



Lions Clubs International

Governor's Newsletter

District A4

Ontario and Quebec

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Governor's Oct.— March Message

The Governor's Musings

Greetings Fellow Lions, Lionette and Leos

Seems I blinked twice, and here it is, February 2022! Hearing about all the incredible Service Projects and activities that the Lions of the District have been involved in makes my heart sing!! Especially during the holiday season, when we are all busy with our own families, to hear about the kindness and brightness Lions are bringing to others – Thank you doesn't seem to be sufficient.

As promised in September - here are the District Goals for LCIF and GMT.

LCIF – goal was to increase awareness and encourage clubs and lions to donate to LCIF, our Foundation. In the last few months, we have seen LCIF respond with grants to the Districts in BC affected by the Wildfires and floods. The goal was to have 45 clubs in A4 make a donation. Contributions from individual Lions also count towards the total. As many of you know, LCIF was my project for the year, and I am pleased to report that donations from the



District Governor
Renee Devenny

Clubs are up!! Thanks for donating and ensuring LCIF is there to assist when called upon. Questions? Contact LCIF District Chair Lion Jim Devenny.

GMT – to keep the member dropped number as low as possible. Now, sometimes the decrease is beyond any one's control – death or moving or illness. How to add? Ask friends, family, when serving in our communities, we need to promote Lions and be open to starting conversations about Lions with the people we meet. Is this easy for everyone? No. But, we are proud Lions and we need to keep promoting and bragging about what we do. Our GMT coordinator, Lion Barry Chisholm, can answer any questions you may

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Message du Gouverneur-oct - mars

Muse du gouverneur

Chers membres Lions,
Lionette et Leos

Il semble que j'ai cligné les yeux deux fois, et le voici, février 2022 ! Entendre parler de tous les incroyables projets de service et les activités auxquels les Lions du district ont participé fait battre mon cœur !! Surtout pendant la période des fêtes, lorsque nous sommes tous occupés avec nos propres familles, entendre parler de la gentillesse et de la luminosité que les Lions apportent aux autres - Merci ne semble pas suffisant.

Comme promis en septembre, voici les objectifs du district pour la LCIF et l'E-ME.

LCIF – l'objectif était d'accroître la sensibilisation et d'encourager les clubs et les lions à faire des dons à la LCIF, notre Fondation. Au cours des derniers mois, nous avons vu la LCIF répondre avec des subventions aux districts de la Colombie-Britannique devons continuer à promouvoir et à nous vanter de ce que nous touchés par les incendies de forêt

devons continuer à promouvoir et à nous vanter de ce que nous L'objectif était que 45 clubs du District A4 fassent un don. Les contributions individuelles des Lions comptent également dans le total. Comme beaucoup d'entre vous le savent, la LCIF a été mon projet de l'année, et je suis ravie d'annoncer que les dons des clubs sont en hausse !! Merci de faire un don et de veiller à ce que la LCIF soit là pour aider lorsqu'elle est sollicitée. Des questions? Contactez le président de district de la LCIF, Lion Jim Devenny.

GMT - pour maintenir le nombre de membres abandonnés aussi bas que possible. Maintenant, parfois, la diminution est indépendante de la volonté de quiconque - décès, déménagement ou maladie. Comment ajouter? Demandez à vos amis, à votre famille, lorsque nous servons dans nos communautés, nous devons promouvoir les Lions et être ouverts à entamer des conversations sur les Lions avec les personnes que nous rencontrons. Est-ce facile pour tout le monde ? Non. Mais nous sommes de fiers Lions et nous devons continuer à promouvoir et à nous vanter de

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District Governor: Renee Devenny
IPDG: Jean Lauziere
Cabinet Secretary: Sandra Baldwin
Cabinet Treasurer: Joyce Firlotte
1st VDG: Susan Tunnicliffe
2nd VDG: Barry Chisholm

