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Lion Harold's Christmas Message

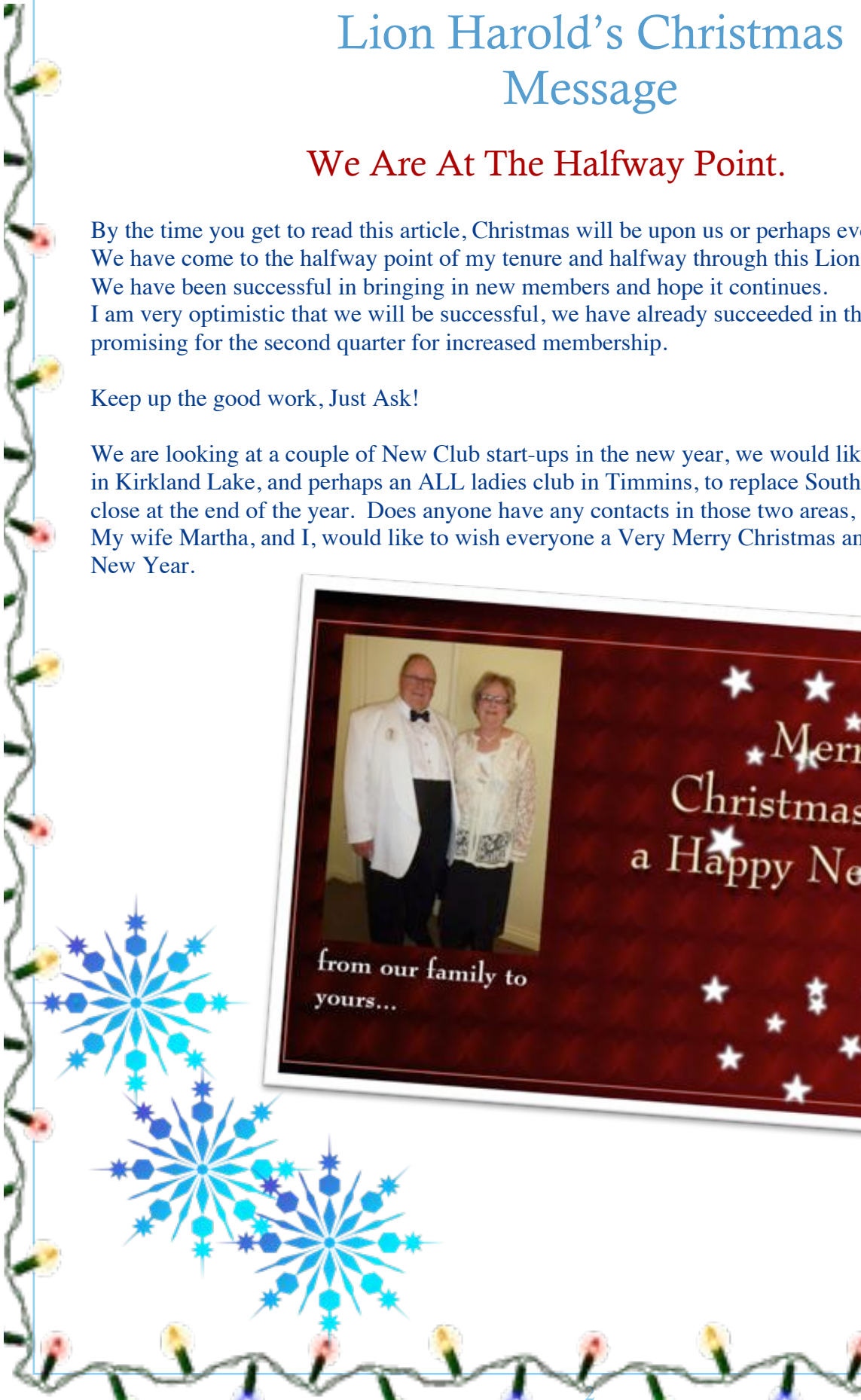
We Are At The Halfway Point.



By the time you get to read this article, Christmas will be upon us or perhaps even over. We have come to the halfway point of my tenure and halfway through this Lions year. We have been successful in bringing in new members and hope it continues. I am very optimistic that we will be successful, we have already succeeded in the first quarter, and it looks promising for the second quarter for increased membership.

Keep up the good work, Just Ask!

We are looking at a couple of New Club start-ups in the new year, we would like to get a new club started in Kirkland Lake, and perhaps an ALL ladies club in Timmins, to replace South Porcupine club which will close at the end of the year. Does anyone have any contacts in those two areas, or any other area? My wife Martha, and I, would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.





