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LION BRIAN CLOSS, GOVERNOR



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Governors Travels



The Governor is still traveling visiting clubs and Rallies and holding Cabinet meetings. Here are some pictures he took along the way!

Top, Left to Right: Lion Gerry Green, president of Iron Bridge Lions Club being presented with a Club Excellence Award for 2012-2103 by Governor Lion Brian.

Lion Alan O'Bumsawin, president of Onaping Falls Lions, being presented with a Club Excellence Award for 2012-2013 by Governor Lion Brian

Both the presentations were handed out at the Cabinet meeting in Sudbury on February 22 – 23.

The Banner picture is of the Onaping Falls Lions Club Banner, which reminds me to ask you to bring your cameras to the convention and take pictures of the parade of Banners!

The Last picture is from the Teachers Lions Club. They didn't have their Club Banner out during Lion Brian's official visit so he took a picture of one of the members vest. He didn't say who was wearing it!





The District A-5 Convention At
The

Radisson®

In Sudbury



This is an upscale premiere hotel in Sudbury. Right in the heart of the City

Bring your Bathing suit; the hotel features the city's largest SALT WATER indoor swimming pools



This promises to be one of the best A-5 Conventions, at a great facility. So get your room booked and your convention vest on, and lets party like never before. Ohhh yeah and learn about Lions too.

The Theme of Our Convention this year is “The Sky Is The Limit” and do they ever mean it! The Convention Committee Co Chaired by Lions Jackie Labelle and Leanne Furchner, have worked tirelessly for over a year to make this get-together a huge success.

They have chosen an exquisite hotel, the Radisson, to pamper all the Lions and to serve as the convention headquarters.



On Friday Night they have shot the whole wad by bringing in the Tremonics! Just a great band with great vocals playing the music from the 50's and 60's ... Get your Jive on ...

And on Saturday prepare yourself to be entrained with the antics of Mark Crocker and his pals. Mark is a ventriloquist with extraordinary talents to bring the whole room into the act. You don't want to miss this!



That's not all they have planned for you! They have four wonderful seminars.

1) Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

You will want to hear this wonderful presentation.



2) N.O. Memorial Society -What a timely seminar to present – It features a great presenter talking about something we all think about. He shows us alternative and lower cost funerals. It would be a little rude of me to say this but “We are dying to here this talk”. There I said it!

3) Member Orientation: by two very bright guy's Lions Harold and Gerry! Any Lion, not only Club Officers, who want to learn or refresh about Lionism - at or above Club level i.e.: what a Zone Chair, a Region Chair, or the Commander and Chief does, this is a must attend Seminar.

4) Sudbury's Rising star Skits, is a group of seniors putting on skits to promote safety awareness in our homes as we age. As the 'Boomers' age, this is a great seminar to attend

With the International Convention in Toronto this year – competition is great. But here is our promise to you. If you come to your district convention in Sudbury this year you will have the best time of your life. You will meet Northern Ontario Lions that have the same interest as you. You will renew old acquaintances and find new friendships
Come to the Convention and see why the Sky is the Limit

Manitoulin Gore Bay Lions Christmas Pageant Float

By Lion Jeff Dorosch

In order to sustain community awareness the Manitoulin Gore Bay Lions Club entered a float for the Christmas Parade

Thanks and a big Lions ROAR to all the members for putting in a solid effort building and beautifying the float.

After a couple of days of hard work it was ready to roll. A special thanks goes to Lion Austin Pickard, for the big help building the structural frame and allowing us use of his trailer.



Brian Rupert, Steven Gumb, Joe Baker, Wilma Rupert, Austin Pickard (not in the photo)
On the night before the parade, we were cold but excited! But after only few beer we celebrated by having another!



You just know by looking these pictures that this Lions Club knows how to have fun.





Helpful Tools

Send a Press Release and Get Publicity for Your Club

Promote you club in the local media by sending out a press release! Lions Clubs International press release templates are available for download on the LCI website. Simply download the appropriate release, replace the bold sections with information about your club, and send it to your community newspaper or broadcast outlet. Our templates include press releases to recruit new members, announce new charter clubs, and promote service projects and fundraisers, and more. Visit the [LCI Sample Press Releases](#) page to get started.



