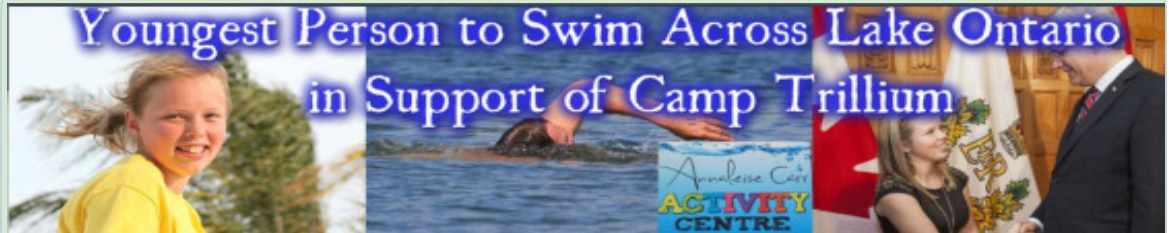




Lionism

A² Team News



Current Donations Now Total MORE Than \$240,000 **2012 WOWSA Woman Of The Year** **Annaleise Carr**

26 hours 41 minutes in Lake Ontario forever changed the life of 14-year-old Annaleise Carr and for many others along the way.

And for her exploits and inspiration, Annaleise Carr, a Canadian teenager, was selected as the 2012 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year.

Swimming for others takes on a profoundly deep meaning when a swimmer is so young and the conditions are borderline wild.

The Lake Ontario Swim Team member is the epitome of selflessness as she selected Camp Trillium to support. Her efforts have touched the hearts of people throughout Canada and the world, generating nearly \$250,000 in donations for the Trillium Childhood Cancer Support Centre.

While the media and public have continued to celebrate the wunderkind, her grounded personality has stirred even greater efforts to raise awareness and funds for children with cancer. She trained, she swam and she continues to give of herself. Her generosity of time, her sincerity of spirit, and her depth of passion are easy for people to see.

Like her fund-raising activities on land, Carr's efforts to complete a 50.5 km swim in Lake Ontario through the night over wind-generated waves in plunging water temperatures never wavered. In fact, the youngest 24-hour Club member drew motivation every time her crew told her that more donations were pouring in. The public understands a heroine and Carr is one. For a maturity beyond her years and for her deeply felt commitment to raise money to support children with cancer, the new Lady of the Lake was worthily voted as the 2012 WOWSA World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year.



- District Governor
Lion Allen Snider
- Past District Governor
Lion Bradd Anderson
- 1st Vice Dist. Governor
Lion Jim Rohrbach
- 2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Lion Bill MacKenzie
- Cabinet Secretary
Lion Doug Snider
- Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Denis Gander
- Chair Region 4
Lion Tom McLarty
- Zone Chair 4 East
Lion Jim Lomas
- Zone Chair 4 West
Lion Jim Stevens
- Chair Region 38
Lion Stewart Patterson
- Zone Chair 38 East
Lion Peter Willets
- Zone Chair 38 West
Lion Stan Francis
- Chair Region 5
Lion Rob Falconer
- Zone Chair 5 North
Lion Jim McFarland
- Zone Chair 5 South
Lion Pamela Ballah
- Lioness President
Lioness Bev Siren

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NEXT CABINET MEETING IS SUNDAY MAY 5TH - ST. DAVIDS L.C.

District A2 Convention

The District A2 Friendship Convention is just around the corner— March 22, 23 and 24th. It is time to think about making your arrangements.

The following documents are available on the District A2 Website.

Friendship Convention Display Tables

Friendship Convention Hospitality Rooms

Friendship Convention - Convention Registration Forms

These forms can be downloaded from the District A2 Website. They are located under the District A2 Resources Tab.

www.a2lions.org

In Memoriam

Lion Les Smiarowski

Townsend Lions Club
November 12, 2012

Lion Fred Thompson

Norwich-Otterville Lions
November 25, 2012

Lion Larry Dougherty

Norwich-Otterville Lions
December 7, 2012

District Governor's Report

With the start of the New Year, we the Lions of District A-2 are once again doing what we do best, "serving others". Our communities should continue to be our primary focus because that is where our support, new members and volunteers come from. Remember ...fun, food, fellowship and familyworking together.

