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Melvin Jones Fellowship

History

Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs international died on June 1, 1961, having suffered a stroke while on a trip to Edmonton in 1959 to celebrate their 30th Charter Anniversary. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program was established in 1973 in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. Any member, non-member, Club, District, Multiple District, Companies or Foundations who donates \$ 1,000.00 US can be recognized. All of the above must complete the Melvin Jones Fellowship Application in order to received this Fellowship. All donations are payment to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Each Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient receives a lapel pin, commemorated plaque and a congratulator letter from the Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson. Donations from the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program provide 75 % of the Lions Clubs International Foundation annual revenue. As of January 2018, there are 414,777 Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients worldwide.

In 1986 the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Program was established to give Lions a way to extend their commitment to Lions Clubs International Foundation. For each \$1,000.00 US beyond the initial Melvin Jones Fellowship donation, donors receive a unique Progressive Melvin Jones lapel pin in accordance with their level of giving. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Application must be completed to receive this Progressive Fellowship. As of January, 2018, there are 82,236 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients. Also, there are 54 levels in the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Program.

For more information and for MJF, and PMJF Applications, please contact the Lions Clubs International Foundation at the Lions Clubs International Web Site.

The above information is from Lions Clubs International Web site.

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Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship

History

After serving as Lions Clubs International as President in 1987-1988, Lions Foundation of Canada created the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship to recognize outstanding Lions and other deserving recipients, P.I.P. Judge Brian Stevenson has endorsed this Fellowship. This recognition for community involvement or great achievement is one of the greatest honours that can be bestowed in Lionism. Your personally designed presentation ceremony honours the chosen person and their accomplishments.

The Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship is not available for personal purchase, and can only be obtained by a club, district, multiple district or a person who wishes to honour a deserving individual.

Judge Brian Stevenson has requested that the fee of \$ 500.00 be used to build an endowment fund for Lions Foundation of Canada with the interest annually supporting the Dog Guide program. The Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Application must be completed in order to receive this Fellowship. The recipient will receive a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship medallion, lapel pin and signed certificate. Fees are payable to the Lions Foundation of Canada.

Years later the Lions Foundation of Canada established the Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship. This Fellowship is a way to honour someone who has received a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship. Judge Brian Stevenson has requested another fee of \$ 500.00 be used to build up the endowment fund for Lions Foundation of Canada with the interest supporting the Dog Guide program. Another Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Application must be completed to receive this Progressive Fellowship. The recipient will receive a Progressive Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship medallion, lapel pin and signed certificate. Fees are payable to the Lions Foundation of Canada. Over \$ 3,000,000.00 has been raised through the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships for the endowment fund at this point. For more information about the program, please contact the Lions of Canada Foundation website. The applications are available through the Lions Foundation of Canada website and through the Lions of Alberta Foundation website.

The above information is from the Lion of Canada Foundation website.

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Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight

History

A Lion and member of the St. Albert Host Lions Club since 1964, PID Bill has held the positions of Club President, District Governor and Council Chair. He served as Director and Vice Chair of Lions Quest Canada, as coordinator of Lions Project Pride, and Director and Past Chair of his Multiple District Eye Bank, He also served as the National Coordinator for Campaign Sight First.

Lion Bill was elected to serve a two-year term on the Lions Clubs International Board as a Director in June of 1989 at the Lions Clubs International 72nd Annual Convention in Miami, Florida. After serving as Director of Lions Clubs International, PID Bill endorsed the creation of the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight for his outstanding service as a Lion with all donations going to support the Lions Eye Bank. Any Lions Clubs, District and Multiple District who donates \$ 500,00 must complete the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight Application in order to receive this Fellowship. All donations are payable to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. The Lions Foundation will forward a cheque from all donations to the Lions Eye Bank.

After the closing of the Lion Eye Bank in 2010, the Lions of Alberta Foundation Board of Directors took over the Administration of the funds collected through the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight. The Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight is still active with all funds going to Sight Related Programs. All donations are still payable to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. The Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight Application still needs to be filled out to receive this Fellowship. For more information about the Bill Webber Fellowship for Sight, please contact the Lions of Alberta Foundation Website.

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Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship

History

Lion Jack joined the Andrew Lions Club in 1952 with transfers to the Smoky Lake Lions Club, the Vegreville Lions Club and the Lamont Lions Club where he had been a member for over thirty years. Lion Jack served as District Governor of 37-F in 1968-1969 and served on Lions Clubs International Board as Director from 1980-1982. PID Dr. Jack Dobush was appointed to the International Board of Directors in 1987-1988 and again in 1993-1994. PID Jack was responsible for establishing the fund to aid Diabetic Children through the collection of “can tabs”.