50 Years a Lion

Onaping Falls Lions Club recognized recently, one of their Chartered Members Lion Charles Belcher. Lion Charles has 50 years of service to his community. "He is an inspiration to all our members. We have learned a lot from Lion Charles". Club President Lion Allan lamented. During the celebration, the family read this beautiful poem



Do You Just Belong

Are you an active member?
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just content that your name is on the list
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the pride
Or do you stay at home to criticize and chide.
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are your satisfied to only just belong
Do you have committee work and get right in the mix.
Or do you leave the work to just a few, and talk about the cliques?
Think this over Member Lion you know right from wrong.
Are you an active member or do you just belong



Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th

The Lions World Lunch Relay kicks off on April 4th at noon, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Family and Friends Month event! The Lions World Lunch Relay is a 24-hour, international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. It's a great opportunity to share a meal and celebrate your club's success, the value of service, and the rewards of being a Lion.



Here's how the Lions World Lunch Relay works:

Participating clubs will schedule a lunch for their family and friends on April 4th. The Lunch Relay will begin in New Zealand at noon. As clubs around the world host lunches in different international time zones, the Lunch Relay will move from time zone to time zone as Lions steadily pass the event around the world, forming the Lions World Lunch Relay!

Here's how your club can join the Lions World Lunch Relay:

Plan your lunch event – Choose a location and menu that's good for you.

Register your lunch event – Share the time and location for your lunch.

Celebrate your event – Take photos and share the fun through social media.



The Lions World Lunch Relay is a day of food, fun and fellowship. It's your chance to be part of something big—really big—so register your lunch today!

Enter the Lions World Lunch Relay contests!

Most family and friends – The lunch with the most non-Lions wins! Make your lunch an opportunity to share your club with the people you'd love to have join you.

Biggest food drive – The lunch that collects the most food items for needy families wins! Make your lunch a moment to share the power of service with your family and friends.

Best lunch theme – The lunch with the best Lions theme wins! Create a fun or meaningful theme for your lunch to show your club pride and spirit.

Download an entry form and complete guidelines for the Lions World Lunch Relay contests. And learn more about Family and Friends Month in April.



Discounted Registration Deadline Approaching For the Toronto 2014 LCICon Convention

You have literally just days now because March 31 is the deadline to register for the International Convention at the rate of US \$150 – a savings of \$20 off the full



registration fee. Register today! Be sure to book your hotel through LCI. We are offering a thank-you gift to Lions who book their hotel room through LCI while supplies last.

Check our Facebook page for details! Toronto is Canada's largest and most cosmopolitan city. Discover great neighborhoods, each with its own characteristic flair, including Toronto's extensive underground city. All convention events will take place in the heart of downtown

Toronto for your convenience. Make friends with Lions from around the world, and enjoy the fellowship, fun, and opportunities to learn from each other. Whether you're a new or long-time Lion, there's something for everyone in Toronto.



Peace Poster and Essay Contest Winner Announced

Tongbram Mahesh Singh, a 12-year-old boy from India, is the grand prizewinner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. The Moirang Lions Club sponsored him.

Order your kit for the 2014-15 contest, "Peace, Love and Understanding".

Ashish Karki, a 12-year-old boy from Nepal, is the grand prizewinner of the Lions International Essay Contest.

The Kathmandu Ramechhap Lions Club sponsored him. "We have to bring the light of peace, justice, brotherhood, responsibility and rational human behavior through education," Ashish wrote in his essay.

Read Ashish's essay and learn how your club can sponsor the Lions International Essay Contest for visually impaired students, ages 11-13. Each grand-prize winner will receive a special award and US \$5,000. Both winners will be recognized at this year's Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada.



Congratulations and thank you to all the children and Lions who participated!

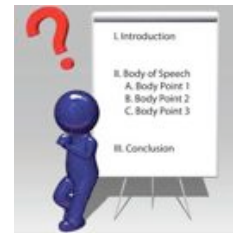
Lions Effective Speaking A Hallmark Community Program



Do you know the benefits of effective public speaking for a child? The ability to speak well in front of classmates or an audience will boost their self-confidence, which will carry over to other areas of their life's, the sports field or the arts as well. The theory is that when a child participates in public speaking contest like the Lions Effective Speaking Program they develop communication skills that help them be more determined in a classroom. They lose their shyness that most kids have and gain the ability to ask questions and get clarification on things they don't understand. Participants whether they win or lose the contest usually become class leaders and have higher grades.

There is no downside to having a Lions Effective Speaking Contest. Public speaking can enrich a kid's life.

Many graduates of public speaking contests have said that participating in the programs was one of the reasons they were successful in college or university. Developing organization skills along with learning how to do research on topics and then presenting those topics in public made them better students and earn them higher grades. And this was from the skills learned while participating in public speaking programs.



