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Change Hearts, Change Minds, Change Actions

Dear Lions,

It's no secret that the world is in need. One of the reasons I became a Lion was because I saw the way Lions were working in their communities to make changes. They were working to make things better for people. And that spoke to me. I wanted to be a part of that.

Today, I couldn't be more proud to be a Lion, working with all of you, every day, to meet the needs of others.

However, sometimes the problems seem so big it's hard to know where to start. How do we make the big changes needed to see a difference in our world?

We do it by changing ourselves. We do it by first changing our hearts, then our minds. And new actions will follow. We will lead by example. That is how we change the world.

In this issue you'll see stories that shine a light on a lot of the challenges we face, but in those stories you'll also see how we are changing, each and every one of us, in order to address

those challenges. We're saying no to single-use plastics. We're cleaning up beaches in order to build connections in our communities that will forge a deeper relationship between our environment and our cultures. We're building lighthouses to be a symbol of hope and guidance.

Change is never easy. However, once we recognize the need to change our hearts, we can change our minds. And then it happens. We change. And we create change.

This is how we make a difference in our world.

Yours in service,

Douglas X. Alexander

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International President, Lions Clubs International



Schumacher Lions

The Schumacher Lions, in conjunction with the Schumacher Arts Culture and Heritage Association, officially opened the Schumacher International Peace Park with a touching ceremony on September 21st, UN's International Peace Day. Twenty peace poles were decorated by different

nations and cultures in the Timmins area, and were unveiled in Schumacher Lions Park during the ceremony. They will stand, along with the Lions International logo, to promote peace, not only in the



community, but also worldwide. Park Chairperson Lion **Mark West**, along with local dignitaries and councillors, spoke at the event. He mentioned that the Park "has special significance as the first ever Lions Club Peace Park in Ontario." The Schumacher Lions plan on holding a ceremony every September 21st moving forward, to promote peace and unity, and other peace poles are planned to be added to celebrate all cultures in the region.

Charlton-Englehart Lions

The Englehart Lions are helping their community again with the donation of new playground equipment to the Charlton Beach. In the past couple of years, the club has donated equipment to playgrounds in both Charlton and Englehart. A beautiful symbol of Lionism and what we can do in this community.

At the same time, 1st VDG Lion **Bob Beaven** took the opportunity to present a certificate of appreciation from DG Lion **Anne Dechaine** to Zone Chair **Rhonda McCallum** for her service this past year.





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

San Diego, California, USA – October 28-31, 2021



AUDIT COMMITTEE

- The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- Denied a third vice president election complaint filed by Past International Director Rosane Jahnke, and affirmed Fabricio Oliveira as International Third Vice President for the 2021-2022 year.
- Reviewed the suspension of the district governor from 3233-E2 (India), removed Sudhir Kumar Goyal as district governor, and declared a vacancy in the office of district governor. Instructed the district to fill the district governor vacancy in accordance with Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-Laws.
- Approved the “General Incorporated Foundation Nihon Lions” as a foundation in Japan, in accordance with the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV, Paragraph A.6.d.3.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Approved in-person registration rates for the 2021-2022 District Governors and Council Chairs to be reduced to US\$100 for the upcoming 2022 International Convention.
- Approved the 2022 International Convention to include a virtual convention component.
- Approved international election procedures to permit use of an electronic platform for voting in person at the International Convention.
- Approved per diem for convention appointees and staff for the 2022 International Convention.
- Approved update to Chapter VIII, Paragraph C.5. of the Board Policy Manual, to include past and present trustees in the memorial service at convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- Recognized the United Arab Emirates as a provisional region and appointed Zone Chairperson Amer Bitar to serve the area as Region Chairperson.
- Appointed Past District Governor David Wilson to serve as the District Governor for District 105-N (British Isles).
- Appointed Past International Director Geoffrey Leeder to serve as Coordinating Lion for District 105-N (British Isles).
- Approved the redistricting proposal submitted

by Multiple District 325 (Nepal) to bifurcate the districts into Districts 325-C, 325-D, 325-E, 325-F, 325-G, 325-H, 325-I, 325-J, 325-K, 325-L, 325-M, 325-N, 325-P, 325-R, and 325-S to take place at the adjournment of the 2022 International Convention.

- Approved the redistricting proposal submitted by District 322-F (India) to bifurcate into District 322-F and 322-H to take place at the adjournment of the 2022 International Convention.
- Appointed Past District Governor Douglas Small to serve as the District Governor for District N-1 (Canada) for the remainder of the 2021-2022 year.
- Revised the Standard Form District By-Laws to no longer require the submission of a visitation report following club visits.
- Revised the District Governor Reimbursement Policy to cover the mailing of items to clubs when the club visit is conducted virtually.

FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

- Approved the 2021-2022 fiscal year 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
- Revised the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.
- Revised the Procurement Policy of the International Association of Lions Clubs.
- Approved the waiver of entrance and charter fees through June 30, 2022.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Confirmed the alternative plan for a virtual 2022 First Vice District Governor/District Governor-elect (FVDG/DGE) Seminar Days 1-3 to replace the seminar content originally scheduled for February 2022.
- Confirmed the addition of a second day for the FVDG/DGE Seminar at the convention in Montréal, making it a two-day seminar.
- Approved the addition of the Nepali group for the 2021-2022 FVDG/DGE Seminar and an exception of the LCIP requirement for Nepali group leader for this year's seminar.
- Approved Past International Director Sanjay Khetan as the 2021-2022 Nepali group leader.
- Approved an increase to the DGE Seminar gift budget by \$38,354 for the 2021-2022 FVDGs/DGEs.

LONG RANGE PLANNING (AUG 2021 MEETING REPORT)

- Received an update on the Lions International

Strategic Plan.

- Received an update on the study of the role of the District Governor and reviewed an analysis of the current methodology for District Governor budget allocation.
- Reviewed International Director endorsement qualifications.
- Discussed the creation of a Marketing Think Tank, and the approach to developing marketing skills, confidence, and competence at the club level.
- Reviewed election procedures for positions of LCI International Directors and 3rd Vice President.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Reviewed the PR Grant program and recognized the growth in the popularity of the initiative. This year, 32 PR Grants have been approved for funding, which has effectively exhausted the annual budget of US\$400,000 for the program.
- Reviewed a request from Multiple District 318, Multiple District 3232, and Multiple District 3233 in India to utilize surplus funds for the acquisition of office space to support Lions' activities, training, and other initiatives. The committee tabled a decision to review the request in more detail and to refer the request to the Finance Committee. The committee will review during the next board meeting.
- Revised Board Policy Chapter XIX to remove discontinued titles of New Voices Constitutional Area Chairperson and New Voices Constitutional Area Speaker from international protocol.
- Revised Board Policy Manual Chapters II, XVI, and XIX to align the name of the Marketing Committee with the previous decision.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Requested the Finance Committee consider an extension of the fee waiver.
- Reviewed progress updates on the Specialty Club Program.
- Reviewed progress updates on the Global Membership Approach rollout and data showing success within pilot districts.
- Reviewed and approved Membership Development Grants.
- Reviewed and approved the 2022-2024 Leo Club Advisory Panel.
- Reviewed membership investigation results

for the Lions Club of Mumbai Choice and recommends cancelling the club for reason of fictitious membership.

- Reviewed and updated several sections of Board Policy Manual, Chapter XXII to align with program updates and to support future program growth.
- Updated Board Policy Manual, Chapter X to add Multiple District 300 D Taiwan.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- Resolved to update Chapter I of the Board Policy Manual to reflect LCI's new mission statement, and update language to align with common use.
- Received a report on service reporting, including the number of people served, the number of service activities, and the percent of clubs reporting service.
- Received an update on advocacy events, including Lions Day with the United Nations and Lions Day on Capitol Hill.
- Received an update on LCI's Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists.
- Selected winners of the Top Ten Youth Camps and Exchange Chairperson Award.
- Discussed service programs, the development of LCI's global causes, and implementation of Lions International Strategic Plan.
- Received an update on the Kindness Matters Service Award.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- The committee discussed the 2021-2022 first quarter forecast versus budget for the division and requested further explanation

for the approximately US\$850,000 negative variance. The committee was satisfied with the explanation provided by staff on the factors contributing to the variance.

- The committee received updates on privacy initiatives and ongoing steps being taken related to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The committee reviewed an update regarding the ongoing plans for adopting International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001. The committee approves the security and privacy initiatives planned for the next three to six months.
- Your committee received an update on infrastructure initiatives. The committee was pleased to note progress had been made on three fronts: compliance, network security, and infrastructure improvements. The committee is cognizant of increasing frequency of security threats and is pleased to know this continues to be a top priority for the association.
- Staff presented a comprehensive update on the CRM project. The committee agreed with the recommended approach (Salesforce) and were excited that it offered a positive payback by year six of the project. The committee was pleased that staff will focus on delivering value quickly and look forward to updates at the April 2022 board meeting.
- The committee discussed the status of the digital products. Staff continues to explore new features and functionality requested by members. Staff acknowledged that all planned product work could/will be impacted by the Salesforce project and will keep the committee updated on any priority changes.
- Your committee had a comprehensive

discussion on the use of our digital products and the importance of increasing adoption and use of our products. This committee requests the support of the International Directors in promoting the adoption of the digital products.

- Staff presented data on Connect and highlighted recent usage trends for the application. Given the significant investment to support Connect (US\$350,000) and minimal usage (~2,500 sessions in the last 12 months), the committee advised staff to evaluate how to retire the application without causing significant impact to members.
- The committee received an update from staff on the mobile applications. There are concerns with the long-term viability of the current mobile platforms, with immediate action required for the Android application as it will lose vendor support after December 2022. The committee recommends discontinuing mobile application support until a mobile solution that works for any device can be implemented with the Salesforce project.
- The committee received an update on supporting the 2022 international election. Staff was directed to continue evaluating hardware needs for supporting digital ballots in-person.
- The committee met jointly with the Service Activities Committee to receive updates on service reporting and the adoption of technology products.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.



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Highlights of the Council of Governors' Meeting November 19, 2021



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The Council of Governors met on Friday evening, November 19, in our new "home", the Toronto- Markham Monte Carlo Inn. The change from our usual Saturday morning meeting schedule was designed to accommodate Global Membership Training for 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. Assuming that we are not in any lockdown mode, our Council weekends should return to our normal routine in February.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Council Treasurer Dave Hewitt presented the audited Financial Statements ended June 30, 2021, which were accepted and approved by Council. The auditors reported that the statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial

position of the Organization as at June 30, 2021, and the results of its operation and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations.