Lions Club Of Sudbury Is 90 Years Old



The Lions Club of Sudbury celebrated their 90th Anniversary with a Charter Night Dinner on October 25th, 2014.

The guest speakers for the evening were Lions International 2nd Vice President Bob Corlew and his beautiful wife Dianne.

Congratulatory messages were also presented from the Toronto Lions Club! As well they received many congratulatory messages from our District Clubs.

There were over 200 guests in attendance at the event. The highlight of the evening was the awards that were presented.

Lion Harold had the pleasure of handing out;

A Melvin Jones Fellowship to President and 1st VDG A5 Gerry Bertrand,

A Life membership was awarded to Lion Steve Brazeau,

A Helen Keller to Lion Sandy Clarke and a Brian Stevenson Award to Lion Bernie Piche. A Certificate of Appreciation was also presented on behalf of MDA.





Lion Harold's Official Visit to Temiskaming Shores Lioness Lions Club

On November 17th Lion Harold and Martha made a very special visit to the Temiskaming Shores Lioness Club. Lion Harold made some very special presentations and had a lot of fun with the members.

Get Involved in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest

Show your pride and commitment to preserving the environment by taking part in the 2015 Environmental Photo Contest. Categories include Animal Life, Plant Life, Landscapes, and Weather. Clubs are encouraged to hold a local Photo Contest and submit the Best of Show photo to their district office. Lions Districts must send their winning photo to their Multiple Districts by January 15, 2015. Winners in each category are chosen at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Learn more about the [annual Environmental Photo Contest](#) and [how Lions club members can enter](#).

Minnow Lake Lions Club



Make a **BIG** Donations



The Minnow Lake Lions donated \$500 to the Canadian Red Cross Society

Left to right: Veronica Naaman De Teresi, Louise Trudel, Lions PDG Brian Closs President, Walter Karen Leanne Furchner, Keith Argent and Ted Giannini Br. Chair. Submitted by Leanne Furchner



Minnow Lake Lions donated \$500 to HSN in Lion Bruce Kutchaw's name, as part of his Bob Ogilvy Honorary Award

Left to right, Lion Bruce Kutchaw, Elizabeth Taillefer, Development Officer with HSN (Foundation Office) and Lion Blaine Lachance Submitted by Leanne Furchner



Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club



Look Who Made the Front Page



The Sault Ste Marie Lions Club made a 5,000-dollar donation to the Sault Star Santa Fund.

In the Picture Is Lion Don Cameron Lion Jim Rusell and the Lions Club President Lion Carol Rusell.

Accepting the Cheque is Jackie DiPasquale from the Sault Star Santa Fund.

The Sault Club also helped St. Vincent's Place Men's Shelter, The Soup & Kitchen Community Center, and The Salvation Army, with \$1,500 each.

The Club also sponsors a local 'in need' family with Christmas.

Brings new meaning to Santa's Little Helper.



The A-5 District & The Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club Say Good Bye To Lion Ron

It is with great sadness the Sault Ste Marie Lions Club say good bye one of their members. Lion Ron Anderson is moving to Ottawa to be closer to his beloved Grand Kids.

Lion Ron joined the Sault Club in the early 70's and has held every seat on the Board of Directors of the club - more than once. (And some of the positions for several years!) He has been Zone Chair, Regional Chair, and back when A-5 had a Deputy District Governor he held that position.

He has been appointed to most of the District committee chairs and on Cabinet he served as the District Treasure and Secretary.

Lion Ron sponsored many Lions over his years in the Sault, but more than that, he mentored just as many. He watched the club grow, shrink, and grow again. And under his astute guidance watched the club become financially successful.

Lion Ron was instrumental in the success of the Clubs biggest achievements; He was on the Lions Housing Board of Directors before there was housing! He spearheaded the Children's Christmas Telethon in the Sault, The Monster Bingos, The Nevada Tickets sales and The Pointe des Chenes Campground.

His accolades from the Club, the District, and International are numerous. He has one of the very few lifetime memberships to the Club and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He has been voted Lion of the year - More times than there are members in the club, he has been recognized by more than one international president for his work and has several binders of certificates and congratulatory letters.

Lion Ron is a walking encyclopedia of Lions especially the Sault and of the District A-5. He has had the confidence of most District Governors for the last 40 years. In the Sault he was the clubs unofficial

historian, keeping detailed rerecords of every aspect of the Sault Club.

All the time that Ron donated to Lions work his partner; Donna was right with him - God Bless her.

Lion Ron leaves the club in a great shape; it is a strong healthy club with great potential because of him.

