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# We are the Good Things



Hello Lions!

In Minnesota, even though December is cold and dark, our hearts are never more warm and filled with light than they are during this time. It's in December that we share meals with loved ones and find ways to connect with friends we haven't seen all year. We look for ways to give to those in need. And we are thankful, more than ever, for not only the things we have, but the ways in which we are able to help those who need us.

Besides my family, there is nothing in this world I'm more thankful for than the ability to serve others. I am honored to serve soup to the homeless, build parks and community gardens, and invest in the care of our environment. I am humbled by the people who allow me into their lives so that I may give to them a small portion of what the world has given to me.

Lions, as we near the end of the calendar year and start thinking about our hopes for the new year, let's not forget about the people we serve. Let's remember that we are all hoping for good things in our lives—and that we are the good things in our lives. Our loved ones, our fellow Lions, and those we serve.

Make a great day,

*Brian E. Sheehan*

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**International President, Lions Clubs International**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA – October 3-6, 2022**



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### AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Received a preliminary draft of The International Associations of Lions Clubs audited financial statements and report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
- Received an updated risk assessment, internal audit plan, and internal audit overview presentation from staff.

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- Reinstated Lion Sree Vidhya as district governor for the remainder of the 2022-2023 year and prohibit removal of any current district cabinet members without a majority vote of the district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor.
- Confirmed action of Dr. Anono Dodzi Komlan related to LCIF grant funds as conduct unbecoming a Lion and prohibited membership as a Lion in the future.
- Confirmed willful failure of Roland Dunham to comply with association policy as conduct unbecoming a Lion and prohibited membership as a Lion in the future.
- Cancelled the charter of the New London Black Heritage Lions Club for failing to meet the obligations of a Lions club.
- Required clubs in the undistricted area of northern Cyprus to confirm they will not associate with an unauthorized "federation" on or before November 30, 2022 and confirmed failure to comply will result in club cancellation.
- Affirmed a proposed amendment to the International By-Laws, Article II, Section 3 to remove the requirement of a district to have 35

clubs and 1,250 members in order to be eligible to endorse a candidate.

### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- Discussed and approved per diem allocations for Presidential Convention Appointees who qualify for reimbursement and headquarter staff supporting the Lions Clubs International Convention.
- Discussed and approved the 2023 Line of March for the Parade of Nations.
- Discussed and approved a request from Third Vice President A. P. Singh to allow the Multiple Districts of India to march together.
- Reviewed and approved updating Chapter VIII of the Lions Clubs International Board Policy to better reflect how the Parade of Nations is organized at the Lions Clubs International Convention.

### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- Appointed Past District Governor Gina Detviler (District 5-M6) and Robyn Falloon District 201-V14 to serve in the position of District Governor for the remainder of the 2022-2023 year.
- Approved the following redistricting proposals for next fiscal year.
  - District 308-A1 (Singapore) to become Single District 309.
  - District 308-B1 (Malaysia) to bifurcate into District 308-B1 and District 308-B3.
  - District 3232-B1 (India) to bifurcate into District 3232-B1 and District 3232-B3.
  - District 3232-B2 (India) to bifurcate into

District 3232-B2 and District 3232-B4.

District 3231-A2 (India) to bifurcate into District 3231-A2 and District 3231-A4.

District 324-L (India) to bifurcate into District 324-L and District 324-N.

Multiple District 19 (USA/Canada) to reduce the number of districts from 9 district to 5 districts resulting in Districts 19-L, 19-I, 19-O, 19-N, and 19-S.

- Approved the following district name changes for next fiscal year
    - District 300D-3 (China, Taiwan) be known as District 300D-1.
    - District 300D-5 (China, Taiwan) be known as District 300D-2.
    - Proposed District 300C-5 (China, Taiwan) scheduled to take place at the close of the 2023 International Convention, be renamed District 300C-3.
  - Amended the Standard Form Club Constitution Article III, section 3. by adding the phrase "Any elected officer must be removed from office as provided in Article 7, Section 2 of this constitution prior to forfeiture of membership under this section." as the final sentence of the section.
- ### FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE
- Approved the FY 2022-2023 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
  - Approved placing Argentina on modified protective status through April 2023 with reviews to occur at the 2022-2023 board meetings.

- Approved the Master Services Agreement between Balaji Enterprise and The International Association of Lions Clubs for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024,
- Revised the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.
- Revised Chapter IX, District Officers & Organization, of Board Policy.
- Revised Chapter XIV, Leadership Development, of Board Policy.
- Revised Chapter XXI, Travel and Expense Reimbursement, of Board Policy.

#### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Confirmed the schedule for the First Vice District Governor/District Governor-elect (FVDG/DGE) Seminar Days 1-3 scheduled for February 2023.
- Approved a revised plan for the future revisions to the Second Vice District Governor and First Vice District Governor/District Governor-elect training program.
- Approved a five-year extension of the Q Center contract to accommodate the First Vice District Governor/District Governor-elect seminar for 2025 through 2029.

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING (AUGUST 2022 MEETING REPORT)

- Received an update on the Lions International Strategic Plan.
- Discussed the process by which the International Board of Directors recommends a candidate for the position of International Third Vice President.
- Discussed opportunities for younger voices to provide increased input in board discussions.
- Discussed the impact of discounted membership types, including the financial impact to the association, and the potential risk of misuse to influence delegate counts.
- Reviewed the benefits currently offered to districts who achieve a minimum of 35 clubs and 1,250 members, or who have demonstrated membership growth, and discussed ways to incentivize and reward growth in the future.
- Discussed how recommendations from the marketing think tank can be incorporated into marketing and leadership development plans.

#### MARKETING COMMITTEE

- Reviewed a post-report on the Marketing Grant program (formerly PR Grants) from the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- Received and approved 13 Marketing Grants requests. During these board meetings, the committee reviewed five new grants for consideration, approving four.

- Approved a funding request by the Lions of India to support public relations efforts for India Advocacy Day.
- Received updates on new and existing programs such as the Executive Officer PR program, use of Instagram Reels, social media content calendars, and social channel performance.
- Received updates on strategic messaging guidelines, use cases, brand guidelines, communication plans, digital and commercial promotions, including the new “Lions International” commercial in development.
- Reviewed the Vital Directory publication and approved a series of format adjustments. Further, requested staff evaluate moving the publication to a digital product in the future.
- Reviewed and approved updates to website navigation to increase menu usability and the ability for members to find the content they seek on lionsclubs.org.