Administration Committee

In addition to its other duties, the Administration Committee is currently in the process of advertising for qualified candidates to fulfill the role of Council Secretary, as the five-year term of office for current Council Secretary David Mills will end June 30, 2022. Details of this position can be found on pages 7 through 9 of the Policy and Procedures Manual which can be accessed on the MD'A' Website.

Ontario Director, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

District Governors have been busy selecting qualified endorsed candidates for this important position. Interviews will be held prior to the Council of Governors Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2022. At that Council meeting, the successful candidate will be endorsed. Currently, the Research and Long-Range Planning Committee is studying a Council of Governors proposal to combine the roles of Ontario Director Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and the Multiple District 'A' Committee Chairperson. The intent is to improve lines of communication as well as effective reporting between the Foundation, the Multiple District and District Committee Chairpersons.

Multiple District 'A' Convention

Plans are well underway to finally have an exciting in-person convention. Please mark your calendars for May 27-29, 2022. The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener, Ontario. Registration forms will be forwarded to the MD'A' Lions Family in January of 2022.

Environment Photo Contest.

Chairperson IPDG Fred Arbour has forwarded Contest Guidelines to all District Chairpersons. Get your cameras out and start clicking. There are two categories: Our Natural Environment and Lions In Environmental Service. Each District will select one winner from each category at their District Convention and must submit their final entries to IPDG Fred no later than May 1, 2022. You can see last year's winners on the MD'A' website Home Page. Go to mdalions.org.

LION Magazine

The digital edition of the magazine will come out before Christmas with a second digital edition expected by March 2022. The digital edition can be viewed through the MyLion App as well as on the MD'A' website. The cost of printed editions can be helped if we find more advertisers. We have successfully acquired a new advertiser for the next print edition.

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF

The current balance in the fund is \$1,204,008.30 and over the last few years new grant payouts have totalled \$1,391,699.33. The bulk of these payouts have remained in Canada. In October, a grant of \$50,314.64 was awarded to District 55KN to equip a hospice house in Saskatchewan. Personal donations have slowed somewhat during the pandemic and Lions are encouraged to support their foundation, where your dollars are accepted at par. Huge thanks to the Bramalea Lions Club who recently donated \$100,000!

Lions Clubs International Foundation

As of November 2, 2021, a total of \$230,117,435 has been raised worldwide. Canada has raised \$2,518,233 and \$893,003 of that has come from MD'A'. A campaign strategy meeting was held on the weekend of September 24/25 and tools were developed to help push us over the top. Please consider a personal donation, also keeping in mind the challenges being faced by our fellow Canadians in British Columbia and the East Coast. Mark your calendars for June 5, 2022, when the second Tell-A-Thon will take place.

Opportunities for Youth

The Peace Poster competition is once again a huge success. District winners have been forwarded to Council Chairperson Dan Armstrong

who will make arrangements for final judging. Effective speaking Chairpersons met via ZOOM on October 17, 2021 to make plans for in-person competitions this Lions year. A poster and letter will be created that will assist District Chairpersons in contacting schools. The Petrolia Lions will once again host the MD'A' Effective Speaking contest May 6-8, 2022. Youth Exchange may finally be able to happen, and the biggest need will be to find host families. Youth programs are expensive, and it is important that districts and clubs support these valuable programs financially. Please try to find room in your budgets.

International Convention – June 24-29, 2022

There is never a better chance of attending an International Convention than the one in Montreal. The "Early Bird" registration form is now available so act quickly to save a few dollars. You can find the information required on the LCICON website.

A reminder to all that the official dress code for those marching in the parade has been changed. You can see photos of the dress code on the MD'A' Website. Click on Lions Promotion.

Lions Camp Dorset

PCC John Whyte provided an update on Lions Camp Dorset. Major improvements have been completed to the cabins and 20 new dialysis machines have been acquired. Covid protocols have caused a re-evaluation of the medical unit and engineers have advised that the building needs to be replaced. This will happen prior to the opening of the camp and clubs are asked to find room in their budgets to assist with the project.

For information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary David Mills at email: secretary@mdalions.org.



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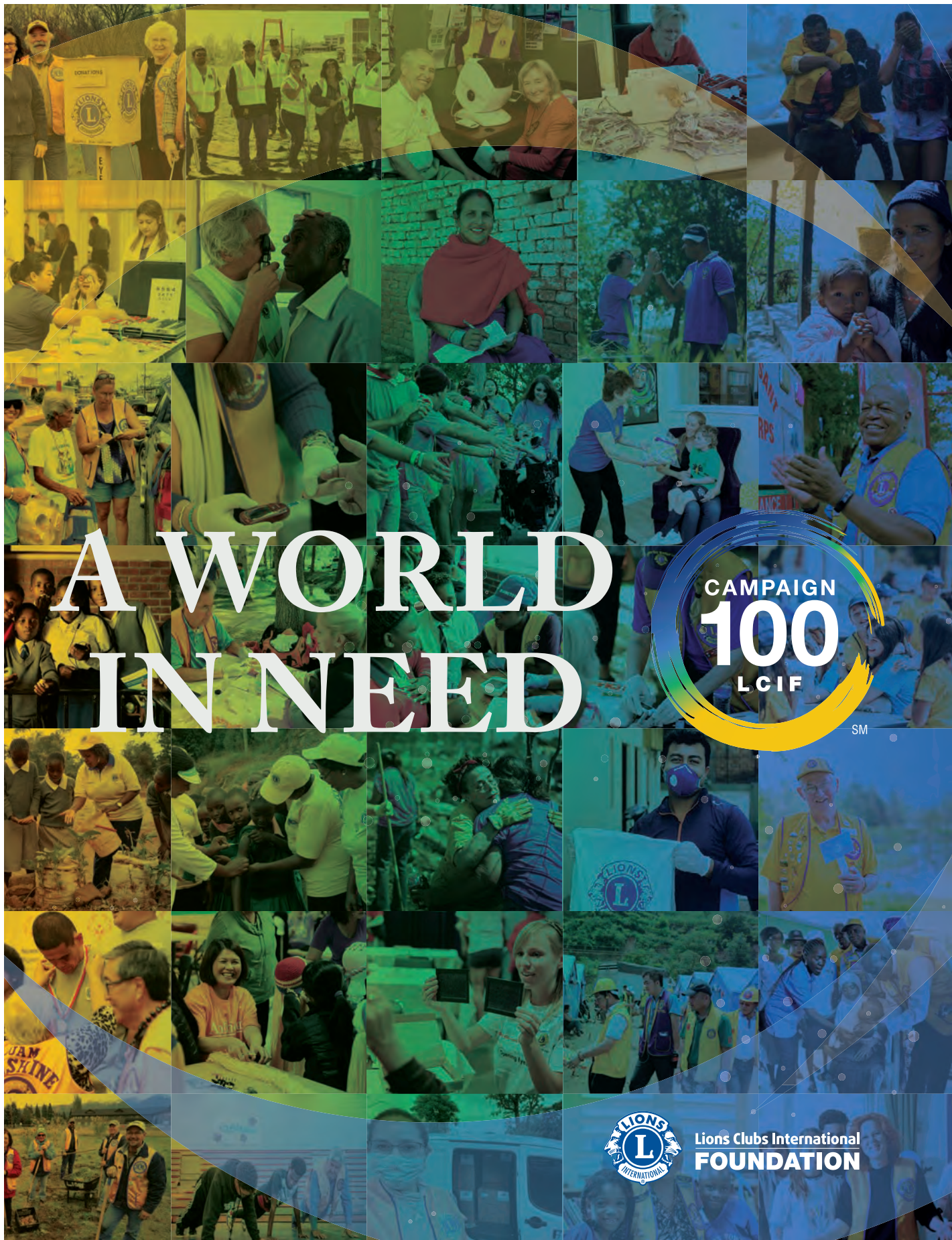
Dedicated Fundraiser – Commit all or a portion of fundraising event proceeds to Lions Quest Canada. Use your funds from bingo/gaming events (as allowed by your municipality).

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A WORLD IN NEED



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Dear Fellow Humanitarian,

As we approach June 30, the end of historic Campaign 100, I invite you to read and reflect on ways in which Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation, has magnified your service, my service, and the service of Lions and Leos worldwide.

As a community leader, you know the service of every member of our association, current and future, depends on ongoing financial support of LCIF. Thank you for embracing the notion that service means both doing and giving. Serving with our hands, embracing diversity, and giving to LCIF are what being Lions and Leos is about.

I hope stories of service impact on these pages, made possible by generous support of, and by, LCIF and our campaign, inspire you to participate more fully and to encourage others to join you in supporting Campaign 100. As you know, abundant limited-edition recognition awaits! Even more, I hope you will realize the importance of ongoing support of the foundation to ensure LCIF can continue empowering each of us to do more than would be possible without grant funding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Chairperson

Lions Clubs International Foundation

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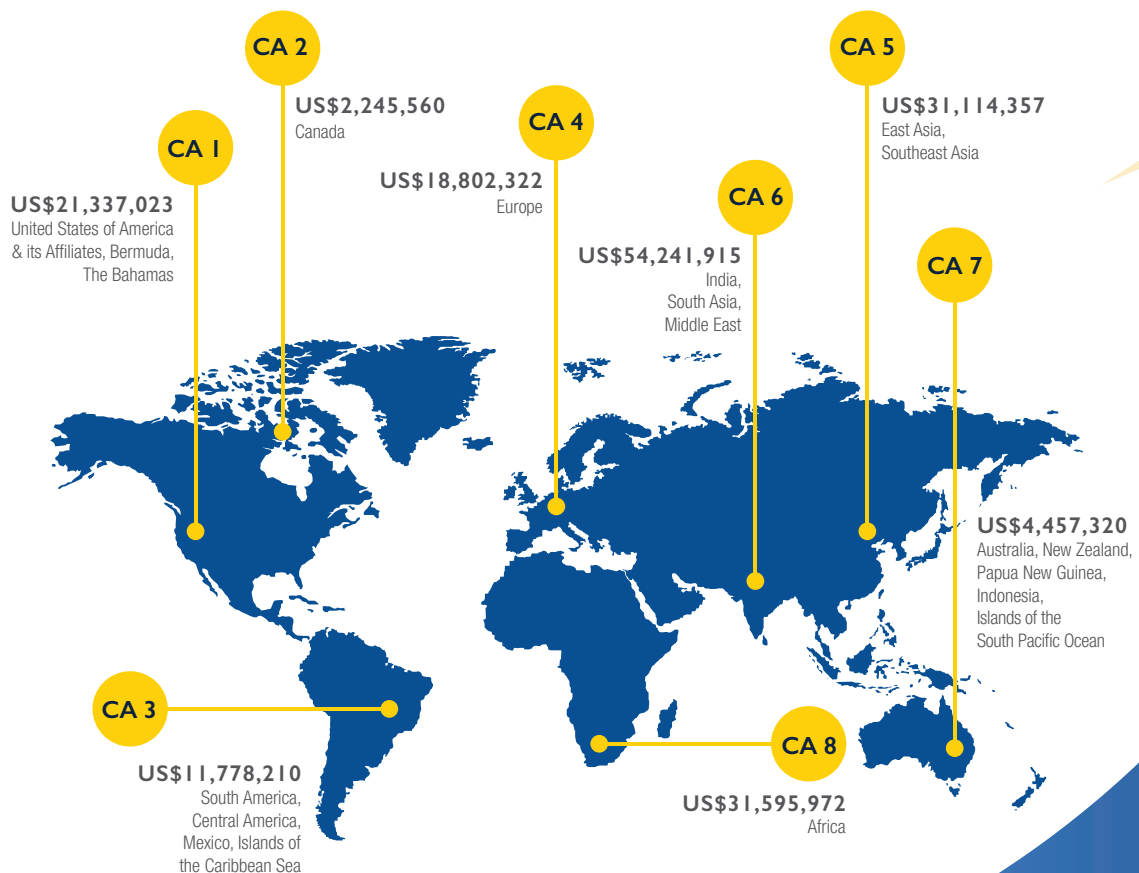
- 2.2 billion people have **vision impairment** or **blindness**
- Nearly one-third of **young teens** worldwide have recently **experienced bullying**
- **Weather-related disasters** have grown more than 50% over the last 40 years
- Each day, 300 people die from **measles**
- 1 in 11 people has **diabetes**
- 300,000 **children aged 0-19** are diagnosed with **cancer** each year
- ~1 in 9 people **lacks enough food** to be healthy and active
- By 2025, half the world's population will live in **water-stressed** areas