Zone 13 (N) Chair: Yves Goulet
Zone 13 (S) Chair: Jacques Duquette
Zone 22 (E) Chair: Trevor Howard
Zone 22 (W) Chair: Ralph Martin

Zone 30 (W) Chair: Liz Christie
Zone 30 (S) Chair: Margaret Brooker
Zone 41 (N) Chair: Helen Porteous
Zone 41 (S) Chair: Evonne Delegarde

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Looking ahead to the next few months I am excited to hear/see discover all the new and innovative ways you are continuing to Serve. Spring will be here before we know it and more opportunities to be visible in our communities once again. Time to Rock the Vest!

Please remember to let me know if your club is having a special event, or would like to have the DG drop by. If time and weather permit, you never know I may stop in. Hope to see you around the District.



Renee Devenny

District Governor / Gouverneur de district
 2021/2022

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ce que nous faisons. Notre coordonnateur EME, Lion Barry Chisholm, peut répondre à toutes vos questions.

En ce qui concerne les prochains mois, je suis ravi d'entendre / de voir découvrir toutes les façons nouvelles et innovantes que vous continuez à servir. Le printemps sera là avant que nous le sachions et nous aurons encore plus d'occasions d'être visibles dans nos communautés. Il est temps de « basculer le gilet » !

N'oubliez pas de me faire savoir si votre club organise un événement spécial ou si vous souhaitez que le gouverneur du district fasse in visit. Si le temps et la météo le permettent, on ne sait jamais que je pourrais m'arrêter. J'espère vous voir autour du district.

Dear Lion,



You always give what it takes to make a difference in your community. And in these final months of Campaign 100, every one of us has an opportunity to give just a little more to ensure that the people and causes that matter most will always have the support they need.

This has been a difficult year for many, but I am asking those of you who are able, to give a gift that will make a difference for many others. Because every contribution to Campaign 100 is a part of our promise to fight hunger, keep families and neighbors healthy, protect the environment and so much more. And only together, can we deliver on that promise to our communities and the world.

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President

Save the Date!

**Iroquois-Matilda
 Lions Club**

**75th Charter Anniversary
 4 June 2022**

**Matilda Hall
 4421 CR-16,
 South Dundas**

**iroquoismatildalions@gmail.com
www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/iroquois-matilda**



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It's the season for Lions Conventions; or almost time. Definitely time to put the dates on your calendar, check for registration information and plan to have some fun this April, May and June!

Let's start with the District A4 Convention, which will be held April 23 – 24 2022.

Coming to you LIVE from Holiday Inn Ottawa East, 1199 Joseph Cyr Street, Ottawa. Please watch the District Website and Facebook page once we have more details. And your email as info will be sent to all Lions.

One thing I am sure of, this convention should not be missed. Lion Al Stewart, of Seeley's Bay Lions Club Fame, will be having his silky locks shaved, to benefit Lions Clubs International Foundation. How to donate, and where to send donations, will be part of the Convention Information Package, and will be posted on the A4 website.

A great reason to attend, you will hear campaign speeches from First Vice District Governor Susan Tunnicliffe and Second Vice District Governor Barry Chisholm as they ask for your votes. Discover who will be starring in the 2022 / 2023 District Cabinet.

More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks – all you ever wanted to know about the 50/50 draw; the auction; the fellowship; the new and improved sessions; and of course the fellowship.

One last item to remember – proof of vaccination will be required and don't forget your mask!

Onto the Multiple District A Convention, which will be May 27 – 29 2022 in Kitchener Ontario.

Registration information and schedule will be posted on the MDA website as soon as plans are finalized. A couple of items that may be of interest – they are looking into Bowling for LCIF; and hopefully information sessions on Saturday morning. This is also a great time to meet Lions from MDA. If you are interested in attending, and can't wait for the information, please let me know and I will pass the info on.