In 1998 the Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship was established to further assist the needs of Diabetic Children as well as providing funds for the Alberta Foundation for Diabetes Research in Calgary and Edmonton. Any Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts who donates \$ 500.00 must complete the Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship Application in order to receive this Fellowship. Years latter a Progressive Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship is available with an additional \$ 500.00 donation from Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts. Another application needs to be completed in order to receive the Dr. Jack Dobush Progressive Fellowship. All donations are payable to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. The Lions of Alberta Foundation will forward a cheque from all donations to Diabetes Research.

On March 18, 2002 Past International Director Dr. Jack Dobush passed away. The Dr. Jack Fellowship is still active collecting donations for Diabetes Research. If you need more information about the Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship or to print the application, please go to the Lions of Alberta Foundation website.

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Jack & Denise Isaman CNIB Fellowship

History

It started in 1924 when Helen Keller challenged Lions Clubs International at their annual convention to be Knights of the Blind. Lions accepted the challenge and the rest is history. Six years before the Helen Keller speech, the C.N.I.B. was formed in 1918 to service the blind. From 1924 to the present Lions Clubs have donated thousands of dollars and worked thousands of hours on many projects of the C.N.I.B.

Lion Jack Isaman joined Lions in 1978 followed by his wife Denise in 1988. Since joining Lions, Lion Jack & Lion Denise has supported the CNIB in many activities.

Lion Jack was elected to serve on the Board of Lions Clubs International as a Director from 1997-1999.

In 2000 the CNIB approached PID Jack to set up a Fellowship with his name. PID Jack accepted this honor with the exception that the Fellowship be named the Jack & Denise Isaman CNIB Fellowship. The name change was accepted and in February 2001 Jack & Denise Isaman received the first Fellowship. Any Lions Clubs who donated \$ 500.00 must complete the Jack & Denise Isaman CNIB Fellowship Application in order to receive this Fellowship. All donations are payable to the C.N.I.B. All funds from this Fellowship will support activities of the CNIB in Alberta and the NWT. Please go to the Lions of Alberta Foundation website to print the Jack & Denise CNIB Fellowship Application.

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Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship

History

Dr. Patti Hill was elected to served on the Board of Lions Clubs International as a Director from 2007-2009. The Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship started in 2013. The fellowship is being established to Honor Past International Director Dr. Patti Hill for her many years of Lions service. The Funds are used for Eye Research at the Royal Alexander Hospital Eye Institute of Alberta. Any Lions Clubs who donates \$ 500.00 must complete the Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship application in order to receive this Fellowship. All donations are payable to the Lions of Alberta Foundation. The Lions of Alberta Foundation will forward a cheque from all donations to Eye Research at the Royal Alexander Hospital Eye Institute of Alberta. At this point, there are 117 recipients of this Fellowship. Please go to the Lions of Alberta Foundation website to print the Dr. Patti Hill Fellowship application.

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How can I support the Lions Quest Program in Canada?

The Lions Quest Fellowship was established in 2003 to recognize Lions and Lioness Club members and other deserving recipients who truly care about Canadian children, regardless of the challenges they may face or the gifts they may possess. Lions Quest Fellows will receive the new award pictured above and a lapel pin.

The Lions Quest Fellowship funds will be used to promote, enhance and expand the work being done to
'empower adults to develop healthy, capable young people of strong character' – our Mission.

Who can receive a Lions Quest Fellowship?

The Fellowship is an honour given to individuals for a contribution of \$500 in support of Lions Quest Programs in Canada. The Fellowship may be given in memory of a deceased individual and is prepared for presentation based on the information provided by the donor.

Contributions to the Lions Quest Fellowship can be made in installments over a period of three years at a minimum amount of \$100 per installment. Contributions can be made to the Fellowship by individuals including non-Lions Club members, clubs, districts or multiple districts. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

How can I apply for a Lions Quest Fellowship?

On the reverse you will find the application form. Please complete the application and mail it along with your payment to – Lions Quest Fellowship, Lions Quest Canada, 427 Elgin St North, Unit 1, Cambridge, ON, N1R 8G4.

Who do I contact if I need more information?

Please feel free to write to us at the address provided above or contact us via telephone at 800.265.2680, fax at 519.624.3354 or email at qbear@lionsquest.ca.