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Discussed discounted member types, and requested language be drafted to amend policy preventing discounted member types be used to influence elections through the delegate formula.
- Approved the slate of 2023-2025 Leo Club Program advisory panelists, noting vacancies would be filled at the March 2023 board meeting.
- Cancelled the clubs formed in June 2021 for election purposes in district 3234 D2.
- Placed district 3234 D2 in a moratorium, preventing elections until membership misuse is resolved through the guidance of a Coordinating Lion.
- Reiterated that clubs must be formed within a district, and all the members of the club must belong to the same district.
- Discussed options to explore to further encourage new club chartering.
- Updated Leo Club Program policy to align policy with current business practices.
- Removed the requirement for district approval when two or more clubs cosponsor a Leo club. This aligns approval requirements for cosponsored clubs to be the same as Leo clubs with a single Lions club sponsor.
- Corrected board policy from CMNI (Saipan) to CNMI (Saipan).

#### SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- Resolved to adopt Lions KidSight USA as a service program of Lions Clubs International.
- 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 initiatives, including Lions Day with the United Nations, Lions Day on Capitol Hill and Parliament Hill, and a marketing and advocacy campaign in development by the Lions Council of India.
- Discussed global causes and service programs, including support for refugees and displaced persons.
- Received an update on Lions-Elevance Health Volunteer Days.
- Received an update on Celebrate Community, the annual event during which members of Kiwanis International, Lions International, Optimists International, and Rotary International engage in service activities together.
- Reviewed the nominations for the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award, and selected winners.

#### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- Reviewed the 2021-2022 actual results and the 2022-2023 first quarter forecast for the Technology Division.
- Reviewed updates on privacy initiatives, ongoing steps being taken related to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and requested that staff continue the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001 compliance project without formal certification.
- Received a comprehensive update on the Salesforce projects, including the core constituent relationship management (CRM) and the new digital member experience.
- Met jointly with Marketing Committee and discussed: the Salesforce project status, communicating the Salesforce change to members, branding the new member experience, and a new website navigation proposal.
- Discussed change management and member engagement approach needed to minimize the impact associated with a change to the digital member experience.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Highlights of the Council of Governors' Meeting

### November 19, 2022



#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

59% of clubs have paid their MDA dues. Please check that your club dues owing to MDA are up to date. The Council of Governors has received and approved the June 30, 2022, year-end audited financial statements.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

The Four Core Principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act is Dignity, Independence, Integration, and Equal Opportunity. A reminder that the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act will be in place for 2025. It will be important to be compliant of this new legislation which will be fully enacted into law.

#### CHILDHOOD CANCER

During a Childhood Cancer Chair Zoom meeting, we welcomed Hope Russell-Pottage and her daughter Lillian, who is a cancer survivor. Hope is a busy Mom of three and married to Cameron, and lives in Oro-Medonte. Hope's daughter Lillian is quite the brave and inspiring young lady, and a 2x leukemia warrior.

Lillian started a PJ Fundraiser. Her goal was to collect 1536 pairs of pajamas - which represents one pair for every day she was in treatment. She is so close to reaching that goal. In October, they traveled to McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton to drop off 288 pairs to their clothes closet. They have already made boxes full of donations to hospitals in Kingston, Ottawa and Toronto. You can follow Lillian's journey and learn more about their story at: <https://www.facebook.com/love4lillian>

#### ENVIRONMENT

The Lions Clubs of MDA have been very busy with Environment Service Projects since the beginning of this Lions year. According to MyLion, to date, clubs have reported the following:

Total People Served:	98,289
Total Service Projects:	175
Total of Volunteer Hours:	9,188

This means that each member of MDA spent approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  hours volunteering and served approximately 8 people through environment projects.

#### GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Multiple District A welcomed Kelsey Ax from Lions International to the November 18th – 19th, 2022 training sessions held for both the First and Second Vice District Governors. The sessions helped to assist the Vice District Governors in refining the Global Membership Approach in delivery of materials and resources. These sessions will focus on the

preliminary steps to completing District Goals.

The Global Leadership Team is very pleased to announce that the grant application to hold a virtual Regional Lions Leadership Institute for MDA has been successful.

The suggested audience is for Lions who are ready to pursue leadership roles within their clubs and districts. The on-line Institute will be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2023, and Saturday, March 4th, 2023. Applications are due by Friday, January 20th, 2023. Please note that District Governors are requested to endorse the applicants from the District and forward the applications to PCC Tim Cheung.

#### GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

The Multiple District membership trend is encouraging – our net membership growth has remained positive since the start of the current year. As of November 8th, 2022, MDA had a net membership growth of +66 members, compared to 31 in the same period last year.

Year to date, the Multiple District has added an impressive 589 new members. However, our corresponding drops remain high at 523 members.

We remain at four (4) new clubs having been added YTD, and four (4) clubs having disbanded.

We continue to lose Leos. YTD, we have lost 75 Leos which is an unwelcome trend.

YTD, one (1) Omega Leo Club has been chartered and two clubs cancelled (one Alpha & one Omega).

The Multiple District successfully applied and received a PR Grant from LCI worth US\$15,000. A meeting was held with all Districts attending to explain the funding criteria and how applications from Districts will be processed.

Let us keep up the momentum. We can end the year with a positive membership growth!

#### HUNGER

MDA CONVENTION HUNGER AWARDS  
PROGRESS YEAR TO DATE Q2: OCT – DEC 2022:

1. District Governor (DG) with highest # hunger activities reported YTD; A-2 DG Bob TOWNSEND (94)
2. District Hunger Chair (DHC) highest % clubs reporting hunger activity YTD; A-16 DHC Pat AITKEN (38%)
3. Lions Club (LC) with greatest # of SERVICE activities reported for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonthill LC (97)
4. Lions Club (LC) with most people SERVED per member for hunger YTD ; A-12 Baysville LC (2206)
5. Lion Members with most volunteer hours

reported for hunger and others YTD; A-711 Weston LC (4036)

Congratulations to all! Let's keep reporting.

#### LION MAGAZINE

The LION Magazine is experiencing issues with members not receiving their print copies. The mailing list is derived from files received from Lions International however, an updated list has not been issued for last year or this Lions year. The editor is working with the headquarters magazine department to correct this situation. In the meantime, we are continually updating the list locally as a result of submissions from the members outlining their situation.

#### LIONS QUEST

Free presentations are available for anyone who may be interested.

