our vision.



For more information about DeafBlind Ontario Services, visit

www.deafblindontario.com.

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Submitted by Susan Manahan, CFRE

Blackheath Binbrook **Lions Club**



Pictured are Lion Laverne Gaddye, Debbie Lapierre President of the Skating Club, Cathy Hall Volunteer Co-Ordinator for the Skating Club and Lion Richard Summers.

The cheque presentation to the Glanbrook Figure Skating Club took place on Tuesday February 23, 2010. The Blackheath Binbrook Lions Club hosted two Members from the Glanbrook Figure Skating Club to their meeting for a cheque presentation of \$500.⁰⁰. The money will be used to help put on the annual skating carnival on March 27, 2010 at the Glanbrook Arena.

Submitted by Lion Chad Campbell



Ontario Minister of Health Promotion Margarett Best helps Lion Don Wallace and Lions Park Architect Jeff Graydon celebrate the PRO (Apr. 7, 2010) Excellence in Design Award — Niagara Falls Lions Park. The Niagara Falls Lions Club had a vision — to transform the park carrying its name into a family-friendly park accessible to everyone, regardless of their age and level of ability. They wanted to make a place in the community where people could play, feel connected and be active. With the support of the City of Niagara Falls, McDonald's Restaurants and

others, the club accomplished one of its largest community service projects in its 87-year history. Key components of the undertaking included: the addition of a new splash pad, memorial trail, natural stone amphitheatre, picnic tables, gazebo and trees; the upgrading of an existing swimming pool; and the creation of a new front entrance. Among the unique activity panels in the new playground area are a sevenstation play factory that stimulates cooperative play, a sign language panel that provides a learning experience for children of all abilities, and a Picture Communication Symbol panel that provides a communication method for children who are hearing and/or speech impaired. The rejuvenated, fully-accessible Niagara Falls Lions Park, which opened on Sept. 12, 2009, is a credit to the members of the Lions Club who dared to put their time, effort and money where their passion



South Muskoka Hospital Foundation

Bracebridge Lions Club

Bracebridge Lions Club Inc. completed their five year commitment donating \$25,000.00 to the Muskoka Hospital Foundation. Lion President Oleh Wozniuk (right) presents Mike Provan, Chair of the hospital board with a cheque for \$5000.00, completing our pledge. Our club has worked many fundraisers to achieve this worthwhile "Serving our Community" goal.

Submitted by Lion Brad Bowes









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Submitted by Lion Bradd Anderson





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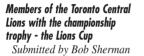
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Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club

Toronto Central Lions

Pictures from the banquet of the **Gord Summers Memorial Hockey League** (a hockey league run out of Moss Park where there is no entrance fees). Toronto Central helps in a variety of ways - some of the members are involved in the organization of the league, we supply gifts for MVP; Toronto Central gives tax receipts in the skate-a-thon; we support it.





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Amaranth Lions Club



Amaranth Lions presenting a cheque to Guide Dogs of Canada for \$2,700.[®]. Lions left to right PRC Bruce Blears, President Jane Blears, Beth Farroll, Gail Murphy and Mike Murphy along with Guide Dogs staff and dogs.



Taking part in the challenge are Lion Phil Turgoose in wheelchair and Lion Beth Farroll of the Amaranth Lions club of District A9.



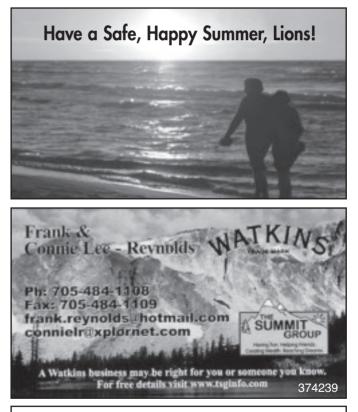






This is a picture of Lion Chief **Robert Montgomery** presenting **Jim Fraser** of the Preston Scout House Alumni Band with a donation, to help them go to Punta Gourda Florida for the Wounded Warriors Project.

> Lions are fighting Diabetes in many ways. Lions hold screenings that have helped save diabetics from blindness, nerve damage, toe amputations, stroke and heart attacks. Research funded by Lions has led to treatment techniques that have helped arrest the degeneration of eyesight for diabetics. Lions camps give thousands of diabetic children invaluable skills to manage the disease.



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- Use the WMMR website application or
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The Lion Magazine can not do this for you as we do not have access to LCI's Data Base

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"MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" Website

The "'MD 'A' Lions Resource Centre" website is available for your use. Its goal is to provide a "one-stop-shopping" website for Lions resources, ideas and tools in all aspects of Lionism, including recruiting new members, keeping the members we already have, revitalizing clubs, fundraising ideas and club and district operations. The MD 'A' "Lions Resource Centre" website may be viewed by going to the MD 'A' website at www.mdalions.org and clicking on the **"Lions Resource Centre"** button.