Our clubs will soon be into the nomination season for their new executives. Sometimes filling board positions is a challenge and serious arm twisting needs to occur. But I have yet to hear where being in a club leadership position wasn't a rewarding experience. The same holds true for District Officer positions. We still need Lions to step forward and stand for Zone and Region Chairs. Our district convention is rapidly approaching and we still need candidates. Other Districts with the same problem finding candidates have resorted to a rotation system within their zones. Each year a different club has to come up with a Zone Chair to represent their particular zone. I prefer the clubs supporting candidates who want the position because then we have Lions who are truly interested in representing their fellow Lions.

We now have our guest for the district convention, International Director Donal Knipp from Missouri. Lion Donal and his wife are thrilled at being invited to visit our District and participate in our Convention activities. Once again on Saturday morning we will have a question and answer period with International Director Knipp. Also Annaliese Carr will be our own special guest at the Saturday luncheon to tell her story of the challenges of crossing Lake Ontario. I encourage all Lions, Lioness and Leos to attend the luncheon to listen to this young girl relate her experiences and her ongoing support for Camp Trillium.

Remember there are many who need us and our support comes from our own communities.

Website Changes

When visiting www.a2lions.org you will notice that the

In Memoriam page has been given over to **Youth Exchange**.

There is a link on the home page that will take you to the In Memoriam information.

Peace Poster 2012

The winners of this year's Peace Poster competition from A2 are:

Nangsa Om Tsering

Father Hennepin School

Sponsor: Niagara Falls Lions

Leah Dykstra

St. Marys School

Sponsor: Hagersville Lions

Olivia Langdon

St. Joseph's School

Sponsor: BlackCreek/Stevensville
Lions

Lexie Doxtater

Heximer School

Sponsor: Niagara Falls Lions

Thank you to all of the clubs that participated and who supported this project.



Our winner is on the left, teacher and fellow students in the middle, and principal on the right.

The MD "A" winner was Hanna Maynes from District A-3. She was sponsored by the Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club.



Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake Report

The project of getting steel roofs installed on all of the buildings at Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake in Waterford is progressing and we would like to thank all Lions and Lioness Clubs that have contributed in any way. We are still in need of Lions and Lioness Clubs to adopt three buildings at the Camp to facilitate the roof replacement and general upkeep of these buildings. If any Clubs are interested or have room in their budgets please contact me. On behalf of Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake Waterford, we wish everyone a Safe, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Lion Bordan Tchegus
Camp Trillium Rainbow Lake A2 Chair



Lions Clubs International Foundation

— A-2 Believes in Our Foundation —

Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of US\$1,000. It is the backbone of LCIF, providing 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, an MJF is an honour presented to those people (Lions or non-Lions) for whom a donation of US\$1,000 was made to LCIF or by those who donate* LCIF.



Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF beyond the initial US\$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique lapel pin for each giving level.

MJF Facts

- The Fellowship was established in 1973 and the Progressive program began in 1986 in response to Lions' request for a way to extend their commitment to LCIF.
- Donations through MJFs provide 75 percent of the Foundation's annual revenue.

As of the end of October 2012, there are 342,670 MJF recipients and 64,301 PMJF recipients worldwide.

The names of MJFs are displayed on a computer in the LCIF Room at the International Headquarters.

Contributing Members: Wear the Pin!

- Become a Contributing Member! Bronze, Silver and Gold levels are available.

Personal tax receipts* are now available for donations utilizing the recently established Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.



Contact Bradd Anderson (b.anderson@a2lions.org) for additional information.

Videos from Lions International

These videos, some just added to the list, can bring enthusiasm to club meetings.