#### *Social Emotional Learning & Lions Quest Programs*

This recorded webinar is designed for educators and others to learn about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and how Lions Quest programs deliver SEL in the classroom and similar settings. This webinar is also required viewing prior to workshop attendance.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2941540364201558529>

#### *What the Heck is Lions Quest? (Geared to the Lions family)*

This recorded webinar will provide you with an overview of the work the Lions Quest does across Canada - how we support the development of healthy, capable young Canadians of strong character. It will also give some ideas of how you, your Lions Club, and your Lions District can get involved. It takes a village, and we are all villagers!

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/7992823222438713871>

#### LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF

Current balance in the fund is \$2,532,695.08. Four new grants have been paid out since the September report for a total payout of \$1,732,442.08 over the last few years.

Donations received have started to pick up since September. Many of these have been directed to be used for repairing the storm damage in the Atlantic Provinces.

4 donations have been paid out since the last report.

1. \$28,620.08 to District 5M13 to support Lions Quest.



2. \$16,693.45 to District A-4 to provide hospital beds (smart beds) in Carleton Place.
3. \$15,789.64 to District A-15 – Kitchener to provide Childhood Vision screening equipment
4. \$61,383.35 to Regina Saskatchewan to provide equipment for Children's Cancer Clinic.

Congratulations to all these Districts, Clubs and Lions. It is wonderful to see Canadian Dollars remaining in Canada.

## LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

41 clubs in MDA have donated \$91,000 to Dog Guides as of the November report. Donations go towards the Capital Campaign, Dog Sponsorships along with other various areas in need of support.

At the AGM held in October, two Lions were recognized as Patrons by LFC Dog Guides. From the Ariss Maryhill Lions, congratulations to Larry and Hilda Wainwright who were recognized for their dedication and passion in support of Dog Guides.

The Mosborough Busy Lions have launched the third book in the Pup with a Destiny Series. The third installment talks about service dog etiquette and includes photos of adorable Dog Guide puppies. The book was written, and the photographs were taken by two of their club members who are also foster puppy raisers for Dog Guides. The books in the series have been purchased by various Lions Clubs across the country to donate to local schools to help spread the

word about Dog Guides.

The Difference: is the Campaign for a new national training school for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

The goal of this campaign is to raise \$25M to invest in the future of Dog Guides through the construction of a state-of-the-art national training centre. This facility will provide Dog Guides with the space and facilities they need to grow and reach their potential while providing clients with the best learning experience possible. For more information or to request a presentation at a meeting, please contact your District Chairperson.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Youth Exchange – It is looking promising that we will be able to host international students again throughout MDA, if Districts can secure Host families. This is the crucial element as the students need places to stay. If you have hosted a student before, you know how rewarding it can be. The idea is for a student to live with a Canadian family for three weeks. Lion Angela Day will plan for group activities the last week of their stay. If you have questions or if you would like to be a host family, please contact Lion Angela Day.

## SIGHT CONSERVATION

Lake Joe Camp - the last onsite program of the 2022 year concluded on October 28th! It was a successful

season, with lots of new programs. There will not be a work weekend in November. CNIB has a partnership with Beaver Creek Institute, and they will be assisting with the close-up. We look forward to getting all hands on-deck to re-open camp in the spring, 2023.

We were thrilled to have local Lions join us for our first-ever Fall Adventure Weekend. The following people/clubs participated as volunteers: Lion Linda Lewis (Tiny Township Lions), Lion Jess Lewis (Gravenhurst Lions Club), Lion Jennifer Rebidoux (Elmvale Lions Club), 1st VDG Jerry Rebidoux (Elmvale Lions Club), Lion Denise Naughton (Orillia Lions), Lion Mike Williams (Tottenham Lions).

CNIB Mobile Hub - since February 2022, the Mobile Hub program has visited 13 stops, engaging with 284 clients. Over 60 programs have been offered through the Mobile Hubs. In Ontario, the program partnered with four different Lions Clubs: Stoney Creek, Grantham, Windsor, and Burlington. CNIB are looking for more clubs to participate in the Mobile Hub program. The Windsor Lions Manor was highlighted. Do you know of any other visually impaired residences in the province like Windsor? If your club is interested in participation, please contact PCC Bob Tanner for more information.

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## Simcoe Lions Help the Port Aux Basques Lions Club

### Photo: Port Aux Basques Fiona Damage 2

When Port Aux Basques was pummeled by Hurricane Fiona a member of the Simcoe Lions contacted his friend the Club Secretary of the Port Aux Basques Lions Club. After a short discussion, the Simcoe Lions forwarded a \$10,000 donation to assist with the immediate needs in the Port Aux Basque community.

*Submitted by: PDG Gene Walley, Simcoe Lions*



Holding the BIG cheque are (L-R) 1st VP Barry LaPlante – Lion Chuck Fox and Club President Dave Abbey



## Sault Ste. Marie Lions

At a recent meeting the Sault Ste. Marie Lions recognized two of their members with significant awards, 1VDG Lion **David Kidd** received a Melvin

Jones Fellowship and Lion **Debbie Kidd** received a well deserved Club Secretary award.



Lion David receiving his MJF from SSM President Lion Cheryl Pavoni and PDG Lion Andrew McRae



Lion Debbie Kidd receiving the Club Secretary award from club President Cheryl Pavoni

## Widdifield Lions

The Widdifield Lions Club members are proud to be recognized as the only "Campaign 100" Maple Leaf/Model Club in District A-5. The club has always been a proud supporter of LCIF and the many causes the foundation supports. Congratulations to the Lions of the Widdifield club for this recognition.



L-R: PDG Vern Presse, Lions Patrick, Ella, & AnnMarie Theoret, PDGs Grace & Bob Kingsnorth

## Grimsby and District Lions

The Grimsby and District Lions Club honoured Charter members **Bob** and **Jane Franks** with Melvin Jones Fellowships. About seven years ago, Bob and Jane were key community leaders in the formation of the club in 2015. Since day one, Lion Bob has focused his efforts on building club membership by talking with neighbours and community friends. Lion Jane, the Grimsby Lions Service Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the club's outstanding community projects. As a team, the Grimsby Lions BBQ fundraising events are successful thanks to both Bob and Jane's organizational skills.

Thank you for your leadership, Bob and Jane Franks - Melvin Jones Fellows!



## Fowlers Corners Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship

Lion **Earl Pinnington** joined the Fowlers Corners Lions Club in 2009 and has been active as the Chairperson for the Hearing Committee, a tail twister, and was on many committees.

Earl is a very avid follower of the Peterborough Petes Hockey Team, and was a porter at Peterborough Regional Health Centre for twenty three years. Due to family health issues Earl is stepping down from the club.