The benefits of effective public speaking cannot be denied they go far and beyond the child's learning ability. Oral communication skills will give the child a distinct advantage. As they enter the work force it will increase their chances of finding a good job by presenting themselves well in an interview, and help them build self-esteem and confidence.

So here is the list of the benefits of Lions Effective Public Speaking contest.

- Increased self-confidence with better communication skills
- The ability to persuade others by expressing yourself clearly
- Develop your listening, reading and writing skills
- The ability to easily assume leadership in a group
- Present yourself as an expert
- Improve your organizational skills
- Gain exposure & meet people with similar interests

Public speaking helps you develop the confidence needed to express your thoughts and speak in front of others. It has been proven by numerous studies, and according to Gerald R. Ford, "nothing in life is more important than the ability to communicate effectively".

Now is the time to plan for next year's Effective Speaking Contest in your Club. With so many benefits for the child and community every Lions Club and every school in the District of A-5 should have a contest. What is your excuse for not holding a contest?



Effective Speaking Contest

PURPOSE – The contest is to provide an opportunity for competitive effective speaking and to stimulate self-expression and independent thinking among students.

ELIGIBLE CONTESTANTS – The contest is open to students enrolled in public or private school or their equivalent in District A-5.

What a wonderful
our areas!



opportunity for youth in

DIVISIONS – The contest within each of the English Junior – Grades 6, 7, 8, 10, Senior – Grades 11, 12.

consists of three divisions and French Categories: Intermediate – Grades 9,

SPEECHES – The his/her selected topic, sectarian religion excepted. Each must be the original work of the student.

contestant will present partisan politics, and

Junior – The speech should be at least three minutes in length, but not exceed five minutes.

Intermediate and Senior – The speech should be at least five minutes in length, but should not exceed seven minutes.

A penalty of one point for every fifteen seconds or portion thereof, under or over the time limitation, will be imposed. Each speaker in the Intermediate and Senior divisions shall be required to give an impromptu speech two to three minutes in length. Each will draw from a group of topics.

DISTRICT CONTEST – The District Contest will be held on April 5, 2014 at the: MINNOW LAKE LIONS CLUB - 3088 Claude Street, Sudbury On

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 26, 2014

Send completed registration form to:

Lion Ellen Fletcher

509 Edna Street – Sudbury, ON P3C 3N8 - 705-671-2170

ellenfletcher@sympatico.ca

MULTIPLE DISTRICT “A” CONTEST – Each District may enter the winners of each division within each language category in the Multiple District Contest to be held May 30, 31, 1014 in London.



Whooo Hooo!

This one is for the record.

After - I don't know how long ...

... FOREVER!

A-5 has an up and running WEB site.

Yeah! I am not kidding!

And better yet it works

Even more impressive is that it is current!

Here is our New District A5 website address

www.a5lions.org

Right after you read this newsletter - from cover to cover, - and not before! Log on to the District WEB site and explore all that there is to explore. And while there make sure you read the back issues of the Newsletter too!

A BIG Thank You goes out to Lion Jeff Campsall our I.T. Chair for the District of A-5 ,for getting this up and running!

And our sincere appreciation and recognition of his hard work! Well at least mine the rest of you can send him a congratulatory e-mail

Here is a thought to show our appreciation to Lion Jeff lets all, 1250 Lions in the district e-mail him tonight at exactly 8 PM!

He will love all the support! He will have so much fun trying to figure out why his system crashed! Pure fun eh!

NOOOO just kidding if we do Lion Jeff will hunt you down ...



Did you also know we are on face book too. District A-5 face book page is <https://www.facebook.com/DistrictA5>



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Temagami Lions Club and Partners Help Mother Nature

By Ike Laba



On May 11 & 12 of 2012 the Lions Club of Temagami took on a tree planting project with multi partners; the Mattawa Lions Club; Municipality of Temagami; Ministry of Natural Resources; The Bear Island (Native) community and the Ministry of Transportation. The initiative of the six (6) partners planted a total of 1,500 trees using students from 2 schools within the area: the Bear Island and Temagami Public Schools along with The Local Girl Guides and a Native family from North Bay and Temagami.

Planting took place in a fire area, which occurred in 1999 directly south of the Town of Temagami along the Trans Canada Highway #11. The fire, which threatened Temagami severely, burned all the existing vegetation therefore there was minimal regeneration in parts of the burn. Planting of the seedlings took place closest to Temagami and Highway #11, which was restocked with species such as: 600 White Pine, 300 Jack Pine, 300 Red Pine, and 300 White Spruce. With the addition of species planted and the existing natural regeneration, this area will now represent a fully stocked forest area at maturity.