The world needs Lions.

MAGNIFYING YOUR IMPACT

Since the launch of Campaign 100*, LCIF awarded more than 4,100 grants totaling more than US\$175.6 million. Grant funding empowered you, and fellow Lions and Leos worldwide, to better your communities and deeply impact those in need.

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*Grants awarded between 1 July 2017 and 15 October 2021

Preserving the Precious Gift of Sight

Delivering a Brighter Future to Paraguay

Not long ago, eye care was inaccessible, and often unaffordable, to many in Paraguay's rural Itapúa community. In 2018, Lions began changing that, helping fund and bring to fruition Lions Club of Coronel Bogado Ophthalmology Clinic (LCCBOC). With US\$62,700+ in LCIF grant funding, **Lions equipped LCCBOC, making more extensive, permanent care accessible close to home.** Today, the clinic has modern equipment for diagnosing refractive errors, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and pediatric eye diseases. The new machines and technology are helping LCCBOC increase patient capacity 30 percent annually over 60 months, to more than 3,400 consultations a year. Patients needing treatment beyond LCCBOC's capability are referred to a clinic in Asunción, several hours away by car, with Lions funding transportation and care for those unable to pay.

Clear Vision for Years to Come

When a friend mentioned a clinic offering free vision screenings and affordable eyeglasses, 65-year-old François – who couldn't see clearly beyond 10 inches (25 cm) – hopped aboard his motorbike, traveling 29 miles (45 km) to the clinic. For obvious

reasons, the trip was treacherous, but François was desperate and knew the risks would be worth the reward. Bringing that life-changing clinic to fruition were LCIF and Lions in Burkina

Faso, who used nearly US\$111,000 in LCIF SightFirst grant funds to work with local partners to build optical clinics in areas of the country where eye care was unavailable or unaffordable. The project, which began in 2018, will screen vision for 124,000 people and distribute 26,400 pairs of eyeglasses. François' outcome? His first pair of eyeglasses, purchased for 5,000 CFA (just US\$10). **"I can see everything perfectly,"** exclaimed François, whose trip home on his motorbike was a far safer journey.



RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Since March 2020, LCIF has awarded US\$6.8 million through 385 grants for COVID-19 relief.

Our decade began like no other, with healthcare systems stressed, economies halted, and more than a billion people worldwide staying home, staying safe. Answering the urgent call was LCIF, funding your efforts to serve your neighbors while also staying safe. Through special COVID-19 grants, as well as District and Club Community Impact grants, LCIF empowered our kindness, compassion, and service as we delivered protection and relief during some of the world's darkest hours.

COVID-19 Frontline Relief Grants by Constitutional Area (CA)

CA 1	\$861,802
CA 2	\$80,000
CA 3	\$735,000
CA 4	\$1,682,259
CA 5	\$718,092
CA 6	\$2,325,939
CA 7	\$70,000
CA 8	\$373,825

*As of 15 October 2021

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Join Lions leaders, fellow humanitarians around the world, and LCIF to hear stories of service and learn how the Foundation empowers your important work through life-changing grants.



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FEBRUARY 4

Stories at the Heart of Service

MARCH 4

From the Heart:

Why I Give What I Can to LCIF

APRIL 1

How and Why to Promote Lions Quest in Your Community

MAY 6

LCIF Partnerships:
How They Benefit You

JUNE 2

Campaign 100 and Beyond:
What's Next

LCIF's Foundation Fridays webinars now offer translation to all official Lions languages.

Ensuring a Safe and Healthy Future for Youth

Building Better School Environments and Communities

In Merrick, New York, USA, students and teachers feel the positive effects of Lions Quest, LCIF's social and emotional learning curriculum. Launched district-wide, **Lions Quest is helping students develop confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills**, while fostering a sense of community, through ongoing fun, team-oriented lessons and discussions. Second-graders at Chatterton School enjoyed a lesson that required them to work together toward a common goal and then discussed what worked and what did not. In addition to benefitting students, Lions Quest is also positively affecting the community. Students at Birch School raised close to US\$3,200 for childhood cancer research after participating in the program's service-learning lessons.

Helping Struggling Families Cope with Childhood Cancer

Lions recognize that families affected by childhood cancer bear the weight of long hours spent enduring treatment, and feelings of helplessness and uncertainty about the future. **With support from LCIF, compassionate and caring Lions worldwide are helping ease the burden.**

In Utrecht, Netherlands, a US\$150,000 Childhood Cancer grant from the Foundation is helping Lions upgrade 87 patient rooms at Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology. An anticipated 4,350 families will benefit annually from the rooms, which enable parents, siblings, and caregivers to stay with children undergoing treatment.

A US\$32,000+ LCIF Childhood Cancer grant awarded to Lions in Kerala, India, is delivering joy to children stricken with a disease no youngster should have to bear. Grant funds are helping Lions establish a children's library, a conference hall for youngsters, and a small theater to enhance quality of life for more than 60 children each year at Malabar Cancer Centre.

There When Disaster Strikes

Rebuilding the Future in Southeast Africa

Pummeling Southeast Africa's coast, Cyclone Idai delivered a devastating blow in 2019. Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi all suffered the storm's wrath and sustained unprecedented damage and devastation. Nearly 1,100 people perished; hundreds of thousands more were left homeless.

With more than three million people in desperate need, LCIF responded swiftly, sending 200 tents providing much needed shelter and 700 water purifiers, vital to stemming the cholera outbreak that had begun. But there was more to be done. With a focus on restoring children's education and everyday lives, Lions used US\$70,000 in LCIF Disaster grants to help rebuild three schools and repair damaged classrooms in so many more. Steadily, once-obliterated schools rose from the ground. Steadily, classrooms rendered uninhabitable became safe once again.



Providing Rapid Relief to Haiti

Last August, a massive earthquake struck the island of Haiti. Two thousand one hundred people lost their lives, more than 12,000 were injured, and 53,000 homes were destroyed. Days later the country was hit hard again, this time by a strong tropical storm affecting relief efforts, which were already difficult due to COVID-19.

Responding quickly, LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant. **With the funds, Lions provided immediate support for victims**, including more than 1,900 food kits and 11,000 water bottles delivered to families across 33 underserved rural areas in South Haiti, Grand 'Anse, and Nippes.



A Message from Your Campaign 100 Leadership:

Be Recognized as a Leader Among Leaders

Lions and Leos:

We hope you're enjoying reading more about the many ways LCIF – our global foundation – empowers our service through grants. To award these grants, LCIF must have funding. That's why Campaign 100 continues through June. We're grateful generous humanitarians like you continue supporting LCIF. Because of you, we're moving closer to Campaign 100's goal of raising US\$300 million. But we need participation from all Lions, Leos – and clubs – worldwide. We also remind you that with just six months left in our historic campaign, time is running out to earn limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition! Read on to learn more about how you can continue helping LCIF magnify your service impact.

With gratitude,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign 100

J. Frank Moore III
Past International President
Vice Chairperson, Campaign 100



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



J. Frank Moore III

Your Club Can Empower Humanitarian Service

There are many ways you and your club can empower life-changing service through support of LCIF and Campaign 100.

Individual Giving

“For those who have already invested in Campaign 100 and your future service, thank you for giving – and for your ongoing financial support. If you have not yet donated, there's no time like the present! No gift is too small.” These words from a recent address by Campaign Vice Chairperson Past International President Frank Moore hold true today, through the end of our campaign, and beyond.

LCIF is grateful for every gift and also pleased to offer the Lions of Commitment and Empowerment program, which celebrates humanitarians whose donations to LCIF and Campaign 100 are between US\$3,000 – \$24,999. Lions of Commitment (US\$3,000 – \$14,999) and Lions of Empowerment (US\$15,000 – \$24,999) receive a special recognition plaque and pin.

Club Giving

Fortunately, there are many ways your club can show their support.

- **MODEL CLUB** - A Campaign 100 Model Club champions LCIF's cause areas and broadly promotes Lions, LCIF, and Campaign 100. *Deadline extended!* Clubs committing to the Model Club effort between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, now have three years from the date of commitment to reach Model Club goals and **earn limited-edition recognition**. Model Club resources: lionsclubs.org/modelclubs
- **100% MEMBER PARTICIPATION** - Invite fellow members to make personal donations. It's one of the easiest ways you can help raise funds for LCIF and Campaign 100.
- **100 I 100 CLUBS** - Earn special recognition by becoming a 100 I 100 Club, a club in which 100% of members give at least US\$100 per Lion year.

Celebrating Partnerships, Magnifying Impact

Just as the Foundation enhances Lions' service, valued partners and affiliates increase the Foundation's ability to give, so Lions can serve even more people across the globe. LCIF proudly marks two decades of partnership with two of these world-renowned organizations.

LCIF and Special Olympics

In July 2021, LCIF and Special Olympics launched a 12-month celebration of their 20-year partnership. Alongside the service of more than 22,000 Lions and Leos volunteering their time to Special Olympics, LCIF and Special Olympics have helped hundreds of thousands of people with intellectual disabilities, and their families, benefit from activities delivered through the Opening Eyes program, Family Health Forums, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles, and inclusive sports.