Because of his history and contributions to Lions he was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He will be missed. Making the presentation is PID **Carl Jones** on the left and Club President **Herb Lang** on the right.





## Morrisburg Lions and District Lions

Lions **Keith** and **Linda Robinson** received the prestigious Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medallion on November 13th, 2022, from MP Eric Duncan.

Keith and Linda have been volunteering, for the last four decades, anywhere there was a need. The Lions Club was extremely fortunate when Keith decided to become a member in 1976. The club acquired an additional benefit as Linda volunteered behind the scenes along with husband Keith. He has served on many Lions committees and became President for two years.

Keith was honoured in 2008 when he received the distinguished Melvin Jones award from Lions International in recognition of his many years of volunteer work. Keith has also sponsored numerous new Lions members. Keith was part of a club team who spearheaded the creation of the popular Docksyde Diner which, once established, he and Linda have managed in the summer months for the last 20 years, combined with organizing the Morrisburg arena canteen during the winter.

Linda officially joined the Lions club 5 years ago after working behind the scenes for the last forty years. In June of 2022 Linda became president of the Morrisburg Club.

Keith and Linda sum up their benefits of volunteering: It has a positive effect on people, you become a part of the community, it helps meet new friends, it increases your social skills, improves self-esteem, teaches you valuable skills and best of all it brings fun into your life.



L-R: Lion Linda Robinson, Eric Duncan MP, Lion Keith Robinson



LCIF

## Kindness is contagious

LCIF

More than 11,000 screened for diabetes in Jakarta, Indonesia

In Indonesia, more than 19 million people between the ages of 20 to 70 live with diabetes, according to the International Diabetes Federation. More than 70 percent of those people are undiagnosed.

Some of the consequences for living with undiagnosed and unmanaged diabetes include blindness, kidney failure, amputations, nerve damage, and heart disease.

Lions across District 307-A1 Indonesia decided to prevent these life-threatening consequences by screening more than 11,000 people in their community for diabetes and raising awareness about the chronic health condition.

With support from a US \$23,248 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Diabetes grant, Lions of District 307-A1 were able to expand and equip the Siti Mariam Health Facility in West Jakarta to combat the numbers of people living with undiagnosed diabetes, as well as help those living with diabetes to manage their condition.

"If diabetes is not treated, it can ruin your life. And if it impacts the head of household, then you are talking about the lives of an entire family," says Lion Jessie Budiman, grant administrator of the project.

For example, Budiman says, if a father can't work anymore because he lost his eyesight or his leg was amputated because of undiagnosed diabetes, then the whole family is affected.

More than a decade ago, Budiman's parents, Henie and Anwar Budiman, both physicians, helped establish the Siti Mariam Health Facility with the support of Lions in West Jakarta. And now, 13 years later, Lions expanded the facility to include diabetes management and prevention.

"I feel diabetes is one of the strongest causes of

LCIF because it is something that you can actually manage. You don't have to live with the complications of diabetes. You can manage it," Budiman says "It's about catching it on time, before it's too late. And that is what we hope our center can provide."

Funds from the grant enabled Lions to purchase HbA1c test strips, blood glucose test strips, lancets, latex gloves, and stipends for medical personnel. Lions involved in the project, many who are medical professionals, screened more than 11,000 residents with the paper-based risk assessment, almost 9,000 people with the blood glucose test—all at no charge.

"I didn't know I had a blood glucose level that is very high," says one beneficiary. But thanks to Lions, the doctor explained to me what I can do to lower it."

Originally, the Lions only planned to screen 5,000 people, but with the help of more than 700 Lions in the district, they doubled their goal by the end of the project.

"That is the thing that I love most about Lions," she says. "Kindness is contagious in Lions. When we have a good project, everyone wants to take part in it."

Learn more about LCIF diabetes grants: [lionsclubs.org/DiabetesGrants](https://lionsclubs.org/DiabetesGrants)

Photos: <https://lionsclubs.box.com/s/vm3e080xjj7bat373yw0eej0mrfgr3oz>



## East Peterborough Lions

The East Peterborough Lions Club were proud to once again be invited to take part in the "Pride Festival" being held in Peterborough. The club was invited to host the BBQ for the event and what an event it was.

There were over 750 people in attendance and it



felt great to be involved.

The Lions and the Young Adults of Peterborough Branch Club are proud to show the inclusiveness and their diversity among their members. This was their 3rd year being involved in the event and they have been asked to once again return next year.



# LADIES NIGHT OUT

Recently, the Warren and District Lions Club held a fundraiser called "Womens Night", with only women allowed. The only men were servers and bartenders. Since this was a woman's event, the entertainment was also made for women. One comedian, Lesley Lynn was from Sudbury and had us laughing to her northern Ontario humor. Then came the headliner, Fiona O'Brien. What a great comedian. She had us laughing until our sides hurt with many naughty jokes that only women would understand. The Lions also had a silent auction of knitted items donated by the members. It was a great time and we are looking forward to next year.

## Warren and District Ladies Night Out



Lions Lise, Debbra, Brenda and in front Lion Sue



Lesley Lynn, Lion Brenda, Debbra and in front Fiona O'Brien

## Morrisburg and District Lions

The Lions of Morrisburg and District held their annual fall roadside cleanup on Saturday, October 15th between Morrisburg and Riverside Heights on County Road 2. Twenty-six bags of trash were collected. After the job was finished the members went back to the clubhouse and prepared a delicious breakfast as a reward for a job well done. They intend to be back at it in the spring and have as much fun as this time around by the look of the photo,



## Streetsville Lions

The Lions of Streetsville recently made a donation of \$35,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, the donation was made in memory of the passing of Lions Sue Fedun and Bert Starmans who passed away earlier this year. Lion Sue was one of our newest members who joined in 2020 and Lion Bert joined in 1964 who was our oldest serving member.



Lion Russ (Lion Sue's husband) is to the left of the cheque and Jacque Di Federico (Lion Bert's daughter) on the right of the cheque were present in honour of their loved ones

## Verona Lions

At a recent meeting the Lions of Verona approved donations to various groups in our community. They included the South Frontenac Museum, Frontenac Fury hockey Frontenac Minor Softball Club, the Local Scouts, Harrowsmith S&A club, Bellrock Hall Association, and Sharbot Lake Lions.

The total amount exceeded Ten Thousand Dollars – a fine example of community service.





# The Power of Sustainability

## Partnership helps restore local communities

*Enel North America embarked on a new environmental partnership with Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to help make communities healthy and sustainable and protect our planet.*

As a leading developer and long-term owner and operator of renewable energy projects in North America, Enel and its more than 1,500 employees are dedicated to helping protect and restore communities.