Last but not least, the Lions International Convention in Montreal Quebec June 24 – 28 2022

Everything you would like to know is on the LCI website. Registration is \$175.00 US until March, so if you are planning on attending, don't wait too much longer. I know I am looking forward to the parade of Nations which will be held on Saturday June 25th.

MDA convention attire – golf shirt and hat – are available for sale, and if you would like to order any, please contact DG Renee for order form and cost. What a great opportunity to attend an International Lions Convention close to home!

In 2022, the Mountain Township & District Lions Club has inducted Lion Bobby Derraugh to a lifetime membership into the Lions International. Lion Bobby being a chartered member in 1982 and President in 1992-93 as well as serving on many Lions committee projects is being rewarded by Club Members for close to forty years of Lionism. Bobby has a very unique and patented laugh that individuals in the Mountain Ontario community had him known as "Bobby Hew Haw". Lion Bobby Derraugh has been actively in the grocery business for fifty some years which included twenty- six years of his own in Mountain, Ontario. In conclusion, we as Lion members were very fortunate to have such a kind-hearted and generous person as one of us.

Pictured Left to right: Lions Don Johnston, Bobby Derraugh, and Brian Telford.

By Lion Bill Vermilea





Lion Al STEWART will be losing his lovely locks at the District A4 Convention in an effort to raise \$10,000.00 to support Campaign 100.

You can support Lion Al by making a donation to LCIF.

Make your donation in the usual manner to lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca

As a Lion, you will receive your tax receipt and MJF credits.

As a Club you will receive the MJF credits.

Contact Lion Jim DEVENNY (devennyjim@gmail.com) or Lion James JOHNSTON (james.johnston@magma.ca) and tell us you made a donation to "support Lion Al's hair raising event".

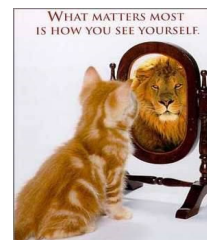
Congratulations! Perth Tay Lioness Lions Club

May 7, 2021: A date for change ... **Perth Lioness Club** transitioned to become **Perth Tay Lioness Lions Club**. A new club? Maybe they could be called a new Lions Club but, this club has been in continuous existence a *long* while. From early beginnings in 1953 as an auxiliary and Lionette club to becoming a Lioness Club in 1985. Always a strong club the next major change has been the issuing of a Lions Club Charter, sponsored by Perth Lions Club.

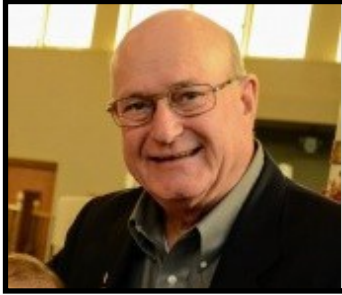


Under the leadership of President Lion Sue Matte the club continues their journey in Lionism with 21 charter members. On October 12, 2021, Lion Sue Tunnicliffe, 1st Vice District Governor and Lion Kristina Jensen, Guiding Lion attended the regular meeting and presented the charter to Lion President Sue Matte. They also presented a club banner from the District A4. Laughter and enthusiasm were plentiful during this meeting.

As the club moves forward, they are exploring ideas of how they can continue their 68 year tradition of providing service and support to the community and do fundraising as in the past, with new optimism and meeting current restrictions with COVID-19.



Tribute to Lion Bob Fournier



It is with sadness that the family of Lion Bob Fournier announced his passing at the General Hospital on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the age of 77, after a 17 year battle with Cancer. Beloved husband of Kathy. Loving father of Jean-Pierre, Mitch (Andie) and Julie (Christian Doucet). Proud grandfather of Allie, Dylan, Mackenzie & Grace. Dear brother of Louise and Uncle to Craig (Nancy) and many other nieces and nephews. Lion Bob was very devoted to his family.

His funeral was held on November 3, 2021. Due to Covid-19, attendance was limited to family and close friends. Three members of the Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club attended.

