



THE MANE WORD

Iroquois-Matilda Lions
District A-4
Zone 41 South

2nd and 4th Mondays
Iroquois Legion

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Lions Year Events

May 2023

Strengthen Membership Month
15 – House of Commons Tour
28 - World Hunger Day

June 2023

03 – WDMH Murder Mystery Night
07 - Lions Clubs Birthday
17 - Galop Canal Bluegrass Chicken
BBQ

July 2023

22 – Seniors Ice Cream Social

September 2023

16 – Iroquois Apple Festival Chicken
BBQ
22-24 – Williamsburg Harvestfest

November 2023

25 – Seniors Christmas Party

2023-24 Club Executive (Upcoming Year)

1st Vice President Renée is still looking for members of the executive and committee chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Lion Renée Devenny.

Thanks for helping make the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club a success!

District A4 Convention

The District convention was held Apr. 21-23 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Kingston. Our club was well represented by Lions Renée, Jim D., Evonne, Shirley, Carol and Doug. The convention started with our club winning the Trivia Contest.

District Governor Susan Tunncliffe awarded the **Governor's Club Award**: *“Presented to Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club in appreciation for your outstanding Leadership, Membership and Dedicated Service. The work that you have done is simply stated as amazing! Your membership since July is a fast growing. Your club has excellent leadership qualities with President Evonne at the lead this year. Your Communications and Marketing is powerful and inspiring to say the least. Every single day you are reaching out to your community with thought provoking messages. Your innovative ways of raising awareness for Lionism is remarkable. You have a club full of dedicated, caring and passionate Lions. My hat goes out to each and every Lion in Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club.”*

D/G Susan continued with the **Global Action Team Medal**: *“It is with great pleasure that I honour one of our members with this Global Action Team Medal. With her background in Marketing and Communications with the federal government she brought experience and skills to us. This enthusiastic hardworking Lion joined Lions in 2015 and served as Secretary then President just last year in her club. When I asked her to head up the Marketing and Communications portfolio, she accepted and hit the ground running. She applied for and was approved for the MDA Public Relations Grant of \$2,000.00. She works diligently on her Club's Website, and Facebook Pages. She has helped out in many of our committees including our Convention Committee. You can see the results right here with a stylized branding and our all-important Convention Survey that went out to everyone in the District to ensure that we listened to your input for this convention. Lion Carol Thompson is totally committed to our District, her club and LCI. Lion Carol is certainly an inspiration to many in our district and beyond.*

It is an honour to present you with this GAT Medal. Congratulations Lion Carol.”



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Meetings

2022

September 12

September 26

October 3 – Chinese food

October 24 – Oktoberfest dinner

November 14 – Yefsi's

November 28 Chili/sandwiches or lasagna/spaghetti (Guest speaker House of Lazarus)

December 12 – roast beef

2023

January 9 (Guest speaker Dundas County Hospice)

January 23

February 13

February 27

March 13

March 27

April 10 (The Wok)

April 24

May 8 (Iroquois Firehall)

May 29

June 12

June 26

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Lion Carol excelled in the **Environmental Photo Contest**. The A4 Environmental Photo Contest had 33 amazing entries. The winners (in order of posting) were-
*1st place Nature- Lion Nathan Lang of Mountain Township and District
*2nd place Nature- Lion Carol Thompson of Iroquois Matilda (Picture of Fall Foliage reflected in water of St. Lawrence River)

*1st place Service- Lion Carol Thompson of Iroquois Matilda (Clean up team and their gear)
*2nd place service- Lion Carol Thompson of Iroquois Matilda (Lion President Delegarde sitting on guard rails under entrance sign to. 401 Highway)

The photos have been sent to MD A for their contest at the end of May at the convention in London. Good luck!!



Finally, the Iroquois-Matilda Lions ended the convention on a high note, winning \$1580.00 in the 50/50 Raffle.

Lions Play – Drop Dead!

Performances ended on Saturday night, Apr. 29 with a sell-out. Congratulations and thank you to the actors on-stage and to all those who worked behind the scenes to make this year's play an artistic and financial success!



Lion President Evonne took the stage to make some special presentations.

*“Good evening everyone. I am Evonne Delegarde, President of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club. A huge thank you to everyone involved in this 40th anniversary year and 20th play; from the actors and support team on stage to the assistants’ backstage; Lions Barry & Brian for organizing; Wendy Gibb for keeping the characters in line; Lion Jenn for catering; and many others involved behind the scenes but most of all you for your continued support of our Club’s activities. On behalf of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, I would like to present a few thank yous and awards this evening. The first of which are Certificates of Appreciation to the **ScotiaBank (Morrisburg)** and the **Upper Canada Playhouse** acknowledging their many years of support which has greatly contributed to the success of our plays.”*

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Lion President Evonne continued:

“JUDGE BRIAN STEVENSON FELLOWSHIP AWARD (Lions Foundation of Canada - LFC) This Award was endorsed by Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson to honour outstanding Canadian Lions and other deserving individuals in recognition of their outstanding achievement or involvement. Donations to this Fellowship are used to build an endowment fund to ensure a strong future for the Foundation as they continue to provide Dog Guides across our nation. On behalf of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, I am pleased to present **Reina DeJong** with the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Medallion, lapel pin and signed certificate. Congratulations!”

“LIONS QUEST CANADA FELLOWSHIP AWARD. This Award recognizes Lions and other deserving recipients who truly care about Canadian children, regardless of the challenges they may face or the gifts they may possess. Funds raised help to Provide innovative programs to support and develop children and youth, Support the many community groups and parents who come to them for youth development resources, ideas and strategies, Ensure that their programs are relevant for today's students and classrooms, Introduce their programs in communities that do not have Lions Clubs to support them. On behalf of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, I am pleased to present **Margaret Swerdfeger** with the Lions Quest Canada Fellow Award, lapel pin and congratulatory letter. Congratulations!”

“MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD (Lions Clubs International Foundation - LCIF) This Fellowship is named for Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Club International. It is largely due to the growth of this program that the Foundation has been able to meet humanitarian needs in communities around the world. It is the Foundation's highest honour and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for those less fortunate. On behalf of the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club, I am pleased to present **Wendy Gibb** with the Melvin Jones Fellow plaque, lapel pin and congratulatory letter. Congratulations!”



House of Commons Tour – May 15, 2023

Lion David Hess has some seats left on the bus. Contact him quickly if you're interested in the tour by our host, Eric Duncan, MP for Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry.

SmartServe

On November 9, 2021, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) announced a new 5-year Smart Serve recertification requirement, effective July 1, 2022. This means that anyone involved in the sale, service, delivery, or sampling of liquor, or who takes liquor orders from customers must complete the Smart Serve training program every five years.

If you hold a certificate issued PRIOR to July 1, 2018, your certificate will expire on June 30, 2023. Anyone certified on or after July 1, 2018, will have 5-years, from the date of issue, to recertify.

It is the certificate holder's responsibility to recertify BEFORE their certificate expires. All valid Smart Serve certificate holders can recertify for a discounted price of \$29.95 if you do so prior to their certificate expiring.

There are 4 easy steps to renewing your Smart Serve certificate

- Step 1: Login or register to get started at the AGCO website <https://smartserve.ca/>
- Step 2: Purchase (recertification is \$29.95, first time certification is \$44.95) and complete the online training
- Step 3: Take the proctored Final Test (mobile friendly)
- Step 4: Download, save or print your eCertificate