In the spring of 2022, LCIF and Enel, the world's largest private renewable energy operator, started an ambitious tree-planting initiative in coordination with two Lions Clubs in York County Pennsylvania, USA.

As part of the project, Lions and Enel employees came together and planted nearly 600 new trees, including native oaks and evergreens, as both bare-root seedlings and container seedlings. The trees were planted at William H. Kain Park in York, Marge Goodfellow Park in New Freedom, and at the Dallastown Lions Community Park in Pennsylvania, USA. Additionally, the container

seedlings were passed out at the "Go Green in the City," York County's family-friendly festival that celebrated local sustainability.

"Trees help make communities healthy and sustainable. In the same way, our solar projects planned for York County and across the Commonwealth will support communities with clean energy and new economic growth," says Joel Harrington, director of public policy and institutional affairs.

Enel plans to continue the partnership to support Lions environmental initiatives throughout select locations in North America, which are an essential part of a healthy community and people. "We're excited to partner with Lions in championing local sustainability efforts," says Jesse Puckett, director of sustainability projects & community affairs for Enel Green Power.

As a renewable energy company, Enel is invested in restoring the environment by helping with the negative impacts of climate change and air quality concerns, Puckett

said. It's this holistic approach that sets Enel apart in our industry; by enhancing bio-diversity and environmental principles, by protecting the environment, and promoting sustainable products, he says.

Together with Lions and LCIF, Enel can improve the social and environmental conditions of the regions where they operate, and, through creating shared value, help employees give back.

"The partnership with Lions and LCIF helps Enel further serve our local communities and be a champion for a better tomorrow," Puckett says.



## Sault Ste. Marie Lions

The Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie participated in the Sault Ste. Marie Paramedic Services Food Packing Event. In partnership with GlobalMedic, Harvest Algoma, and more than 60 volunteers from across Sault Ste Marie, they were able to re-package and provide 3,361 kilograms or over 7000 pounds to the Sault Ste Marie Food Bank, which ultimately provided almost 7000 pantry bags. That's a lot of food. Let's give them a big Lions Roar!



## Celebrating a New Club Branch – The Lincoln Lions

During the September 20th meeting of the *Grimsby and District Lions*, Region Chair **Louise Agnew** inducted Lincoln Lions Club Branch members. Under the leadership of Club Branch President **Gord Gerrie**, the club branch has a goal of Chartering within a year. Lion Gerrie stated that the Lincoln Lions intend to serve the community somewhat like a specialty club. This club will serve differently, in ways that do not compete with neighbouring Lions Clubs yet assists those clubs when extra hands are needed.



L-R: Lions Mark Anderson, Gord Gerrie, Holly Cavanaugh, Chris Balley and Glen Corfield



## District A5 Memorial Forest Golf Tournament

This past summer the District A5 Memorial Forest Golf Tournament was held to support of the financial needs of the forest. The event is open to all members and non Lions as well no matter the skill level. This year, we had teams from occasional to full time golfers. The amateurs were the team made up of Lions **Barb Perry, Debra Kidd, Debbra Christiansen** and your reporter, **Brenda Lalonde**. As the highest

scoring team we had a great time, too bad low scores are better. The prizes are not big; the real reward is the time that you spend with friends and other Lions. After the golf, a memorial service was held for those who passed away and had trees planted in their memories. We hope to see more teams come out next year to have great fun and support a worthy cause.

## Gloucester Lions

In June Gloucester Lion **Theresa Whalen** had the privilege of going to Kenya as a Volunteer Advisor for the Canadian Executive Services Organization to do some development work.

Her assignment was to develop a business plan and budget for the Taita Taveta Women Mining Group (TTWMG) near the city of Voi. The county of Taita Taveta has one of the richest deposits of gemstones on earth. In support of this initiative, the Gloucester Lions donated \$920 to be given to the TTWMG for the rental of an excavator and purchase of equipment and supplies.

Lion Theresa presented them with the Gloucester Lions monetary gift at the end of the assignment. To honour the donation from the Gloucester Lions Club, the TTWMG president, Editha Lewela, asked if she could keep Lion Theresa's vest so they may fly it like a flag marking the newly excavated mine.

Lion Theresa is planning on going back to Kenya in the summer of 2023 to follow up with a marketing plan for the TTWMG and to continue carrying out the Lion motto, "We Serve".



Photo collage represents most of, if not all the competitors, in no particular order are: Lions Brian Cains, Joe Charette, Don Hache, Rick Taylor, PDG Debbra Christiansen, Brenda Lalonde, Barb Perry, Debra Kidd, Eric Hansen, John Roy, Rick Lashuk, Sheryl Hansen, Kyle Kolppanen, Nicolas Bonin and Kyle Gagne





## Lions Begin a Halloween Tradition in Wainfleet

Thankfully the 'Sun Gods' were with the *Wainfleet Lions Club*, on Saturday, October 29 the club celebrated its first Halloween 'Spooktacular Fair & Food Drive'. The event brought the community together to celebrate Halloween and assist the community. The Lions brought in Bouncy Castles and

vendors, organized a pumpkin carving contest (200 donated pumpkins), had a photo booth, raffles and food: hot chocolate, apple cider, chili, hot dogs, tons of candy and TONS of FUN. The Lions are looking forward to making the 'Spooktacular' event with even more activities next year.



## Minnow Lake Lions

It's harvest time for the Minnow Lake Lions club. This spring, the Lions club received a community grant from the City to build raised flower beds at the clubhouse. They built the beds and instead of flowers, planted vegetables. The crop turned out bigger than anyone expected for the first year. The hard work of the Lions doing the watering, weeding and taking care of the plants paid off and helped out some of the community as

well. The Lions were able to donate produce to the Blue Door Soup Kitchen in Sudbury to help feed those who need some help with meals. Next year, they hope to have an even bigger crop.