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Kincardine Lions Club The Walk of Memories

The **Walk of Memories** consists of a one half km walk, a waterfall, gazebo, friendship arch, low pollution lighting and more than 100 trees dedicated to date since opening in 2002. The walk is a joint venture between the **Kincardine Lions Club** and the municipality of Kincardine.



Guelph Lions Club

The **Guelph Lions Club** held the home show. As part of the opening ceremonies they presented the trailer to the **29th Guelph Scouting Group** which includes youth from 5 years to age 19, and for use by their Leadership Team. **Pictured are also many members of the Guelph Lions Club.** The Scouting Group requested financial assistance to purchase this camping equipment trailer. **Guelph Lions** supported this project with half the purchase value of about \$1,500.

Submitted by E. Kaethler



Peterborough Lions Club

A3 Lions Environmental Photo Contest Chair Mary Jane Goodchild announced the 2009-2010 winner is Vali Ali of Peterborough Lions Club. The photo was taken in Bobcaygeon in July, 2009.

An endangered species, the Osprey has begun to recover from the disastrous effects of pesticides and pollutants. Now a framework is built on top of a telephone pole close to bodies of water. Adult Ospreys build a nest on top of the framework where the young, when hatched, are protected. Close water provides fish for feeding.

Submitted by Lion Wilma Bush





Dublin Lions Club

This picture is of Santa Claus & his helpers who went around the village of Dublin, ON in December 2009. From left to right : **Courtney Feeney**, **Alyssa Bettles** & Lion

Tim Payne. This is a tradition for the Dublin Lions club that has been going for 18 + years. The Jolly old fellow & his 2 young elves go to the homes of young children & retired people around the village & give out bags of candy & fruit. Approximately 140 bags were given out this evening. The time that this takes place is always the Friday before Christmas. This is funded by the **Dublin & District Lions Club**. This is one of the many ways that the club gives back to the community.

Submitted by President Lion Bruce Bettles

The Brockville Lions Club

The **Brockville Lions Club** received the **Dr. Michael St. James Memorial Award** at the District A4 Convention, April 18, 2010. The **Madawaska Valley Lions Club** proudly presents this award in memory of the late Dr. Michael St. James. Lion Mike was a dedicated and tireless worker on behalf of Lionism for over 25 years, both in his community of Barry's Bay and worldwide through his annual trips to provide eye care to the people of Guyana and the Caribbean.

The criteria focuses on a club's involvement in the original goal of Lionism adopted at the Lions International Convention of 1925, to eliminate or alleviate eye disease and vision impairment throughout the world.

A Zone Chairman presents candidate Clubs to the Region Chairmen who will submit their recommendations to the District Governor. The award is presented annually to a Club in District A-4 scoring the highest points using the following criteria over the period from April 1st to March 31st.

- 20 points for each week that a club member spends with an eye care team outside of Canada or the USA.
- 15 points for each week that a clubsponsored non-member spends with an eye care team outside of Canada or the USA.
- 10 points for each \$100 collected or donated during the annual CNIB campaign.
- 10 points for each 100 pairs of glasses collected and donated.
- 10 points for each club member visiting Camp St. Joseph.
- 10 points for each club member assisting with the annual BAIT.
- 10 points for each presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
- 10 points for each presentation of a Helen Keller Fellowship.
- 10 points for each presentation of a Brian Stevenson Fellowship.
- 10 points for each new member sponsored for the Lions Foundation of Canada.
- 20 points at the discretion of the Region Chairman for each club involvement with other activities relating to vision impairment or support of the CNIB.

Photo taken by Lion Norman Kearney Submitted by Lion Dave Mitchell

Desboro Lions Club

Desboro Lions Club President, **Wayne Maluskie**, presenting our local Sullivan Community School (K to 8 school with about 180 students) in Desboro, with a class set of 32 snowshoes which we donated to them, worth \$1,500 in January, 2010. He is on the right in the back row.

Lions Club of Streetsville Host their AWARDS NIGHT

On April 22nd 2010 the *lions Club of Streetsville* hosted their annual awards night. Pictured below are *lucie Muldoon* (this year's Sam McCallion Award for Volunteer of the year), *Todd Smith* (Melvin Jones Fellowship Award recipient), *James Hammond* (Helen Keller Fellowship Award winner).

The Streetsville Lions Club also presented donations to The Vic Johnston Arena, Cheshire House, Camp



Left to right: Mike Muldoon, Lucie Muldoon, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion, Paula & Jason Muldoon



Left to right: Lion Todd Smith, Lion Bill Holmes



Lion Carl Easton and Lion James Hammond.

Submitted by Don Johnston

Dorset, Camp Trillium, Camp Kirk and Lake Joseph Camp. So far the 2009-10 donations to worthy causes amount to over \$41,000. We live up to the motto "We Serve". Check out more details on our website:

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