Learn more about their stories at:
lcifpride.org



LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision

In 2022, LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision celebrate 20 years of partnership that has resulted in the largest school-based eye health program known as Sight For Kids. The program prepares Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in low-income schools in four Asian, African, and European countries - most recently expanding the program to the United States in South Florida. Sight For Kids also provides teachers with training to deliver eye health education, perform visual acuity testing, and screen for common eye conditions. To date, more than 42 million children have been screened. Students identified with potential vision impairment or eye ailments are referred to healthcare providers for evaluation.

Learn more at:
lionsclubs.org/SFK



LCIF: Stewarding Donations Responsibly

Financial transparency is one of the most important assurances a charity can provide current and prospective donors. LCIF is committed to you and other donors, integral to making Lions and Leos life-changing, often life-saving, service possible.

LCIF stewards donor funds with a focus on **transparency, governance, leadership, and results.**

GIVE CONFIDENTLY

Donate directly at lionsclubs.org/donate.

Or visit lionsclubs.org/waystogive for other ways to give.

“My support of Campaign 100 and LCIF directly impacts Lions’ ability to serve. I give so children, families, and communities can be stronger, healthier, and safer.”

- Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada / *Past International President, Campaign 100 Chairperson*

OUR 100% COMMITMENT TO DONORS

You deserve to invest with confidence in a charitable organization committed to operational excellence, and LCIF is proud to share how financial contributions are allocated. Our belief is that in building trust, we build relationships yielding long-term benefit for both donors and millions of beneficiaries of your service.

Our *100% Commitment* to donors is this:

LCIF allocates 100% of your financial gift to grants and program expenses.

Like all charitable organizations, LCIF incurs three categories of expenses: programs, administrative, and fundraising expenses. Unlike most charities, LCIF covers 100% of administrative and fundraising expenses over the long term through investment income.




Learn More

Before choosing to help magnify the impact of 1.4 million Lions serving to address our world in need, LCIF encourages you to learn more about its commitment to donors to operate ethically, responsibly, and prudently. Access resources below, and then invest with confidence.

LCIF FAQ:
lionsclubs.org/LCIF-FAQ

LCIF Responsibility and Privacy:
lionsclubs.org/Responsibility

WHY I GIVE



"We know firsthand the great work of LCIF, which provided a grant in 1990 for a low-vision center we helped launch. Our area benefitted from one of LCIF's earliest Disaster Relief grants and recently from a US\$100,000 grant to help establish a hospice house. Over the years, we have personally worked with many dedicated LCIF staff who make wonderful programs and projects possible, successful, and worthy of LCIF financial support. Staff partnership, carried out in such a professional manner, assures us funds are utilized effectively and efficiently. We proudly support LCIF."

– Dr. Edward V. Cordes and Lion Gail Cordes, *Past International Director*

Setting Off a Ripple in the Community of Western Cape

by LCIF Marketing

Imagine feeling sick every day, new symptoms emerging, making it difficult to work, and care for your family and yourself. Also imagine having no idea what's wrong.

This is the unfortunate reality in South Africa, where 84 percent of people with diabetes are unaware they have the disease. With Africa's second highest number of diabetes cases, South Africa has a critical diabetes problem. The country is not alone in its crisis. Diabetes is a global epidemic.

Lions are familiar with diabetes' detrimental effects and determined to create change. With a Diabetes grant of more than US\$13,000 from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions in Western Cape, South Africa, are helping their neighbors live healthier lives.

Planning for Change

With funding from LCIF, 30 registered nurse Lions are being trained to become diabetes educators. With their new, specialized training, the Lions speak with patients about symptoms and management of type 1 and 2 diabetes, and prediabetes. They are also able to screen thousands of people for the disease.

In addition to facilitating this training, the LCIF Diabetes grant is empowering Lions to host 40 screening events at high schools across Western Cape. The Lions were able to reach 22 schools before COVID-19 restrictions put their activities on hold. The Lions are enthusiastic to recommence activities once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. In all, 20,000 students will be screened for and educated about diabetes. Approximately 6,000 educators will also be screened and educated,

ultimately equipping them to educate future students about diabetes prevention, symptoms, and management.

Starting Young

Diabetes education must begin when people are young and can learn how to prevent it or more effectively manage symptoms. By extension, educating thousands of students also means increasing knowledge among families of the students. The youngsters share what they learned with their parents and siblings, further spreading diabetes awareness.

A New Perspective

As knowledge is the best defense against diabetes, screenings focus heavily on education, Lions stressing the importance of a healthy diet, exercise, and symptom management. Screening event participants also complete a risk assessment. Those identified as high risk have their blood glucose tested. Individuals with elevated blood glucose levels are referred to a nearby health facility for further testing and treatment at no cost to them.

Continuing Support

Another key to managing diabetes is a dedicated support system. Lions establish support groups at each school

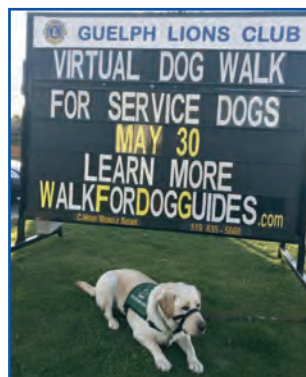
for students and educators diagnosed with diabetes or at high risk of developing it. Monthly meetings further educate participants on healthy lifestyle changes and habits.

In Western Cape, the impact of LCIF grant funding and Lions is just beginning. Lions will continue educating students and teachers in months and years to come.

(Please note that attached photos were taken before the COVID-19 pandemic).



Guelph Lions have a special member



their Dog Guides, including herself. It all can be viewed on the Guelph Lions facebook page, to go direct to their page use this link: www.tinyurl.com/2c2wc6mh

Lion **Beverly Gushue** is their designated Dog Guide ambassador, she goes to great lengths to support the Dog Guide program, in particular a virtual Dog Walk back in May which was an outstanding success. Lion Beverly has put together a montage of photos and stories about a few of the many success stories involving special clients and

London Central Lions

In the last issue of the LION there was an article featuring the London Central Club and their 100th anniversary and the completion of the sensory garden in the Lorne Avenue Park which was donated as the club's centennial project. The City of London has recognized the club's commitment to the community. The club held a celebration BBQ at the park recently and Ward 4 Councillor, Jesse Helmer, presented the club with a certificate of appreciation.



After diabetes diagnosis, one Lion makes it his mission to spread awareness

When Lion Pat Ryan was a child, his grandmother came to live with his family. One thing Ryan noticed quickly was that his grandmother had two different sized feet – size 10 on her right and size 8 on her left. The reason? She had all of her toes amputated from her left foot due to diabetes complications. This was Ryan's first experience with the disease, but it would not be his last.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 10.5% of adults are living with diabetes. In the state of Kentucky, that number is drastically higher with approximately 15% of the adult population diagnosed with diabetes and 35% considered prediabetic. Furthermore, Kentucky has the fourth highest diabetes mortality rate in the nation.

In 2014, Ryan himself was struggling with type 2 diabetes. He had developed stage 3 chronic kidney disease and was taking prescription medication to control his blood sugar, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. "I was well on my way to having bad complications due to diabetes," said Ryan.

Ryan knew he needed to take action to live a healthier life and gain control over his diabetes. Through major lifestyle changes including changing his diet, moving his body more, and seeking diabetes education, Ryan's blood sugar lowered, blood pressure normalized, cholesterol went down, and his chronic kidney disease was downgraded to stage 1. Today, he takes none of the prescription medication he once took daily and has regained control of his life.

Ryan's struggle with diabetes made him even more aware of the prevalence of the disease in his home state of Kentucky, where seven out of 10 people don't know they have the disease. When diabetes became an official cause area of Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in 2017, Ryan found his calling.

Lions adopted diabetes as an official global cause in response to an ever-growing global need for awareness, support, and prevention. In order to magnify the service of Lions throughout the world, LCIF launched an enhanced Diabetes grant program to assist with large-scale projects in the areas of diabetes awareness, education, access to care, screenings, and facility improvements.

With Ryan taking the lead, the Bluegrass Lions put together a two-year plan aimed at reducing the prevalence of diabetes and improving the quality of life for those diagnosed. With the help of a US\$67,500 LCIF Diabetes grant, the Bluegrass Lions have educated and screened thousands of Kentuckians, with plans to reach even more.

To date, the Lions have hosted 28 screening events, which included both A1C screenings and retinal screenings for diabetic retinopathy. More than 240 people with possible diabetes or pre-diabetes were referred to the proper medical professionals.

The events also encourage Kentuckians with diabetes or pre-diabetes to enroll in either the Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support (DSMES) Program or Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). The two nationally certified programs provide the foundation to equip people with diabetes or prediabetes to navigate self-management, lifestyle decisions, and activities. Evidence has shown that enrollment in DSMES improves diabetes outcomes and reduces health care costs, while enrollment in DPP cuts the risk of developing type 2 diabetes in half for those with

prediabetes.

The COVID-19 pandemic proved to be a challenge with many screening events canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to social distancing guidelines in the state. With diabetes being one of the pre-existing conditions that can lead to serious COVID-19 complications, the Bluegrass Lions knew they needed to stay active to keep their communities safe. They have since refocused their efforts on community awareness and plan to host more screening events this fall.

LCIF is proud to award Diabetes grants that support Lions' efforts like these to make an impact in their communities to raise awareness of diabetes, expand access to care, and improve quality of life for those diagnosed. To learn more, visit lcif.org/diabetes.



Vision

2.2 billion people+
globally live with
visual impairment¹

DELIVERING A BRIGHTER FUTURE TO PARAGUAY



Opened in 2018, Lions Club of Coronel Bogado Ophthalmology Clinic (LCCBOC), in rural Itapúa Department, had hosted countless screening events, an ophthalmologist periodically travelling to the facility with his own

equipment to provide basic eye exams to nearby residents, among Paraguay's poorest.

Though LCCBOC has been a beacon of hope and health for many who might otherwise lack access to affordable – or any – eye care, Lions knew an upgraded clinic could better serve their community. With a grant of more than US\$60,000 from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions helped transform the clinic with permanently installed modern equipment and technology to address refractive error and more efficiently provide referrals for patients with cataract, diabetic retinopathy, pediatric eye diseases, macular degeneration, and glaucoma. New equipment is helping increase the clinic's patient capacity 30 percent annually over five years, to more than 3,400 consultations each year.

"We've made comprehensive eye care more convenient and affordable."