Lions Keith Argent and Bruce Kutchaw



The Harvest

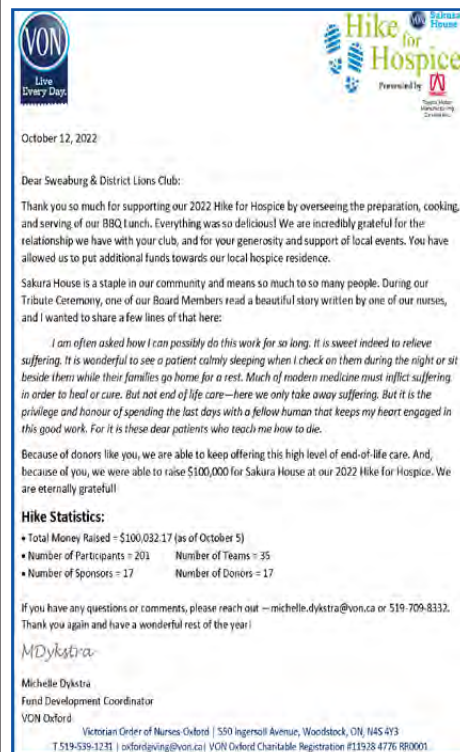


Lions Mary and Joan Kutchaw

## Sweaburg and District Lions, Hike for Hospice 2022

The Lions of Sweaburg were part of a fundraising effort for Sakura House Hospice, a project of the Victoria Order of Nurses. We were recognized by that organization with a letter of thanks.

Shown is the letter received as well as the advertising flyer for the event, keep up the Good Work Lions!



October 12, 2022

Dear Sweaburg & District Lions Club:

Thank you so much for supporting our 2022 Hike for Hospice by overseeing the preparation, cooking, and serving of our BBQ lunch. Everything was so delicious! We are incredibly grateful for the relationship we have with your club, and for your generosity and support of local events. You have allowed us to put additional funds towards our local hospice residence.

Sakura House is a staple in our community and means so much to so many people. During our Tribute Ceremony, one of our Board Members read a beautiful story written by one of our nurses, and I wanted to share a few lines of that here:

*I am often asked how I can possibly do this work for so long. It is sweet indeed to relieve suffering. It is wonderful to see a patient calmly sleeping when I check on them during the night or sit beside them while their families go home for a rest. Much of modern medicine must inflict suffering in order to heal or cure. But not end of life care—here we only take away suffering. But it is the privilege and honour of spending the last days with a fellow human that keeps my heart engaged in this good work. For it is these dear patients who teach me how to die.*

Because of donors like you, we are able to keep offering this high level of end-of-life care. And, because of you, we were able to raise \$100,000 for Sakura House at our 2022 Hike for Hospice. We are eternally grateful!

### Hike Statistics:

- Total Money Raised = \$100,032.17 (as of October 5)
- Number of Participants = 201
- Number of Sponsors = 17
- Number of Teams = 35
- Number of Donors = 17

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out — michelle.dykstra@von.ca or 519-709-8332. Thank you again and have a wonderful rest of the year!

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**May 26th, 27th & 28th 2023**  
**Four Points Sheraton in London**



**For More Info contact:**  
**Lion Rick**  
**[waiter@rogers.com](mailto:waiter@rogers.com)**



**Fillable Registration Form Available At:**  
**[mdalions.org](http://mdalions.org)**





L-R: Lions Bob Pearson, Bill Shewfelt, Debbie Nelligan, Barrie Conron, Doreen Wilson, Moe Crickmore and partner Cindy, Wayne Hay, Rick Mallon and Brian Bowslaugh

## Lions Are Tough Mudders!

The Lions of *Copetown, Dundas, Lynden* and *Rockton* worked hard together over the weekend of September 17th and 18th looking after the Beer Garden at the Tough Mudder event at the Christie Lake Conservation Area in rural Dundas. For those of us that are not familiar with “TOUGH MUDDER” (including the editor), it is a very arduous obstacle course. How tough can it be? A quick look at their website should tell the story, the link is <https://toughmudder.com/>

There were many obstacles, too numerous to mention and there were over 6000 competitors. Apparently this type of competition is very popular in Canada and the USA.

All photos courtesy of Eric Sirois of OCR NATION, based in Montreal at <https://ocr-nation.com/>  
<https://toughmudder.com/obstacles/>



Wall climber over a 12' wall



An extremely cold ice bath, approx 30 ft. from end to end



A run/walk through vertical wires that are electrified with a low voltage current???



Members of the *Almaguin Highlands Lions Club* don't mind getting down and dirty for a good cause.

The club, based in Strong Township, Ontario hosts an annual bush race every August at Copeman Tree Farms in Sundridge, Ontario.

“Past district Governor *Bill Copeman* owns the land and graciously lets me dig big holes for water and mud,” says *Jocelyn Modl*, charter president and current club president.

Those words “mud,” “water,” and “holes” should be signs that this 5K obstacle run is no ordinary race. It's a bush races that draws 150 adults and children who use their muscle and willpower to conquer more than 15 obstacles and challenges on a course that features mud – lots of mud – along with an axe throw, archery, climbing walls, Tarzan ropes, cargo net, and tractor tires to scramble over, up, down, under, or through.

“Our race is a true bush race, which is fun for racers, because once you leave the start line, you head up into the trees and spectators don't see you again

## Mud and Mayhem

### Annual bush race builds character and friendships

by Annemarie Mannion | photos by Jocelyn Modl

until you come back out,” Modl says.

And it's a sure bet you'll come back muddy after tackling the course's varied terrain of hills, groomed farm trails and rugged bush.

Proving that the organizers, which includes about 25 to 30 volunteers, have a sense of humor, the club posts signs throughout the course to keep participants smiling.

“Our rope wall has a sign that says “Don't worry, Humpty Dumpty had wall problems, too,” says Modl. “After the racers come up the first big hill, there is another sign that says, “If you're feeling it now, you're in trouble later.”

Modl says it is inevitable that participants, who are both trained and amateur athletes, will build camaraderie as they complete the course.

“The camaraderie comes between each racer, as both friends and strangers conquer these obstacles together,” Modl says. “It's natural if you're crawling through the mud, falling in the mud, pulling your best friend through the mud, losing your shoe, getting into extremely cold water, or holding your husband's legs as he scrambles across the monkey rings that he hasn't practiced doing since elementary school.”

The race, which is the club's one big fundraiser, brings in roughly CAD\$4,000 (US\$3,200) that goes

to wherever there is a need in the community. In the past the club has supplied free athletic equipment to local schools, donated to Christmas Cheer baskets for families in need during the holidays, donated to food banks, and provided free hockey clinics for children.

Modl says racers often thank the club for organizing the event because they never thought they'd be able to complete something like it.

Finishing the course while having fun is an accomplishment and the effect of taking on such a challenge lasts long past race day.

“When racers finish, they are instantly empowered to take on the next challenge in their lives because they just did things that they never thought they could do, or would have even tried doing without signing up,” Modl says. “Now they have the courage to tackle whatever life throws at them.”