Good luck and Gods speed my friend.



On Sunday December 7, The Sault Lions held a special farewell 'Come And Go' for Lion Ron & Donna at Lions Place. A Painting by local artist Don McKinley was presented to them as a farewell gift. The Painting is of a ship passing through the World Famous Sault Locks and the image is often depicted on Sault Lions Club collector's pins.

PDG Lion Myra sent in the picture



Aloha from the Minnow Lake Lions Club "Mele Kalikimaka."



This is Sub-Titled OMG!



OMG - The Minnow Lake Lions Club sure know how to have fun!

This year they celebrated a Hawaiian style Christmas at their annual Christmas party...

WARNING ALL THE WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT A-5 PLEASE AVERT YOUR EYES
... AND THE MEN TOO! ...

PDG Lion Brian in a Grass Skirt instead of a Kilt!!!! OMG
I knew he like to wear skirts but a grass one! Ouuuhhh!

They were having a blast at their Christmas party. I heard Marcus Schabbe from the CBC
Sudbury wanted an exclusive interview, with all the wearers of the grass skirts ...

The pictures illustrated that this is a very healthy club! (Except for the nasty leg photos.
Lion Brian please put on some pants) and know how to mix fun and service work.

Lion Anne the expression "Dance like no-body is watching" might not apply to Lion Brian!
You might want to tell him... gently!"

Merry Christmas My Friends

Submitted By Lions Leanne Furchner

A Memorable Visit to The Valley East Lions



One of the nicest jobs the Governor has is to induct new members into a Club.
 Above Lion Harold had the honour to induct as a Lion Jeanne Lachance in to the Valley East Lions. Welcome Lion Jeanne



In the First Picture is Lion Jeanne Lachance, Lion Sylvia Stepanic, (sponsor) Lion Warren Stepanic and Membership Chair Ray Emmell.
 2nd photo - Lion Harold and Membership Chair Lion Ray Emmell
 3rd Photo Lion Harold congratulating Club President Lion Moe Mclean.

This is a much Watch

Copy and Paste this address into your browsers search engine.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6jJiaeuE-Q

I found this when searching for Lions Club Videos
 And after watching it I was in tears because I was laughing so hard.
 These are fun videos spoofing Lions pancake breakfasts, Pin Collecting and others!
 featuring real Lions clubs members and Chicago Second City Players Carisa Barreca, Greg Hollimon, Kevin Sciretta, and Neal Dandade.

Many Lions pancake breakfasts may be rooted in tradition, but whether Lions serve pancakes or waffles, in the end they're really serving the communities.
 Visit the Lions Blog to learn how one Lions Club in Texas, set a worlds record in pancakes in 2009.



Feed the Hungry

The holidays bring family and friends together to celebrate and share traditional meals, but many people are struggling to put their next meal on the table. Your club can bring hope during the holidays by hosting a project to help feed the hungry:

- Organize a food drive or partner with a local food bank
- Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need
- Provide meals to needy children during holiday school breaks

Learn more about how you can [Relieve the Hunger](#), then start planning your project to make the holiday season happier and healthier for someone in need.



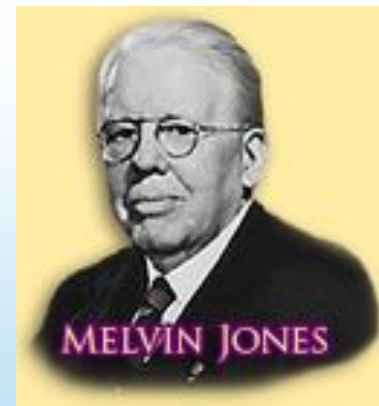
Promote Your Worldwide Week of Service Project

The [Worldwide Week of Service](#) during **January 10-16** is an opportunity to serve with Lions around the world and showcase your club to potential new members in your community. The Worldwide Week of Service club press release gives you a great way to promote your project in your local media outlets.

Be sure to take pictures of your service project and share them on your club's Facebook page. Use the hashtag **#Lions100** and we'll share your photos on the LCI Facebook page. Download the club press release and promote your project today!

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.



Two & a half years to the Centennial Celebration - Prepare yer –selves now! The End is coming!

I would like to ask that all of the A-5 Cabinet and District A-5 membership take some time and become familiar with the Lions Centennial Celebration that was launched at the 97th Lions International Convention in Toronto. I would also ask that all Cabinet Chairs when addressing the Clubs during your presentations and at Zone and Regional meetings, that you promote the Centennial Celebration.