"We've made access to comprehensive eye care more convenient and more affordable," said Grant Administrator Lion Daniel Dominguez. "Lions and LCIF have given our neighbors a precious gift."

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Seeing Things Clearly

Vision has been at the forefront of Lions service for more than a century. Though tremendous strides have been made, work must continue, as statistically, vision-related issues look like this in this part of the world:



Ranking among countries with highest incidence of visual impairment

Mexico = 19
Brazil = 11²



13%

of Peruvian adults aged 50+ have moderate to severe vision impairment³

In Ecuador, **7%** of blindness is caused by diabetic retinopathy⁴

THAT'S HERE.
GLOBALLY, VISION CHALLENGES LOOK LIKE THIS:

1 billion people live with vision impairment that could have been prevented or can be corrected⁵

US\$14.3 billion is needed to treat existing cases of refractive error and cataracts worldwide⁶

Unaddressed distance vision impairment in many low- and middle-income regions is **4 times higher** than in high-income regions⁷

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

More than US\$365 million in LCIF SightFirst grants have helped Lions show the world a brighter tomorrow. We will continue to be part of the solution, adding to this progress:

Visit lionsclubs.org/vision to learn more and access information about LCIF's **SightFirst, Matching, and District and Club Community Impact grants.**

9.3 MILLION
CATARACT SURGERIES
PERFORMED

2.3 MILLION
PROFESSIONAL EYE
CARE AND COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKERS
TRAINED

493 MILLION
DOSES OF MEDICINE
PROVIDED FOR
TRACHOMA,
ONCHOCERCIASIS

SOURCES: ^{1,5,6,7}World Health Organization; ^{2,3}International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness; ⁴American Academy of Ophthalmology



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.

Vision is just one cause area supported by LCIF and *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service*. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

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New Liskeard Lions

Sir Eric Campsall, the New Liskeard Lions longest standing member, was recognized with a 2021 LCI Centennial Membership recognition award. From the left presenting the award is PDG **Alf O'Reilly** and on the right is club President **Rod Burnett**. This is a significant award during LCI's 100 year anniversary. Lions Clubs International recognizes Lion members with this special centennial award to recognize milestones and service rendered to Lions. Congratulations Lion Eric on all you do for your community. PDG Alf reports that Lion Eric is ninety-six years young and still an active member, the unofficial "Sir" reference is in respect of his knowledge and experience in Lionism.



New Lions Club Charter Toronto Bona Lions

On Sunday, November 7, DG Lion **Sandy Heeralal-Judhan** attended the chartering of the latest Lions club in District A-711, the Toronto Bona Lions. This was held at the office of the Charter President **Carol Xu**. The Guiding Lion, **Cynthia Chu**, was there to assist and introduce everyone. On hand was Second Vice District Governor Lion **Ann Stevens** also assisting.

Lion **Wing Cheung** acted as interpreter who, after Lion Sandy read the message, translated it into Cantonese to ensure all understood. Lion Sandy completed the installation of officers, Lion Ann read the Code of Ethics, and they were also read in Cantonese. The new members are young Lions with lots of ideas. Also, part of the ceremony was DG Lion Sandy presenting to Lion Cynthia Chu from **Toronto Cathay Lions** her Guiding Lions Pin and certificate from International President Lion Douglas Alexander. Membership in the new club is twenty-five, congratulations.



St. Davids Lions

Celebrating their recent induction as Lions are some of the twenty-six St. Davids Lioness who are now members of the Lions Club of St. Davids and District Lioness Club Branch. During the first meeting of the 2021-22 Lions year a New Member Induction Ceremony took place in the St. Davids Lions Park. The ceremony was conducted by International Director **Allen Snider** who is also a St. Davids Lions member. The St. Davids

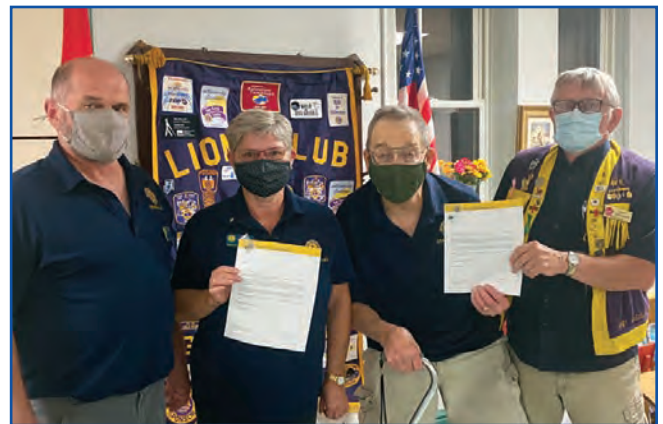
Lioness have decided to continue a long standing partnership with the St. Davids Lions Club as a Lions Club Branch.



Grand Valley Lions

Recently Grand Valley Lions President **Kevin Ewen** presented a 15 year chevron to Lion **Kathy Nussey**, a 45 year chevron to Lion **Randy McClelland** and a 50 year chevron to Lion **Jim Shaw**.

That's a lot of years of Service, keep up the good work, Lions.



Dorchester Lions - Port Stanley Lions CC Dan Armstrong

Congratulations to our current Multiple District 'A' Council Chair, Past District A1 Governor, sponsor, mentor, leader and friend, Lion **Dan Armstrong**. Dorchester Lions President **Michelle Mundy** presented CC Lion Dan with the International Presidential Award, given for outstanding service to Lions Club International, congratulations CC Lion Dan, you deserve this prestigious award and as your home club, we are honoured to serve side by side with you.

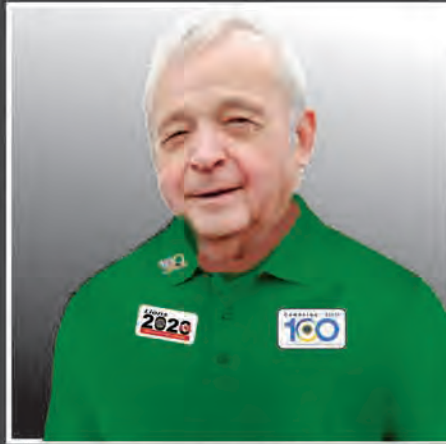
Port Stanley Lions President **Dave Marr** literally auctioned off his perennial moustache, closing off the service organization's monthly meeting with a Movember challenge. Marr invited colleagues to bid for the opportunity to

shave off his old 'stache and kickstart his personal campaign to raise awareness of men's health issues. Dorchester Lions Club Treasurer and District A Council Chair **Dan Armstrong**'s \$20 bid was the highest, as the impromptu auction raised nearly \$50. The international Movember Foundation launched its annual fund-raiser eighteen years ago, with hopes of helping men live happier, healthier, longer lives.





PDG James Johnston



PID Art Woods



PDG Jim Rohrbach



PID Garnet Davis



PCC Debbie Dawson

**September 24th and 25th
MD-A Campaign 100
Strategy Meeting**

Lions from across MD-A attended a Development of Tools and Strategy for wrap-up of Campaign 100. Led by Dannette Pryor from LCI, Area Leader PID Art Woods, PDG James Johnston, PDG Jim Rohrbach, PCC Debbie Dawson & PID Garnet Davis

Objective:

To assist and equip Lion leaders to get MD-A, Canada and the campaign over the top in the final year. A big thank you to those who delivered the training and the hard working Lions in attendance.



**Dannette Pryor
LCI Development
Manager**

**click here
to view
training
materials**



Probably one of the best, if not the top fund-raiser in MDA. There is a good chance the event will have happened before you see the digital only magazine on the MDA website or by using the MyLion app. Fear not, you can still donate using the methods shown. For more info and to donate go to: <https://www.ctvlionstelethon.ca/Telethon-History/>



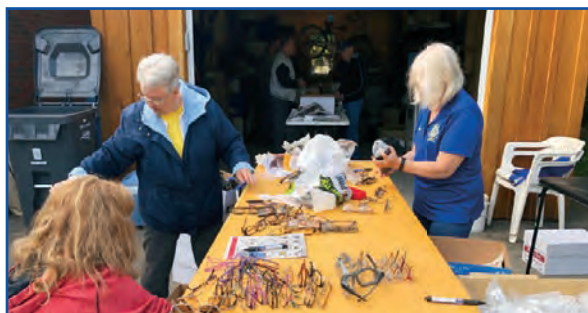
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click the links above to donate and the promo.....



Guelph Royal City Lions

Recently on a bright and warm Saturday, the Guelph Royal City Lions Club, along with friends of Lions, gathered to sort and pack the used eyeglasses, sunglasses and lenses they have collected since last year. This enthusiastic group of Lions and helpers sorted and packed 1163 pairs of sunglasses, 41 pairs of safety glasses, 177 pairs of children's glasses, 3,941 lenses, and 4,457 pairs of eyeglasses! Well done Lions and friends!



Woolwich Community Lions

The Woolwich Community Lions are extremely proud and grateful for the faithful service of our departed members who may be gone but are not forgotten. In their honour the club has placed a memorial bench at the large flower bed in the Elmira Lions Memorial Trail.





CNIB Lake Joe: Daring to Dream for 60 Summers

On August 17, 1961, CNIB Lake Joe, the only accessible camp of its kind in Canada, opened its doors to campers with sight loss for the very first time. CNIB is grateful to Lions – the Knights of the Blind – for helping to secure this piece of paradise on Lake Joseph, and for serving as volunteers, donors, and dedicated advocates. For over 60 years, CNIB Lake Joe has been evolving to provide a camp experiences for Canadians with sight loss and their families. With the ongoing support of Lions, we are making it possible for campers like Julia to follow and fulfill their dreams.

CNIB Lake Joe has been a “second home” for 49-year-old Julia Stevenson from Bowmanville. When she recalled her most recent visit during the new Holiday Week program, she gushes that “It was the best experience – just phenomenal.” Julia has vision loss from albinism and corneal dystrophy and wears corrective lenses. She underwent two corneal transplants and dares to continue dreaming despite the circumstances.

Julia began attending Lake Joe in 2015. At the time her orientation and mobility worker mentioned CNIB Lake Joe. Once she heard about this one-of-a-kind camp, she immediately secured a spot for the summer that year. Julia ‘built her own adventure’ during Holiday Weeks as this new program had a focus on independent activities including kayaking,

archery and the all-new climbing tower to name a few. A memory that stands out for Julia was when Eugene Chong, CNIB Lake Joe General Manager, asked if she wanted to take a kayak out on the lake. “The confidence he had in my ability to do it by myself meant a lot to me,” she shared. “At one point I just sat on the lake with myself and thought, ‘I’m actually out on the lake’ – I can’t adequately explain the feeling that happened for me.” Each visit to CNIB Lake Joe leaves Julia with a feeling of relief and relaxation. “I don’t have to worry,” she explains. “I can be myself and do all the strange things that I have to do to cope with my sight.”