## MDA Convention Wear

At the Governor's Council Meeting in November of 2021, the newly designed Convention Wear package was on display for members who were maybe going to the convention in Montreal. Not only were the hats and shirts available for viewing there was an impromptu modeling put on by PCC Lion John Whyte as shown in the photos of the now infamous stroll down the LIONWALK (a.k.a. Catwalk), which apparently has gone viral. For more information contact Lion John, your Convention Advisory Chair and everyone's favourite male model.



The sizing charts and order form for the Boston convention can be found on the MDA website at the link show below or by scanning the QR code.

URL:

<http://mdalions.org/pages/Directory/Promotion>



## MDA Directory Information

### Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – November 18-19, 2022
- Council Meeting – February 10-11, 2023
- Council Meeting – May 26-27, 2023 (Convention)

### District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Four Points Sheraton, London	Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2, 2023
A2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 24-26, 2023
A3	Four Points Sheraton, Kingston	April 28-30, 2023
A4	Four Points Sheraton, Kingston	April 21-23, 2023
A5	Northern College, Kirkland Lake	April 28-30, 2023
A711	Sheraton Parkway Hotel	April 14-16, 2023
A9	Sure Stay Best Western, Kincardine	April 28-30, 2023
A12	Allure Hotel and Conference Centre, Barrie	April 14-16, 2023
A15	Best Western, Brantford	April 14-16, 2023
A16	Holiday Inn, Peterborough	April 21-23, 2023

## Kitchener Pioneer Lions

The Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club learned that the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre (CNIB Lake Joe camp) has started a campaign to raise funds for a new minibus. Their present buses are not new and are becoming less reliable..

When the club found out about the campaign, one of the minibuses was actually out of commission. This increased the transportation challenges of the season. We know the special magic that camp brings to so many people from coast to coast, including campers from the Waterloo



Region area. If campers cannot get to camp, they cannot experience the magic of camp, which includes missing out on all the fun, skills, learning and friendships that will last a lifetime. The camp buses also provide transportation to off-site programs, which opens up more events and opportunities for all that camp has to offer.

The campaign's goal is to raise \$160,000 for a new minibus that will provide reliable, safe, accessible and comfortable transportation for campers. Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club has donated the first \$1,000 to the new Lions' Minibus campaign for CNIB Lake Joe to start of the campaign. Chris Duncan (past president) is calling on his fellow Lions to contribute to this minibus campaign and to help spread the word. "I'm super excited about stirring up competition with other Lions Clubs to match/beat my donation and perhaps having an incentive for clubs to donate \$1K each."

For more information on the campaign and to donate, please visit [www.cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus](http://www.cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus).

For more information on how your local Lions Clubs can partner with CNIB Lake Joe, please contact Sherri Helsdingen, Community Manager at the camp at [Sherri.Helsdingen@cnib.ca](mailto:Sherri.Helsdingen@cnib.ca) or 705-241-2907.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MDA Convention

2023 Four Points Sheraton, London May 26 - 28, 2023

### International Conventions

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
110th	Washington, DC, USA	July 2 - 6, 2027

### USA - Canada Forums

Sept 14 - 16, 2023	Reno, Nevada
Sept 5 - 7, 2024	Louisville, Kentucky



# Lions are coming for the City on the Hill

Boston is ready for you, Lions.



Whether it's history, sports, or great food that interests you, you'll find it all in Boston. And this summer you'll also find a heck of a lot of Lions.

July 7 through 11, 2023, Lions will descend upon one of the oldest cities in the United States for five days of camaraderie, shop talk, and service. Registration for the 105th Lions International Convention is open. If you've ever been to a Lions International Convention, then you know that now is the time to get excited and get planning. If you have never been, now is the perfect time to start.

## Why an International Convention?

**Fellowship.** We are a global service organization, and we have members all over the world doing amazing things for their communities every day. We think it's more important than ever to take the time to connect—in person—once a year so that we can share stories, strategies, and friendship. Many Lions and Leos make friends at convention that they keep for the rest of their lives.

**Learning.** Hear from other Lions and exchange idea on how to plan projects, recruit new members, and grow your club. Experts from headquarters are on hand to help you navigate the tech world, find new ways to get grants for projects, and learn marketing and PR tricks that can help promote the great work you're doing.

**Fun.** We are Lions, after all. So no gathering is complete without a little—or a lot—of fun. And there's no shortage of good times planned for Boston. Whether it's joining in on a service project (because no matter where we go, Lions love to serve), singing along with some of the world-class entertainment lined up exclusively for Lions, or hopping on a bus and touring some of the unforgettable sights Boston has to offer, there is no way you can miss out on the fun.

Want to learn more about what to expect at LCICon 2023? Visit [LCICon.lionsclubs.org](https://LCICon.lionsclubs.org).

Register now at [LCICon.lionsclubs.org](https://LCICon.lionsclubs.org).

## FIVE MOST INSTAGRAMMABLE SPOTS IN BOSTON

Need some photo-worthy backdrops for your social media feeds? Pop on your Lions gear and head to some of these iconic locations.

You might even be inspired for your next Lions project. Wherever you go, you'll find you can't stop snapping pics.

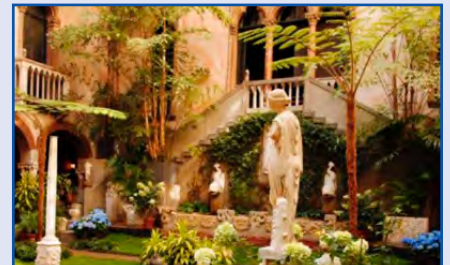
1. **Fenway Park.** The oldest major League Baseball stadium in the United States, Fenway Park is not just the home of the Boston Red Sox, but the memorable location of many a major movie plotline. Snap a pick beneath the green and red sign to cement your place in history.



2. **Bunker Hill monument.** This 221-foot monument marks the site of one of the first major battles of the American Revolution. If you're a history fan, take an Old Town Trolley tour which stops at this along and many other historic sites.



3. **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.** You won't find a more beautiful indoor courtyard garden in all of Boston. Modeled after a 15-century Venetian palazzo, this museum houses some of the world's most prestigious art, including works by Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Raphael, Degas, and Sargent. Wear your prettiest pastels and situate yourself among the beauty.



4. **The North End.** Boston's North End neighborhood feels less like a bustling American city and more like a dreamy coastal European village. There is something for everyone's appetite and you never know when you'll find your new favorite eatery tucked behind a painted wooden door just around the corner of a narrow, cobblestoned street. Make your followers salivate with a shot of your latest find.