Lion Bob continued to work as an Insurance Brocker until his death. He was also an avid fisherman who was co-founder of Lions' B.A.I.T and participated as a pro-fisherman bringing his bass boat to accomodate blind anglers. He was a member of the B.A.I.T. Committee for 30 years.

Lion Bob was well known within District A4. Lion Bob was a member of District A4 Cabinet as chairman of LCIF for many years and has been a Lion since 1972 as a member of the Ottawa Central Lions Club and then the Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club.

We, the members of the Ottawa-Vanier Lions Club, will surely miss him as will many Lions in District A4.

Rest in Peace Lion Bob.

The Athens Lions Club donated \$500.00 to the Athens Public Library on March 10th. Librarian Diane Benschop. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, their fundraising was minimal, so there is a lack of funds for the youth programs – the Lego Club, Toddler Time, Summer Reading Program, and the Back Pack Program. Today's Lions support will assist with the restart of these programs.

Pictured with the \$500.00 cheque are:

(L to R) Lion President Kevin Gainford, Librarian Diane Benschop and Lion Treasurer Jeff Baker.



Shawville Lionettes

At a special meeting of the Shawville Lionettes on September 8, 2021, it was discussed and voted upon to dissolve the organization.

The Lionettes held their Charter Meeting on June 17, 1972 and after 49 years of service to Shawville and the community, we have agreed that due to lack of new members and our membership ages, that it is time.

We want to thank our community for encouraging and assisting us over these many years.





Stittsville Lions Scavenger Hunt Car Rally Fundraiser For Carleton Place Hospital Emergency Unit

June 11th, 2022

Team Effort (must be a minimum of 2 people)

Registration **9 AM**

Start time **10 AM**

Register by **May 27th**



\$30.00 per person

includes lunch at Westport Lions Beach

Roast Beef on a bun/coleslaw/chips/pop

Not a speed race, this is for "fun" and to visit 8 towns.

Bring a phone or a Polaroid camera for photos.



2 motorcycles or 2 People on a motorcycle

Instructions will be given at each stop for the next stop.

Prize for best costume team, Points for photo's for scavenger hunt tasks

BBQ extra \$15.00 at the Stittsville Lions Hall 5:30 pm

Get your teams registered. Join for the fun! Get a costume! Get a team name!

Cost \$30.00 per person

Register by May 27th

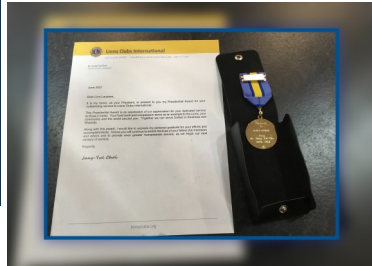
BBQ \$15.00 extra

brendalewis@xplornet.com 613-447-5008

Everyone is welcome

Let's support the Carleton Place Hospital Emergency Unit

International Presidents Award Presented to IPDG Jean Lauziere



Immediate Past District Governor Lion Jean Lauziere of Russell Lions Club (jDistrict A-4). Jean recently received the prestigious "International President's Award" for Jean's outstanding service to Lions Club International from Past President Jung-Yul Choi. This award has gone to an amazing Lion. IPDG Jean, you are one amazing Lion.

His award was delivered to his door step one day after his birthday.

Our congratulations to Immediate Past District Governor Jean Lauziere. Thank you for your service.

Mountain Township & District Lions – Christmas Hamper Program

For close to 40 years, the Mountain Township District Lions Club has participated as part of a group to support our North Dundas Christmas Fund. Support comes in the form of money and other donations (food, clothing, toys, etc.) from community individuals, church groups, hospitals, schools, local fire departments and charitable organizations.

The first year of the North Dundas Christmas Fund was supported by Ault Foods who supplied gifts to the needy families in the area.

This past December Mountain & District Lions Club distributed Christmas food hampers including ham or turkey as well as other food items, gifts and snowsuits for the children to thirty-seven households in the area. The baskets have sufficient food for families of all sizes for the duration of approximately one week.