To many, CNIB Lake Joe is a place that holds warm, long-lasting memories and for Julia, it’s a place where dreams begin. “I just turned 49 and in all that time I’ve never really dreamed,” she confides. “But over the years of going to CNIB Lake Joe, I’ve finally started to dream about where I could take my life and what I can do with the skills I have.”

Smash barriers associated with travel costs by helping to replace CNIB Lake Joe’s aging buses. We are seeking Lions’ support to raise \$160,000 for a new minibus to provide reliable, safe, accessible and comfortable transportation for campers. Everyone impacted by sight loss – adults, children & youth, and families – should be able to access life-changing programs at CNIB Lake Joe. In the words of Lion Peter Best, “If campers can’t



Julia Stevenson, guest at CNIB Lake Joe’s new Holiday Week program, scales to the top of the Climbing Tower in the new Adventure Zone

get there, they can’t go.” For more information, contact Tara Yellowlees, Manager, Philanthropy, at tara.yellowlees@cnib.ca or 416-319-5493.

Know someone who has a passion for changing what it means to be blind? Recognize them with the prestigious Colonel Baker Award and the Knight of Lake Joe Award or honour them with an engraved brick on CNIB Lake Joe’s Walkway to Independence. For more information, contact Sherri Helsdingen, Manager, Community Engagement at sherri.helsdingen@cnib.ca or 705-241-2907. Visit www.cnib.ca/lakejoe to see the ways local Lions have accepted Helen Keller’s challenge to crusade against darkness.

Capreol Lions

The Capreol Lions recognized the community service of the local media and presented a plaque to Anthony Skopyk of the Capreol Express Newspaper in appreciation for all that he does to support the club. Lion **Julie Smeltzer** presented the plaque. Lions and the community working together.



Sudbury Lions

This past summer, the Lions Club of Sudbury assisted the Elgin Street Mission with their fundraising BBQs. The Mission feeds the homeless and those with marginal income in the Sudbury community. They held the BBQs under the Lions club tents, which the club erected and dismantled every Thursday night. In addition, The Lions Club of Sudbury made a donation of \$5,000.00 to help the Mission feed even more people. In this time of Covid, those helping the homeless are needed even more. Thank you to the Lions Club of Sudbury for helping those that are on the front line in the fight against homelessness.



Charlton -Englehart Lions

A new member Lion Barry Daubs was recently inducted into the Charlton-Englehart Lions.



Lion Barry on the left and his sponsor Lion Rick Smith



Loyalist Township Mayor Ric Bresee, Amherstview Lion President Joan Benoit, Hazel Gilchrist of KFL&A the resident Lion in costume is Lion Wayne Weber.

In October Lions and guests participated in the dedication of the fifth Lions/Lionesses' Bench at Ridge Park in Amherstview. This particular bench

was in honour of the health care workers and volunteers of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington (KFL&A) Public Health during the Pandemic.

Loyalist Mayor Ric Bresee, a proud member of the Amherstview club, spoke of the heroes during the Pandemic and how it takes organizations working together to beat the Covid-19 Virus. Hazel Gilchrist of KFL&A public health spoke of the involvement of hundreds of volunteers that have brought us to one of the lowest Covid figures in Ontario. The wording on the Plaque reads: "This bench is dedicated to KFL&A Health Care Workers and

Volunteers." In our time of fear and anxiety there were those who faced adversity and uncertainty with devotion, emotion and steadfast resolve. They were our champions who fought this scourge. With their care we were able to reach the new tomorrow. With thanks from the Amherstview Lions Club.



Ten Amherstview Lions and two guests, Velma Holmes and Hazel Gilchrist of KFL&A

Elliot Lake Lions

During the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie week, the Elliot Lake Lions and OPP Officer Phil Young, worked hard to decorate and sell Smile Cookies at the local Hortons location. This campaign donates all of the proceeds to local charities and non-profits organizations. The Elliot Lake Lions received a cheque for \$7,342.00 which translates to 7,342 cookies. This money will be used for Lions local charitable projects including a large amount towards the MCTV/Lions Children's Telethon.

Lion President Roger Collett, Lions Leo Deveau, Gabby Mitchell, Robert Kerr, Ron Cadotte, Hazel Gallichan, Sharon Wood, Susan Kerr and Tim Horton's Store Manager Erin Brunelle. OPP Officer Young was not available for the presentation



Melbourne and District Lions



September was a busy month for the club. Lion **Neil Lambert** a club charter member became the club's first nonagenarian. A few days after his birthday Lion Neil was helping out with the club's second sold out drive-thru

Chicken BBQ. There were one hundred and sixty-eight chicken dinners served with all the fixin's. Also in September the club had a visit from DG **Val Burningham** of the Windsor Downtown Club, who are known as the club who made Lions Clubs truly International. The club presented DG Val with a token of their appreciation for all she has done for our club and all the clubs in the district.

Lakefield Village Lions

The Township of Selwyn had a "Beautification Project" that resulted in new "gardens" located in Youngs Point, Bridgenorth, Ennismore and Lakefield. Service groups at three of the projects volunteered to do the upkeep of the gardens, however the Youngs Point Gardens did not have this commitment. Thanks to one of our members noticing the need, Lakefield Village Lions Club approached the Township of Selwyn in mid-August with an "offer" that our Club will do the upkeep – and the Township "happily" accepted.

A group of members became "the gardeners" and spent many hours pulling weeds and reshaping the six gardens. There were several "thank you"



and "thumbs up" from locals – as well as staff and visitors from the Youngs Point locks on the Trent system which is very close to the gardens.

The "gardens" are now ready for the winter. Lakefield Village Lions have exciting plans for spring: Planting of perennials and spring flowers and toppings of new mulch are a few projects. Township of Selwyn will be placing, a sign acknowledging Lakefield Village Lions contribution to the community.

Chepstow and District Lions Club

The Chepstow and District Lions hosted their annual Walk for Guide Dogs.

In September, it was their best year ever. They raised \$12,147.00 dollars for the Lions Foundation of Canada.



District A711

On August 14th, District A711 held our 1st Team Building & Family Picnic at Paul Coffey Park in Mississauga.

Lions, their family and friends, came together for a time of connection and catching up with one another. Lions enjoy the food, sunshine, and company of their fellow Lions. Invited guest speaker, Mayor of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie, welcomed Lions and thanked them for their commitment to community service. Non-perishable food items, as well as hygiene products were collected. These items were donated to local food banks and women's shelters.

District Governor Lion **Sandy Heeralal-Judhan** thanked everyone for the tremendous amount of support for this event.



Dog Guide Calendars

The 2022 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars are now available through the Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Branch Club. This 12 x 12 calendar filled with high-quality photos for future Dog Guide puppies makes great wall art for offices and kitchens, hostess gifts, new home owner gifts, and Christmas gifts. All proceeds go to support the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and local communities. Order calendars online for a December delivery at:

www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends

Or pick one up from a participating District A15 Lions Club. Average price for resale is \$20.00.

Sauble Beach and District Lions Club

After waiting for seven months to allow the COVID situation to improve, Sauble Beach and District Lion's Club finally held their 40th year Anniversary on Saturday, October 2 2021, at Pinewood's Golf Course.

Sauble Lion President **Dr. Larry Schmidt** welcomed the attendance of District Governor **Jennifer Batte** and Lion **Frank Jacobi**, First Vice District Governor **Larry Irwin** and Marianne, Zone Chair **Richard Dreja** and Lion **Wanda**. Three PDG's (all members of the Sauble Club) were present.

In the course of this 'drop in' style of event, visits were also received from Member of Parliament Alex Ruff and MPP Bill Walker both of whom congratulated the membership on their excellent work over the past 40 years and presented to Charter Member **Jim Howe** certificates and documents of appreciation.

This day of celebration commenced with a 9 hole 'scramble type' golf tournament. The opening 'Drive of Honour' was taken by a remarkably spry Lion **Bob Richardson** (PDG). Lion Bob and wife Betty, were the original designers and owners of Pinewoods.

Victory was obtained by the foursome team consisting of Lion President Larry Schmidt, 1st. VP Larry Irwin and Marianne and Lion **Gary Wood** (PDG) whose amazing two-under par score made it appear that there was no other competition of note. Trophies were awarded accordingly. Much food had been prepared and/or donated by club members, and a tempting buffet was made available for all who attended.

Available to attendees was a 'Silent Auction' during which many items of interest and value were made available. Monies in excess of \$600.00. were raised, which when appropriately distributed, will assist in launching the Club into another forty successful years of community service. Lion **Catherine Atchison** also contributed some 'brain teasers' which added alternate viewing amid the silent auction items.

The 'Membership Drive' effort resulted in an enthusiastic new member applicant whose addition to the club will be very welcomed. In conclusion this event, held under the storm clouds of COVID, had a silver lining, including a potential new member, funds raised and community attention.



Minnow Lake Lions

Normally the Minnow Lake Lions partners with “Our Children Our Future” each year to give back packs with school supplies to families in need. This year the back packs were not needed so the Lions donated food items and gift cards to purchase shoes for each child. The club's donation provided shoes for fifty-two families in the area. The club also supports the groups Christmas Breakfast and their Fun Day.



Simcoe Lions

Fund-raising has been a challenge in the pandemic world and Lions have found different methods to gain the financial resources to support their community base projects. The Simcoe Lions are keeping pace with their annual 50/50 draw. Shown in the photo is Simcoe Lions President **Ron Keba** presenting community supporter Wendy Callaghan with her portion of this years event. A cool \$3,970.00! Congratulations Wendy!



Perth – Tay Lioness Lions Club

Perth-Tay Lioness Lions Club members marked a major milestone in their young existence, Charter Day! Tuesday, October 12, 2021 will go down in the Club's history books as marking a new beginning with old friends. A dozen newly minted Lions arrived at the Lions' den, located on the Perth Fairgrounds to mark the event.

Club President, Lion **Sue Matte**, welcomed visiting District officers and presided over the meeting's agenda with humour and efficiency. Vice-District Governor, Lion **Susan Tunncliffe**, swore in the inaugural slate of club officers, witnessed by the Club's district-appointed Guiding Lion, Lion Kristina Jensen who spoke of the opportunities for growth that await members.



VDG Susan Tunncliffe presenting President Sue Matte with their charter



Club executive: Rene Saumur, Lioness Tamer; Martha Kenny, Tail Twister; Ellen Visser, Secretary; Joyce Firlotte, Treasurer; Diane Walsh, Program Co-ordinator



Members Photo

Callander Lions

Congratulations to the winners of the Callander Lions Food gift card draw held in October. Christine won the grand prize of \$500.00, Kim Pye won 2nd prize of \$300.00 and Janet Pearce won 3rd prize of \$200.00. This was the first fund-raiser the club has been able to have since Covid. Foodland manager Joe Parrinton helped draw the tickets, with Lions **Brian** and **Helen**.