Below are some of the highlights of the Centennial Celebration

1. The Centennial Celebration runs from July 2014 to December 2017.
2. Information on the Centennial Celebration can be found at www.lions100.org (copy and paste in your browser)

A special Centennial Celebration logo has been developed and can be downloaded from the www.lions100.org site.(copy and paste in your browser)

4. The Centennial Celebration theme is ‘Where There’s a Need, There’s a Lion.’

5. Lions around the world have been issued a Centennial Service Challenge to provide service to 100 Million people over the next 4 years in the 4 Global Service Action Campaigns of Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger, and Protecting the Environment.

6. Clubs can earn a Centennial Celebration banner patch each year by providing Service or making a donation to LCIF in one or all four 4 Global Service Action Campaigns. Patches will be assigned a number of gems that correspond to the number of Service Action Campaigns completed. e.g. 2 = 2 Sapphires 4 = 4 Diamonds. Projects or Donations to LCIF can be done at anytime throughout the year. In order to have your Service Projects/Donations to LCIF count for a banner patch your project/donation must be recorded in the My LCI Service Activity Report System.

If clubs have any questions on activities please email CSC@lionsclubs.org (copy and paste in your browser)

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Andy McRae A5 Centennial Coordinator



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“Liam”, Lion Harold said inquisitively, “Do you think Santa still exists?”

“Well of course he does”! I answered.

“I have been thinking about this for some time”. Lion Harold said.

“Did you know, he went on, “There are approximately two billion children, under 18, in the world?”

“No! Really?” I asked.

“However,” Harold went on, “Since Santa does not visit children of Muslim, Hindu, Jewish or Buddhist religions, this reduces the workload for Christmas night to 15% of the total, or 378 million children. I got that from the Population Reference Guide. So think about this. At an average rate of 3.5 children per household, that comes to 108 million homes, presuming that there is at least one good child in each.”

“You have put some thought in to this”. I said.

“Yes I have” Lion Harold answered.

“Think about this too Liam, Santa has about 31 hours of Christmas to get his work done, that is thanks to the different time zones and the rotation of the earth, assuming he travels east to west - which seems logical, you would think. This works out to 967.7 visits per second. This is to say that, for each household with at least one good child, Santa has around 1/1000th of a second to park the sleigh, hop out, jump down the chimney, fill the stockings, distribute the remaining presents under the tree, eat whatever snacks have been left for him, get back up the chimney, hop back into the sleigh, and get to the next house.”

“Wow”, I said.

“Assuming that each of these 108 million stops is evenly distributed around the earth, which, of course, we know to be false, but will accept for the purposes of our calculations, we are now talking about 0.78 miles per household; a total trip of 75.5 million miles, not counting bathroom stops or breaks. This means Santa's sleigh is moving at 650 miles per second or 3,000 times the speed of sound.”

“For purposes of comparison, the fastest man-made vehicle, the Ulysses space probe, moves at a poky 27.4 miles per second, and a conventional reindeer can run (at best) 15 miles per hour.”

“Where do you get this information from?” I asked.

“I have lots of time to think on the long rides to visit the Clubs in the District!” He replied.

“I was also thinking of the payload of the sleigh,” Lion Harold continued, with a smile. “It adds another interesting element!”

“Assuming that each child gets nothing more than a medium sized Lego set, two pounds at most, the sleigh is carrying over 500 thousand tons, not counting Santa himself. On land, a conventional reindeer can pull no more than 300 pounds. Even granting that the "flying" reindeer could pull ten times the normal amount, the job can't be done with eight or even nine of them - Santa would need 360,000 of them.”

“Not counting the weight of Santa, which is reported to be fairly impressive, this whole flying menagerie would be 600,000 tons.”

“600,000 tons traveling at 650 miles per second creates enormous air resistance -- this would heat up the reindeer in the same fashion as a spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere. The lead pair of reindeer would absorb 14.3 quintillion joules of energy per second each. In short, they would burst into flames almost instantaneously, exposing the reindeer behind them and creating deafening sonic booms in their wake. The entire reindeer team, all 360,000 would be vaporized within 4.26 thousandths of a second, or right away, and the sleigh, presents, and Santa would followed.

Therefore, if Santa did exist, he's dead now.





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From the Management and Staff at
The District A-5 Newsletter



Time Square NY, NY

Another Outstanding Newsletter!

Phenomenal graphics great editorials perfect in everyway.

Don't you think every member in your club ... Nay... Dare I suggestThe District ... should have a copy in their in- box?

Of course they should.

Lets get it out to every member in The District



Happy Hanukkah

Next Newsletter will be in Febuary 2015,
get your submission in early to guarantee a
place in the Newsletter!

