

# LIONS DISTRICT A-5 NEWSLETTER

**LION GERRY BERTRAND, DISTRICT GOVERNOR**



**On behalf of my wife Catherine and our family we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the very best in the New Year.**

## District A-5 Governor’s Message

It’s hard to believe that the year is almost half over and and Christmas will be upon us in a very short time.

This is a very hectic time of the year for most clubs as we rush around to get set up for our various events that are put on by our clubs.

I had the pleasure of attending some of these functions and am really happy to see the faces on the people we help at these functions and also the pride our Lions show while they are serving their communities.



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*Service is beautiful. It’s love. It’s kindness. It’s charity in action. It’s spirit-taking flesh. It’s dignity, harmony, and humanity - not only for those we serve but also for Lions.*

*Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada*

**LION GERRY BERTRAND, DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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# Clubs' various Christmas Activities



Warren and District Lions Club Parade and Christmas Dinner

Whitefish Lions Donate to the Sudbury Food Bank & Christmas Dinner



Bonfield Lions Club Christmas Party



Sudbury Lions Club & CNIB Christmas Dinner



Sudbury Lions Club member – Lion Steve Brazeau  
Presents cheque to Salvation Army  
Christmas Kettle Campaign



Christmas meeting and dinner  
– Sudbury Teachers Lions





Minnow Lake Lions - Western Christmas Dec 17.15

Lions Walter Karen, Rick Lashuk Bob Wallace.  
Marg Jean. Bruce Kutchaw



Temagami Lions Club  
Breakfast with Santa and Seniors Dinner  
Setup



**I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and prosperous 2016. This is a time to look ahead with great anticipation for a year of good health happiness and great accomplishments in our lives. The past year has been a very busy time in our home as I am sure it has been for most of you as well - juggling home, family and Lions.**

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## *LOOKING BACK*

**My year started in July as Governor of the best District in the whole of Multiple District “A” comprised of 10 Districts. June found us in Hawaii for my Induction as Governor which is a great experience. I will never forget the awesomeness of being with 750 Governor elects from all over the world and being in a Conference Centre with 16,000 + Lions who have the same vision of serving those in need.**

**September was a time to hit the road having the pleasure of visiting the great clubs we have and seeing the many many projects that our clubs are involved in and meeting the numerous Lions Family that make us so unique as an organization.**

**I also must not forget to mention the food on these visits have been second to none.**

**2015 also found us as a Multiple District entering into a partnership with the CNIB to promote Sight Awareness and CNIB promoting Lions wherever they have an event.**



## FUN IN THE SUN

Christmas found us in a different setting this year on the beaches in the Dominica Republic; sun, sand, a few light beverages (Well, some not so light). I was a little concerned that Santa would not be able to find me at Christmas. But nevertheless, there he was on the beach Christmas morning greeting all the guests.



I must say that the two weeks were a very relaxing time. But it's always great to be back home. Now it's time to get back to work and continue serving.

Plans are well underway for our 2015-2016 District Convention which will be held in Sudbury at the Holiday Inn, April 15-16-17, 2016.

The Convention Committee has been working very hard to make this Convention a fun filled and memorable weekend. Convention is a great time to get together with fellow Lions you may not have seen for some time and an opportunity to meet the many new Lions who have joined us this past year. This year the costs of attending have been reduced so we can attract more Lions to join us and make this Convention a great success. Friday night will be packed with fun and excitement for all. The Saturday seminars will be very interesting and informative. So don't miss out on these great seminars.

Our Guest Speaker this year is Past International Director Randy Heitmann and his wife Kathy from Nebraska. I look forward to seeing you there and visiting our Hospitality Rooms to chat and have a few refreshments.

Yours in Lionism,

**GOVERNOR LION GERRY BERTRAND**

### Message from the Editor

*A New Year provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the months past and reminding us of what it is that we are doing as Lions and why. Our collaborated effort does make a difference in someone's life. That I truly believe.*

*Thank You, Lion Governor Gerry for your leadership and for helping us in becoming better Lions.*