This Christmas Event consists of two days of work sorting food items, toys, and clothing. The following day consists of basket pick-ups by families and deliveries by Lions members to families unable to pick up.

We, as a Lions Club, are very fortunate to have members and volunteers who devote many hours of their time to assist in participating and ensuring the success of this annual event.

Lions Member, Terry Foley and his spouse, Maryanne, have contributed many hours of service towards this event from the very beginning.



Lions Member, Bob Weagant, as Chairperson of the North Dundas Christmas Fund, and his spouse Sandy, have been active for the past twelve years in organizing and carrying on this Christmas tradition for needy families. Sandy Weagant and Maryanne Foley are both honorary members of the Mountain Township & District Lions Club and their support in all our projects is well appreciated.

The Foley and Weagant families have both been recipients of the North Dundas Community Business Award in the past. This event could not have been possible without the overwhelming support of our community and our Club members. For this, we are thankful.





District A-4 Cabinet (2022-2023) needs YOU!!

Would you like to hone your leadership skills, in a supportive environment while acquiring new ones?

Would you like to share your suggestions or ideas with our District Cabinet?

Would you like to make a difference in your life and others?

☑BENEFITS:

A full suite of leadership development training is offered by the District

all at **no cost** to our members

We have the tools that will help put your inspirations and kindness into action



You will learn from the best!

You will gain some lifelong friends

YOU WILL BE MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES (including your own)

☑BE CAREFUL THOUGH...

YOU MAY END UP HAVING LOTS OF FUN TOO!

FUN!

OH, SO YOU DON'T THINK YOU ARE A LEADER?

That's ok!

We have other positions on various committees that could use your ideas and skills

“Research has found examples of how serving in ways, big or small, not only feels good, but also, does us good.”

Volunteering improves our happiness, health and sense of well-being”

We inspire. We laugh. We bond. We serve.

For more information call or email

Susan Tunncliffe 1st Vice District Governor

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susanetunncliffe@gmail.com



Lions Clubs International New Service Framework



Lions Clubs International website details the development of a new service framework. "The overarching structure of service consisting of topical area platforms in which the organization focuses resources to enhance service focus and impact.

The service framework is populated with the following service platforms:

Diabetes, Environment, Vision, Childhood Cancer, and Hunger –

platforms in which the organization focuses resources to enhance service focus and impact."

We invite you to review this package.

All items contained here have been donated and provided for your thoughtful consideration of these service areas.



Environment: The health of our planet is essential to life. The environment impacts the quality of our air and water, the availability of food and medicine, the health and beauty of our local communities, and the future of us all. Lions and Leos are meeting environmental challenges at the local and global level by planting trees, organizing recycling programs, providing clean drinking water and cleaning up communities to help preserve our environment for generations to come. We believe that a healthy planet is fundamental to the wellbeing of all.



Hunger: Nearly one billion people go to bed hungry every night. That's why Lions and Leos are hard at work addressing this global need by providing help and hope to the children, families and neighbors who need it most. Lions and Leos distribute food to schoolchildren, stock food banks, create sustainable community gardens and lead community food drives to fight hunger where they live and work. We work to sustain life and dignity for the most vulnerable among us.



Sight: Lions and Leos save sight. Since Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" in 1925, we have improved eye health and eye care for hundreds of millions of people around the world. Today, 80% of vision impairments are preventable or curable, so our service is more important than ever before. Lions and Leos screen vision, educate our communities, build clinics and support the blind and visually impaired through assistive technology and vocational training programs. We work to preserve the precious gift of sight for the world.



Childhood Cancer: Children are a gift to the world, yet every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer and less than half of the world's children have access to effective care. Children who survive cancer are often left with debilitating effects that can impact their physical development and ability to learn. That's why Lions and Leos are answering the call to expand access to life-saving treatment and support the children and families who need us most. We are working to give children with cancer a second chance at life.