5. **Outdoor Art.** Outdoor art is flourishing in Boston, and nothing makes a social media feed pop more than large outdoor murals. Visit the Roxbury Love Story mural by local artists Pro Blak and GoFive, or head over to The Underground at Ink Block—an 8-acre underpass located between Boston's South End and South Boston neighborhoods that was transformed into an active urban park.





# A Smile for Sight

by Elizabeth Edwards

Sight is one of our most valuable senses. It allows us to connect with the moments in life and with each other.

After a premature birth, twins Kaya and Alime were both diagnosed with an eye disease called retinopathy of prematurity, and they needed treatment to protect their sight and prevent blindness.

Their parents, Ibrahim and Nilufer, traveled more than an hour and half from their home to the city of Izmir, Turkey, to find help for their children. Thanks to care provided by ophthalmologists at the first and only children's hospital in the country, Kaya's treatment is completed, and he is healthy. Alime continues treatment at the hospital.

The twins are only two examples of more than 15,000 children that will benefit from the Izmir Pergamon Lions Club's sight project annually from support from Lions in District 118R and a Matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

When Lions in Turkey heard that the ophthalmology clinic in their community needed additional equipment, they turned to LCIF for help, and were awarded a Matching grant for US\$10,050. With the grant funds, Lions purchased advanced eye equipment to help determine the eye health of children and infants.

The clinic is located at the Izmir Dr. Behcet Child Disease and Pediatric Surgery Training and Research Hospital, the first and only children's hospital in Turkey. The hospital opened in the 1940s and serves the entire Aegean Region, which is about a quarter of the population of the country.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the neighboring adult hospitals focused on caring for COVID-19 patients, increasing the demand on the children's



Opening ceremony of the SMILE project

hospital. Children's more frequent use of tablets and phone screens during the pandemic also increased vision problems. With more children having blurred vision, additional equipment was needed to meet the community's needs.

Through the project, Lions in Izmir also raised awareness about the importance of regular eye checkups for infants and children.

"Eye health is underestimated around the world, and the necessary precautions for preventable visual impairments are unfortunately not sufficient," says Faika Evrim Uysal, executive project manager. "As Lions clubs, we take this matter very seriously. Sometimes a project can do many things to help raise awareness and protect and improve more people's eye health."

Helping support children's eye care is essential because the deterioration of children's eye health can impact their success in school and future.

Starting in the fall of 2022 school season in Turkey, Lions and ophthalmologists will start screening eyes with the grant-supported portable eye equipment in schools and orphanages. If the screening indicates a child needs advanced care, they will be referred to a health care provider.

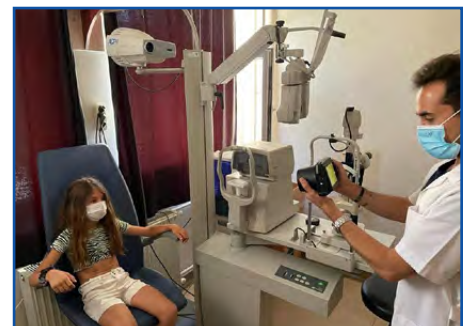
"In order to make our communities healthier, more conscious, more sustainable, and happier, as Districts 118 R Lions, we undertake life-changing projects for infants', children's, and women's health; and we do all of this together," says Teoman Akcali, immediate past district governor.

Lions in Izmir call the project SMILE because they are determined to make someone smile by helping give the power of sight and hope to expand the project in the future. For the project, Lions even created a special mascot, called Lionopticool, a small-stuffed Lion, to help make children more comfortable during a vision screening.

Ever since Helen Keller inspired Lions to champion the cause against avoidable blindness in 1925, Lions and Leos have served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Worldwide, about 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment. At least 1 billion of those cases could have been prevented, according to the World Health Organization.

Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues.

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Helping support children's eye care is essential

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## Lion Kevin Frost, World Class Blind Speed Skater, Blind Golfer, Blind Para-Cyclist, Competitive Rowing and now an author.

In the July/August/September 2019 issue of the Lion Magazine an article was featured about Lion Kevin Frost of the Orleans Lions Club. The article described Kevin's exploits in the realm of international speed skating with references to his participation in blind golf, tandem bicycle racing, along with competitive rowing and running. Further, he has been selected to attend the World Blind Golf Championships in South Africa in 2023.



As referenced in the original article Kevin is a three-time World Blind Champion in short track speed skating and ranks 8th in the world against able-bodied skaters. Lions have sponsored Frost in many competitions. He has been a Lion for over 15 years and recently received his membership chevron from Club President Sylvie Blanchette.



The magazine did not have the space to list all of Kevin's accomplishments, hence we have provided links to his website and the Lion Magazine article from 2019. They are definitely worth a read.

The initial Lion magazine article can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3Av8vKP>, on page#26, it is only the beginning of a fantastic story.

There is also a wealth of information on Kevin's website at: <https://deafblindspeedskater.com/> It is suggested you check out at both links for a comprehensive look at what one person with a great ambition can accomplish, despite their handicap. He also has a facebook page, which is a wealth of information: <https://bit.ly/3pTg4WN>

Kevin is also kept busy with motivational speaking engagements, to the tune of over 300 sessions world wide, including a TEDx presentation at Ashbury College in Ottawa.

One might assume that someone with a story like this should write a book and that's exactly what happened in this case. Kevin's story has been published and is due for release in September, it will be available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and on Audible. If you would like to order some printed copies, have any questions, or would like to book a presentation/talk/Zoom meeting for your club please contact him directly at [DeafBlindChampion@gmail.com](mailto:DeafBlindChampion@gmail.com)



## Grimsby Lions Online Halloween Contest 2022

The Grimsby Lions recently completed the third Online Halloween Costume Contest for children, youth and families in Grimsby and surrounding areas.

The club first created this activity in 2020, the first Halloween marred by Covid Restrictions, as a way to bring a safe and fun way to connect with the community.

Prizes of \$25 gift cards, for local stores/shops have been awarded to winners. A member of the Grimsby Lions Club, Lion **Chris Bickell**, and his company sponsored this year's prizes.

Two first time winners went to Evie and Fin for "Super Girl and Clark Kent". Sawyer, age 7, sports a home made Viking

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Costume. (Sawyer planned to take his family out for dinner with his gift card.)

Returning winners for the family category: Christina and family for the "Jurassic Park theme" all hand made. Christina and family have entered each year and we look forward to seeing them again.

The Grimsby Lions are looking forward to seeing what next year's competition brings.