In the picture are the local Girl Guides, holding their sign and some of the members of the tree planting team. Their big smiles show how pleased they are with the project.

Even these future Lions got into the spirit.



Five Reasons to Participate in World Immunization Week

APRIL 20, 2012



Why should your club participate?

1. Save lives

Routine immunization is one of the most successful and cost effective public health initiatives today, according to the WHO. Vaccinations prevent between 2 and 3 million deaths every year from diseases like measles, mumps, polio, tetanus and yellow fever. Yet, about 1.7 million children died from vaccine-preventable diseases in 2008 before reaching their fifth birthday.

For just US \$1, you can vaccinate a child against life-threatening measles and support One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. And, measles vaccination campaigns often include additional life-saving interventions and vaccinations, saving children from other diseases common in their communities.

2. Help share information

Measles is one of the leading causes of death among young children even though a safe and inexpensive vaccine has been available for over 40 years. Nearly 450 children still die every day from measles, according to the WHO. Children who do not die from measles may suffer serious complications, including blindness, pneumonia, or encephalitis.

Lions are campaigning for measles vaccinations in over 20 countries where measles is a priority health issue, as well as fundraising and providing education in over 200 countries.



3. Help LCIF meet the Gates Foundation Challenge Grant

To expand upon Lions' efforts during last year's pilot program, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has challenged Lions to raise US \$10 million. For every US \$2 donated by Lions, the Gates Foundation will provide US \$1 in matching donations. The US \$5 million grant would be the largest single donation in LCIF's history. As part of World Immunization Week, your club can raise funds for the challenge grant. Donations can be made online, and all donations to One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.

4. Prevent outbreaks

With upcoming global events like the Olympics in London, and the Euro 2012 football championship in Poland and Ukraine, it is important to keep outbreaks in mind. Measles outbreaks occurred on every continent in 2011. A WHO report showed that Europe had three times more measles cases than it did four years ago. In the United States, more than 200 cases of the measles were reported — the highest number in 15 years, according to the CDC.

Experts attribute the increase in measles to low vaccination rates and lack of awareness about the disease, as well as international travel. According to the CDC, the increase in measles cases and outbreaks underscores the need for high measles vaccine coverage, and the importance of prompt and appropriate public health response to measles cases and outbreaks.

5. Make a difference

As a Lion, you can help save lives, spread knowledge and make the world a healthier place for children. You can make a difference. Find out how to celebrate World Immunization Week with your local Lions by contacting the Lions Clubs International Foundation at lcifdevelopment@lionsclubs.org.



April Is Leo Club Awareness Month

Lions are making a positive impact on the next generation of leaders by serving as mentors and motivators through the Leo Club Program. This April, Lions are encouraged to raise awareness of Leo Clubs and share information about this important youth development program during Leo Club Awareness Month. Get involved by sponsoring an Alpha Leo club, organizing a joint service project with Leos, or including Leos in any special events planned for Family and Friends Month. As an integral part of the Lions family, Leos will appreciate the recognition and support they receive from Lions.



A Little More Scottish

As Lion Brian is proud of his Scottish heritage, I thought I would share some of the research I did on Scotland while looking for something to write about Lion Brains Kilt. See the next page for that!



Scottish Flag

I thought this was great. A Scottish Flag with a Lion super imposed over it. Definitely reflective of our Governors Scottish heritage and his passion for our great organization -Lions

St. Andrews Day, November 30, is the official Flag Day in Scotland



Sunday April 6, is national Tartan Day

What are you wearing?

As near as I can tell this is The Closs Family Tartan

Scotland has one Lions District. District 105 NE, covering all of Scotland and the Northeast of England. The District houses two regions, West Coast and East Coasts and there are five Zones with 22 Clubs. No the Queen is not a member of any Lions Club. I wonder if she has been asked to become a member!



It has been claimed that 'a man in a kilt is a man and a half'!
(I think it was Lion Ann that said that!)

There is quite the history of the Scottish Kilt and many claims and misconceptions. It is now the national Dress of Scotland with different tartans representing different Clans. And to avoid entering the fray, we will leave it at that.



Earliest Illustration of a Belted Plaid

Last edition of the newsletter I had an over whelming amount of emails sighting that there was no page where the Governor Lion Brian got roasted and toasted. So this edition I doubled up on it! Some of which he unknowing couldn't help but provide!!! Roasting the Boss is one of my favorite musings!