Russell Lions

Recently, Fellow Lions, family and friends gathered at the Russell Lions Ball Park to honour Lion **Jim Sullivan**, long-serving member of over fifty-eight years, of the Russell Lions Club.

A Lion's bench and plaque was installed in order to pay tribute to this outstanding man. His many achievements were acknowledged – he was a fine example of what it meant to be a Lion. He will be best remembered for his love of community and his willingness to help his fellow man. He was a tireless community advocate. The Russell Lions Club and the community lost a dear friend. Lion Jim's family were in attendance when



the stone was dedicated, they are seated on the bench that was part of the event.

Copetown Lions

The Copetown Lions recently recognized members who have passed away over the years. A project was undertaken to commission a memorial stone to be placed at the entrance to the Lions Community Centre. The stone has been placed as shown in the photographs. Names can be added as the need arises. An unveiling was held with current and former members in attendance. The Memorial Stone committee was made up of Lions **Bill Shewfelt**, **Doug Paddon** and Lion Chief **Dave Biehler**. Lions **Doreen Wilson**, **Frank Regan**, **Brian Bowslaugh** and **Joe Thorogood** prepared the site.



Orangeville Lions

The Orangeville Lions presented immediate Past President **Kris McBride**, pictured in the centre of the photo with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, President **Mike Walker** on the left and Vice President **Don Sinclair** with Helen Keller Awards. The club wanted to express their thanks for the outstanding leadership shown by Lions Kris, Mike and Don during a very difficult Covid 19 year.



Thistletown

The Thistletown Lions have been busy collecting used batteries, light bulbs, electronics and other related items which will be safely disposed or recycled. Helping the environment is one of the ongoing projects of the club.



Mountain Township and District Lions

and South Mountain, on County Rd #1. Young people in the community have been helping out and being exposed to the spirit of Lionism in the hope they will become members in the future.

As well the club has taken on a park revitalization project, supplying picnic tables, benches and greenery for the gazebo and a Lion's bench. The club is honoured to have the gazebo named after our Club. Many thanks to our committee of Lion **Terry Foley**, Lion **Sandra Shaver** and Lion **Frank**

Fata who worked diligently with the Township to bring this project together. Community serving community. As always we thank our community for supporting our fundraising efforts!



The Spring and Fall Lions Community clean-up project by the Mountain Township and District Lions has involved most of the club members as well as their family members, this has been occurring for over fifteen years. Club President **Tim Haas** has chaired this committee for five years and they look after eight kilometres between Highway #43



L-R: Dave Howard, Bill Vermilyea, Ian Bufton



L-R: Molly and Julia



Park Revitalization Photo: L-R: Mayor Tony Fraser, Past District Governor and Club member Lion Dave Howard, Lion Karin Ceelen Club Treasurer, Club President Lion Don Johnston, Chair of the Club's Park Revitalization Committee Lion Terry Foley and councilor Gary Annable. Missing from photo: Sandra Shaver

Gananoque Lions – Vice District Governor of A-4 Cycles for Pediatric Cancer

VDG **Susan Tunncliffe** of Gananoque Lions Club, for the second year in a row joined the Great Cycle Challenge to raise funds for Pediatric Cancer, one of Lions International Global Causes.

Every two minutes a parent is given the devastating news that their child has this horrible disease. Children should be living life, not fighting for it. So, to show her support, she raised funds to help these kids and support SickKids Foundation to develop treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

Susan set her goals as 1,000 km for this 31- day challenge. She was able to cycle 1,427.50 kms and raised \$4,153.73. Last year she cycled 1,010 km and raised \$3,549.80. Susan hopes to raise another \$4,000.00 to bring her 3 year total of over \$11,703.00 next year.



MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – November 19-20, 2021
- Council Meeting – February 18-19, 2022
- Council Meeting – May 28, 2022

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A-1	Sunbridge Hotel, Sarnia/Port Edward	April 8-10, 2022
A-2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 25-27, 2022
A-3	Best Western Plus, Cobourg	April 8-10, 2022
A-4	TBA	April 22 - 24, 2022
A-5	Holiday Inn, Sudbury	April 22 - 24, 2022
A-711	Sandman Signature Mississauga Hotel	April 8 - 10, 2022
A-9	Best Western, Walkerton	Apr 29 - May 1, 2022
A-12	Holiday Inn, 20 Fairview Road Barrie	April 22 - 24, 2022
A-15	Crowne Plaza, Kitchener	April 9 & 10, 2022
A-16	Holiday Inn, Peterborough Waterfront	Apr 29 - May 1, 2022

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' LIONS CLUBS - "Management Position"

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Multiple District 'A' Lions Clubs require a qualified individual to fill the position of COUNCIL SECRETARY, effective July 1/22. The M.D. 'A' Secretary shall manage the M.D. 'A' secretarial function as detailed in the M.D. 'A' Policy & Procedures manual under direction & supervision of the Governor's Council.

SKILLS & RESULTS AREAS

- Possess skills pertaining to data & comprehensive word processing.
- Experience in Office Management and supervision of personnel.
- Experience in Lions activities and functions.
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of the Constitution and By-Laws affecting M.D. 'A' and Lions International.
- Good knowledge of computers and programs to maintain and upgrade as necessary. Perform such duties as required by M.D. 'A' Governor's Council.
- Act as liaison between M.D. 'A' and Lions International.
- Attend as Secretary of Council and Committee meetings.
- Management of office equipment & operations. Preparation of M.D. 'A' Directory, documentation for committees, statistics, mailing of official notices, budget, budget control and financial statements in co-operation with M.D. 'A' Treasurer and Council Chair.

• Have an understanding of Lions Constitution and By-Laws and a thorough knowledge covering application of Rules of Audit.

• Possess Management and Administrative skills.

• Be a member in good standing with a Lions club in M.D. 'A' and have a good knowledge of Lionism.

• Possess excellent communication, problem solving and organizational skills.

• Attention to detail and able to meet deadlines.

This is a part time, home based position with varying weekly time commitments throughout the year. It is a five year appointment with an annual honorarium.

As Secretary you will sit on the the following committees: Research & Long Range Planning, Lion Magazine, Administration & Promotion. A detailed job description is on the M.D. 'A' website.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a detailed resumé no later than January 21st 2022 to M.D. 'A' Administration Committee, c/o PCC Kevin Banfield, Chair, 93C Atlantic Blvd. Waterloo, ON N2K 4L5 or email: kibanfield930@gmail.com

While all applicants are thanked for their interest, only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2022 Crowne Plaza, Kitchener May 28-30, 2022

International Conventions

105th	Montreal, Canada	June 24-28, 2022
106th	Boston, Mass., USA	July 7 - 11, 2023
107th	Melbourne, Australia	June 21 - 25, 2024
108th	Mexico City, Mexico	July 4 - 8, 2025
109th	Atlanta, GA, USA	July 3 - 7, 2026

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 15 - 17, 2022	Calgary, Alberta
Sept 14 - 16, 2023	Reno, Nevada

Fisherville Lions

In the fall of 2017, planning and construction of a 1.1 km walking track in the Fisherville, ballpark started. The track was built in memory of Tracey Hartwick who was killed doing what she loves, running. The Fisherville Lions Club partnered with the Love Be In Me group to construct this walking track. In addition, the Fisherville Lions purchased a Lions bench to go beside the track in Tracey's memory. Shown at the bench dedication are Fisherville Lions President **Walt Schaeffer** (standing) with Mark Hartwick and his children Taylor and Avery.



Seeley's Bay Lions

The Lions of Seeley's Bay and District have worked hard to help out in their community. Here is a project the SB Lions are working on this year. They applied for a grant from the Davies Charitable Foundation of Kingston and were able to donate \$8,000 dollars to Lions Foundation of Canada, Dog Guides. The club wanted to help someone local and found a deserving client in Kingston, who was waiting for a vision dog. The Lions Club was excited to hear about the grant. They have been holding a Dog Guide Walk in the area for 2 years now and wanted to do their part, so they donated \$5,160 dollars to the Kingston area recipient for a Dog Guide. Supplemental donations came in and the total now is \$16,160 dollars. The club is looking for more support and if you want to

help with this cause, please reach out to our club at seeleysbaylionsclub@gmail.com. All Cheques can be made out directly to Lions Foundation of Canada with Kingston Recipient written on the memo line.



Lion Jen Tidman and Lion President Alan Simpson

Waterdown and Mississauga Lions

Waterdown and Mississauga Lions have joined with Halton Region Conservation Association to restore Joe Sam's Park in Waterdown to natural indigenous plants. Joe Sam's park was a farm bequeathed to Flamborough and Hamilton Region Conservation Authority for a park. The Lions have joined in as partners and have organized tree planting sessions. The Waterdown Lions were joined by 711 District Governor **Sandy Heeralal-Judhan** and three Mississauga Lions on Saturday October 30. With

other community volunteers, they planted over three hundred trees.



Minnow Lake Lions

The Minnow Lake club decided it was time for their den to have much needed facelift. They got tired of looking at the old brown city building. After obtaining permission and paint from the city, the Lions got to work. Members with brushes and rollers came out and soon the old brown became blue with a yellow stripe. Then for something different, the club hired a local muralist, Monique Legault, to paint a Lion on the side of the building. The amazing transformation has already drawn the attention of many people in the neighbourhood. Beautiful work Minnow Lake!



Sault Ste Marie

The 2021 Big Blue Food Drive was held recently in Sault Ste Marie. The Lions were there for the drive and lent a hand. Our community donated a record total of \$58,062 worth of food to the food bank this year.



Lion Ken Montgomery and Lion Trevor Fisher and Lion President Cheryl Pavoni volunteers at St. Vincent Place



Multiple District 'A' Accessibility Newsletter

The Mission Statement

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"There is no better time to give"

Floodwaters force evacuation of Merritt, parts of Abbotsford and other B.C. communities.

The intense storm that bombarded B.C. has forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes, including the entire community of Merritt. Homes east of Lytton were evacuated as well. Lytton has already been the center of a disaster area as wild fires destroyed the town earlier this summer.

Our Foundation, LCIF, is accepting donations through our Canadian office to support relief efforts in the BC interior. The local District, 19D is preparing a grant application right now.



Donations must go through our Canadian office:

- either online at <https://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca/> or by mail to:
- Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF, c/o Stan DURWARD, Box 38, Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0.