Diabetes: Diabetes contributes to more than 5 million deaths a year, making it the eighth-leading cause of death in the world. And the numbers are rising. Lions and Leos are confronting this global health emergency by raising awareness of diabetes through Strides events, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs, and improving quality of life through diabetes camps and community recreational programs. We believe we can help prevent and control this global epidemic by uniting Lions and Leos around this cause.

Thank you for being a Lion!

Thank you for supporting our communities!



Friday welcome banquet followed by lots of Friday Night Music with Group Therapy and the OCD Horns!

Starting at 6:00 pm



Opportunities for Youth Luncheon and Celebration

Saturday at 12:30 pm



Listen to Joy Stewart as she talks about her daughter Scottie's battle with cancer and their efforts to bring a new cancer care centre to the Grand River Hospital.

Saturday at 9:00 am



MD 'A' 2022 CONVENTION

"Welcome Back"

May 27th to May 29th, 2022

Hosted by the Lions Club of Kitchener

MD "A" Council Chair Daniel Armstrong

Special Guests

1st International Vice President Brian Sheehan

and Lion Lori Sheehan



International Banquet and Awards Presentations

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Opening Ceremonies – Parade of Banners – Flag ceremony

Saturday at 11:30 am



Try your hand at Blind Bowling in support of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Saturday at 2:30 pm



You'll have a chance to feel what it's like to be led through a course by a Dog Guide.

Saturday at 10:15 am

IN MEMORIUM

Lion Ronald Lapointe
Aylmer Lions Club

Lion Anthony Lawson (PDG)
Barrhaven Lions Club

Lion Art Plume
Beachburg Lions Club

Lion Vera Wylie
Brockville Lions Club

Lion Arthur Turpin
Buckingham Lions Club

Lion Barry Sullivan
Cantley Lions Club

Lion Morley James
Carleton Place Lions Club

Lion Nikki Ene Wong
Carleton Place Lions Club

Lion Marcel Lapierre
Cornwall Lions Club

Lion William A. Hamilton
Elgin Lions Club

Lion Vivian Keck
Gloucester North Lions Club

Lion Graham Ball
Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club

Lion Peter Henry
Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club

Lion Garnet Kranz
Killaloe & Area Lions Club

Lion Gordon K. Pratt
Madawaska Valley Lions Club

Lion Lillian Sayant
Metcalf & District Lions Club

Leo Hannah Warren
Morrisburg & District Leo Club

Lion Glenn Fetherstonhaugh
Navan Lions Club

Lion Jean Marc Vinette
Orleans Lions Club

Lion Robert Fornier
Ottawa Vanier Lions Club

Lion Roger Dubois
Quyon Lions Club (Charter)

Lion Liette Gratton
Plantagenet Lions Club

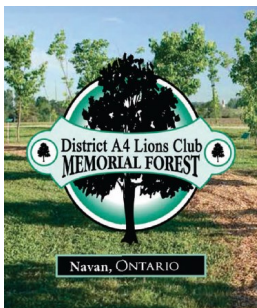
Lion Len Jakes
Renfrew Lions Club

Lion John Carmichael
Shawville Lions Club

Lion John Curry
Stittsville District Lions Club

Lion Ian Willsher
Stittsville District Lions Club

District A4 Memorial Forest



Planting and dedicating a tree in the Memorial Forest is a unique way to celebrate the life of a loved one and honour their memory. As a symbol of strength, shelter and durability, a living tribute can be a source of comfort and meaning. Established in 2015 District A4 works in conjunction with Innovative Community Support Services.

The Memorial Forest is located on a farm 9478 Russell Road in Navan, Ontario. Trees planted in the Memorial Forest are in memory of a Lion or Innovative Community Support Services family or friends. The name of person being honoured is inscribed on a plaque and placed at the base of the tree. An annual dedication service is held recognizing those for whom a tree has been planted in the preceding year.