So the Boss, Lion Brian, and I were sharing a few laughs with former bosses PDG Lion Andy and PDG Lion Myra over a pint or two, when Lion Myra asked him, strictly out of curiosity you know, “What does a true Scott wear under his kilt! He offered to show all of us but Lion Myra politely turned him down! “Thank God!” I heard Andy say under his breath!
Lion Brian said he had a ‘T’ Shirt printed that gave the top ten things a Scots man wore under his kilt.
Here it is, for the record! The ‘T’ shirt on the right is Lion Brian’s actual shirt!!!!

Here is what Lion Brian has printed on his ‘T’ - Shirt

**What’s worn under my kilt?
Top Ten**

- 1 - My Sox and Shoes of course**
- 2 – Nothing is WORN ...
... Everything is in working order**
- 3 -My furry pouch ... Oh Wait that is on top**
- 4 -A very fine set of accessories**
- 5 - My used beer dispenser**
- 6 - Good Girls don’t ask ... bad girls find out**
- 7 - My Claymore,
And it’s in need of good polishing**
- 8 - Lipstick when I am lucky**
- 9 - If you are brave enough to ask
You are brave enough to find out**
- 10 - I will show you mine if you show me yours**



The picture is a photo I got of Brian as he played his bagpipes in the ‘Robbie Burns Day’ Celebration in Minnow Lake.

Unfortunately a bit of wind caught his kilt as I snapped the picture! “It is a bit cheeky you think?” Lion Ann said of the picture!

Advice Blog



Our Governor Lion Brian never ceases to amaze me! I did not know that Lion Brian in his spare time has an advice Blog on the Internet. It is aimed at Lions over the age of fifty? It is called:
“A slice of Lion Brian’s Advice on being an old Lion!”

Here are a few of the questions and Lion Brains answers to them that I was able to cut and copy from his Blog!

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

Where can single Lion woman over the age of 50 find younger men who are interested in them?

Signed Lonely in the Sault formerly from Blind River

A: Dear Lonely River Gal,

Try a bookstore, under Fiction.

How was Florida By the way?

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

Signed Puzzled on St Joseph Island

A: Dear Rob, Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the Cabin in the woods. When you're done, you will have a safe place to live with your guide dog in training!

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the bible ... Is that true? Where can it be found?

Signed Doing it without, in Wawa

A: Dear Doing It,

Yes. In Matthew 14:92: "And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt..."

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

How can you increase the heart rate of your over-50 year-old husband?

Signed Concerned in Moosonee

A: Dear Moose,

Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly, wrinkles?

Signed Wondering in Chelmsford

A: Dear Wondering,

Take off your glasses



Q: Dear Lion Brian,

Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

Signed Serious in Chelmsford

A: Dear Serious,

Go braless dear. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

Why should 50-plus year old people use valet parking?

Signed Curious in Temiscaming Shores

A: Dear Curious,

Valets don't forget where they park your car. And by the way, who has Valet Parking In Temiscaming Shores? I had to park my own car back of the gravel pit that you call a parking lot when I was there! If you find it when the snow melts let me know!

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

Is it common for 50-plus year olds to have problems with short-term memory storage?

Signed Can't Remember in Honolulu

A: Dear Andy, You asked me this same question last week. As I said then, storing memory is not your problem, retrieving it is the problem. Could you write that down this week? By the way you live in the Sault not Honolulu!



Q: Dear Lion Brian,

As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

Signed, A Tired Secretary In Hanmer

A: Dear Tired,

Yes, they do sleep more soundly but it is usually in the afternoon! That is why I don't send you e-mails in the afternoon Jackie!

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

Where should 50-plus year olds look for eyeglasses?

Signed Can't See My Cash In Powasson

A: Dear Can't See, Please look on your forehead for your glasses!

And by the way Peter I have a couple of checks that I need you to sign.

Q: Dear Lion Brian,

What is the most common remark made by 50-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?

Signed Antique Annie, In Minnow Lake

A: Dear Antique Annie,

I have heard you exclaim this a hundred times Honey, you know, when we browsing the antiques markets, "Gosh, I remember these!"

**Hey! Isn't this another great
Newsletter!
Think you should mail it to your entire
club membership?**

**If you would like an article published in the
newsletter, send it in a MS-word document and
your pictures as a .jpeg file to**

**Lion Liam Brennan
lembrennan@hotmail.com**

**And remember when you send a picture make
absolutely sure it has the names of every one in
it**

**In the subject line, put
"For A5 Newsletter"
Otherwise it will automatically go to my 'JUNK'
folder.**

**Or if you prefer snail mail;
Type your article and mail it to:
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Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4V8**

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Next Newsletter is a post convention edition sometime in May