You can target your donation to "Disaster Assistance- B.C.". Make cheques payable to "Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF"- note on cheque- "Disaster Assistance B.C."

Do not send checks to the District or make them payable to the District.

Please enclose a note stating the donation is for Disaster Services and include your Club name and number.

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Lion Peter Oswald
District A15 LCIF coordinator
lcif@a15lions.org (519) 537-0683
November 17, 2021

Sudbury Teachers Lions

Sudbury Teachers Lions made a donation of \$1000.00 to a local school recently. The money is to be used for indoor shoes, boots or other items that support a child in need. The Teachers Lions a speciality club whose main objective is to help children. Charities Chair, Lion **Brenda Legault** and **Jean Ethier** made the donation to school representatives.



Erin District Lions

The Erin District Lions Club is proud of its donation of \$4,000.00 to the local East Wellington Health Team, the community's local medical clinic. The donation assisted with the purchase of specialized refrigeration equipment needed to store the covid 19 vaccines.



Woolwich Community Lions

As cold weather comes in fast so does the need to get warm clothes and hot meals to youth experiencing homelessness. The Woolwich Community Lions Club collected donations for oneRoof Youth Services, which provides safety and support for 12- to 25-year-olds who are experiencing homelessness. Shown in the photo are (left) Lions **Nancy** and **Val** (right) with just some of the items collected.



St. Thomas Lions

The Lions in St. Thomas had a successful Lawn Poppy campaign and as a result they were able to present a cheque for \$5830.00 in support of the Veterans. In the photo are President **Evelyn Spiering** (Lions Vest) **Kathleen VanVoorn** (purple jacket) Lion **Hans Van Voorn**, Lions **Rob** and **Anne Neill**, Lion **Rosemary Kennedy**, Lions **Sarah** and **Wendy Pepper** and the Legion Poppy Chair **Adrian Williams**.



Norwood Lions

Norwood Lions made a \$2,000 donation to Campbellford Memorial Hospital foundation towards the purchase of a Digital Slit Lamp. This piece of equipment aids in suspected eye injuries.



Lion **Scott Stewart**, Special Projects Chair, **John Russell**, Executive Director Campbellford Memorial Hospital Foundation and Norwood Lions President **Lion Don Bryans**

West Hill-Highland Creek Lions Club Marking 77th Charter Anniversary

West Hill-Highland Creek Lions Club have been operating for seventy-seven years and they have been in their original location at the east end of Toronto since 1944. From the beginning the Club has been an important local presence by supporting Lions global causes, participating in and supporting Lions district initiatives. The Club is involved in the community by operating its annual Christmas Sale, the run for the Lions at the Lake Ontario waterfront, the Rain Barrel Sale, as well as making donations to the local food bank and awarding bursaries for eligible students of three local high schools who have excelled in volunteering in their community.

The Lions Garden was a legacy project planned and executed by the Club's members in 2009, with sponsorships from the City of Toronto and local businesses under the City's Neighbourhood Improvement Program – a permanent display of the Lions' efforts. See how it has grown!





Wilmot Lions-Lioness

The New Hamburg Lions club, now the Wilmot Lions-Lioness Club, were extremely proud to present the final \$12,000.00

cheque in September to the Wilmot Mayor Les Armstrong to complete our pledge of \$60,000.00 to the Wilmot Splash Pad Building fund. This was an exciting project and one of the largest undertaken by our members.

Earlier this year, The New Hamburg Lions, New Hamburg Lioness and St Agatha Lions announced the clubs had merged to form the Wilmot Lions/Lioness. Each of the clubs have enjoyed long standing relationships in their respective communities. The New Hamburg

Lions were established in 1967, The New Hamburg Lioness in 1980 and the St. Agatha Lions in 1983 giving many years of combined community service.



Westport Lions

Donate \$25,000 to Refurbish Palliative Care Room at Perth Hospital

L-R: Lions Dorothy Maynard, Larry Arsenault, Marty Hawkins, Jim Scala, Cheryl Couper Scala, Margot Hallman representing Perth Hospital, Lions Wayne Bent, Michael Harris, Barb Fritz, George Jones and Jim McGlade present a cheque for \$25,000 to Palliative Care Unit at the Perth Hospital



Rockton Lions

The Rockton Lions, like all clubs during these tough Covid times, has struggled to raise money.

One reasonably successful venture was having a series of bottle and can drives. The local community has been very supportive in dropping off their beer cans, bottles and liquor bottles. The money earned from these events have been put back into the community.

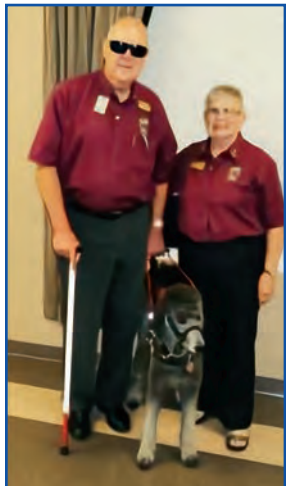
Our most recent bottle drive was November 13th. Ten days before the event, it was brought to our attention that a young lad, Nick Malone of Waterdown, was collecting bottles and cans as a fund-raiser for McMaster Children's Hospital. He set a goal of \$5000. Nick was doing this for two reasons. The first was to work towards his volunteer hours at high school. The biggest reason was that he wanted to do something to give back to the organization that has helped him so much. In June Nick was diagnosed with a brain tumor. When the club heard about Nick and his campaign, it was decided to channel the funds raised from our bottle drive to support Nick and his efforts. Nick was presented with a cheque for \$1903.50, this helped Nick to surpass his goal.



L-R: Lion Pat Evangelista, Lion Chief Gary Lloyd and Nick Malone

Ariss and Maryhill, Elora and Belwood Lions

All facts and figures are in and the Lions Foundation of Canada PetValu Walk for Dog Guides held virtually across Canada for the second year with one hundred and eighty-five walks taking place that involved one thousand four hundred and twelve walkers that raised \$818,456.50 on the 2021 walk. The Foundation's annual walks over thirty-six years have raised over \$17 million dollars, owing to the wonderful generosity of community businesses, Lions, family, friends and other service-minded individuals. Otis and I, the Ariss and Maryhill, Elora and Belwood Lions added \$12,190.30 which brought our total in seven walks to \$52,240.35.



The Foundation's facilities were closed because of Covid-19 but were still able, through the dedicated efforts of training staff who took dogs home with them, to continue

their training to virtually graduate service dog guides. Foster families were able to do a drive-through pickup of the new puppies and begin their training. Since the first dog graduated in 1985, over thirty-five hundred have been trained, graduated, and placed in service. Today across Canada there are one thousand four hundred active teams working together.

Although Lion Hilda and I are in our early 80's it is our intention to once again hold Larry and Otis's 8th walk for dog guides in 2022. We are expanding our time frame for requesting support to spread out the work load for Lion Hilda. Donations can be made by using the following link:

www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/larrywainwright/pet-valu

As we prepare this "Thank You" it seems so little to say. Hilda, Otis and I appreciate the tremendous support, encouraging words and friendship received from those supporting us.

Yours in Lions service

Lions Larry and Hilda Wainwright and Otis

Ariss and Maryhill Lions



Haliburton and District



On Friday November 26th the Lions of Haliburton and District were on hand for the Santa Claus parade. The lifting of Covid restrictions made it possible for the parade to go on in a normal fashion. And what a great night it was, featuring a float built and maintained by club members.

The Haliburton club is very active in the community as witnessed by their facebook and web pages. You can review some of their activities by going to the link shown or by clicking on the parade photo.

<https://www.haliburtonlions.com/haliburton-santa-float> OR <https://tinyurl.com/3pyx8fwj>



Belle River Lions

Last August there was a major gas explosion in Wheatley that badly damaged buildings in town and injured upwards of 20 people, an evacuation took place as well. The Belle River Lions responded by making a donation to the Wheatley Food Bank to help ease the immediate need and also to help out with the coming Thanksgiving celebrations.



L-R: Todd Fulmer (Volunteer at Food Bank), Lion Mary and President Lion Steve Mahovich from the Belle River Lions Club

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I have been asked to share my experience as International Director and in this short time I've found it to be very enlightening. After attending the first ever virtual convention, which I might add was extremely well done, there were still lots of Zoom Meetings, phone calls and the Canadian Conversation to participate in every month. The anticipation of going to the USA-Canada Forum in Des Moines started to build! This would not only be our first time travelling since the Spokane Forum, but an opportunity to meet with other first year Directors and second year. It's amazing how quickly you're made to feel at home, develop friendships and become part of the bigger Lion's family. The energy, positivity and enthusiasm were obvious. One of the reasons was our newly elected President Douglas X. Alexander.

President Doug is a dedicated caring Lion and we are fortunate to have him as our Leader in these uncertain times. His motto "Service from the Heart" is the framework in which all Lions can follow as we start to meet again in person. This will be beneficial in planning our service projects both at home and around the world. His guidance and passion is better than any vaccine, giving our organization a much needed "shot" in the arm! His inspiration is re-energizing Lions and Leos to step up service, assisting the less fortunate to achieve a better life and have "Each One Bring One."

President Alexander asked me to be a Board Liaison for the USA-Canada Forum 2022 which will be held in Calgary. I attended the first of four meetings at the end of October. The Executive and Host Committee's planning is moving right along and promises to be a great educational, inspirational and entertaining Forum. You can feel the excitement that originated at the registration booth in Des Moines! Calgary is a dynamic city and I encourage all attendees to arrive a few days early or stay a few days later and take in the amazing Canadian Rockies, Banff, Lake Louise and a host of other scenic vistas.

As your 2021 -2023 Canadian International Director I had the opportunity to attend my first, in-person, LCI Board Meeting in beautiful San Diego, California. What an experience it was seeing first hand the hard work and dedication of these elected and appointed Lions and Staff. The behind the scenes workings of Lions International that we so often take for granted, was impressive to say the least. My committee meetings on Finance and Operations were both interesting and in-depth. Just a reminder, the waiver of new member and charter dues has been extended to June 2022.

Lion Susan and I, had the opportunity to support President Alexander's environmental service project on Catalina Island. With the assistance of the Avalon Lions and the Catalina Conservancy, we collectively planted 10 trees atop a 1450-foot summit in Haypress Park. We planted a Lemonade Berry tree and it was suggested that we return in a few years to witness the fruits of our efforts.

As your International Director, I encourage you to continue, and sometimes dig a little deeper, to support our Lions Club International Foundation. Campaign 100, "LCIF Empowering Service" has set a goal of raising \$300 million dollars. With the remainder of only \$70 million left to raise by the end of the year, June 30th, 2022.

WE CAN DO THIS! Please consider donating or pledging, either by club or personally, to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF to help in reaching this goal.

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