Champions of Change (3:31) *Lions Are ... - LCIF* (12:00) *Leading for Life* (5:00)

Lions Quarterly December—2012 (13:20) *Lions Quarterly January—2013* (15:00)

Lions International has a new online magazine—Membership Pulse. It is chock full of ideas that can be used around your clubs. The second installment is available now at the following url: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/EMN.pdf>. Have a look.

A-2 CHARITIES

We are alive and well.

A-2 Charities Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday March 23rd at Friendship Convention, time to be determined. We are hoping we will get ideas from some Lions Clubs as to how we can be of help to you by issuing receipts as long as they fall into our guidelines.

Letters and emails will be sent to all Clubs in the District before the Convention.

There will be nominations and voting for 3 directors at this meeting.

Lion Fred Arbour

Chairperson A-2 Charities

Environment

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest will once again take place at our Friendship Convention. The categories are: **ANIMAL LIFE**, **PLANT LIFE**, **URBAN** or **NATURAL LANDSCAPE**, **WEATHER PHENOMENON**, and **special theme BEAUTY OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT**. This year we will select 1 winner from each category. Entry forms are available on the International website. I have press releases if any Clubs are interested. Along with the Photo Contest I have a limited supply of the 2013 International Environment Calendars at the reduced price of \$5.00 each.

Lion Fred Arbour

Environment Chair





We Serve



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THERE ARE CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE AN ALLERGY TO SOMETHING – IT’S A FACT THAT WE ALL HAVE TO LIVE WITH IN THIS WORLD TODAY.

You have all received a package from me every lion’s year for the last 5 years so this program is not new to your clubs. But let me remind you The Lions Clubs of Canada partnered with the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation and created a program called “No Child Without”. This program offers a free medical alert bracelet to children between the ages of 4 and 14. This bracelet communicates to the emergency responders the medical condition that this child has so that they can provide the child with the safest and correct medications based on the up to date medical information through the 24 hour hotline. There are children all across Canada requiring medical alert bracelets because of diseases like allergies, diabetes, epilepsy, etc. And the number of children requiring these bracelets is growing every year so let’s save our future leaders now.

EVERY \$100 PROVIDES A CHILD WITH A BRACELET UNTIL THE AGE OF 14.

It’s not \$100 each year ... it’s \$100 per child.

To save your club any worry and continue to help YOUR community’s children, your club can sponsor a school for a ONE TIME fee (that can be made in multiple payments). The list of schools in your community that I have given in the past is about the same. Please discuss this program at a board of directors meeting and send me an email or give me a call if you would like more information or a presentation at your club. Even if your club cannot afford to sponsor a school then what about partnering with another club in your area or with a lioness club.

Or your club can make a donation - ALL size donations are welcome.

Please send donation by cheque and payable to “Canadian MedicAlert Foundation”; mail it to the address at the top.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to email me.

Lion Pamela Ballah

MD“A” & A2 No Child Without Chair

The Stamford Leos at the Conference.



Stamford Leos at the Grape and Wine parade in St. Catharines.



Stamford Leo President (Aaron), Secretary (Jasmin) and Treasurer (Sebastian) with the International Director and his lovely wife.





Lions Clubs International

Schedule of LCI Netcasts that could be of interest to your club. Pass this information along to your club and respective committees.

The Extension and Membership Division conducts monthly Netcasts on important membership topics every fourth Wednesday of the month. Netcasts are Web-based forums designed to be interactive. Lions are able to ask questions of the panelists and share success stories of their own. The goal is to provide an opportunity for Lions to learn and motivate each other. We encourage you to pass along this information to your club members and promote their participation.

Netcasts will be recorded and posted on the LCI [Web site](#). Below is the schedule of upcoming Netcasts. Space is limited so register today!

Date	Topic
January 23, 2013 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CST) Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership Recruiting Ideas <p>Learn recruiting strategies that have worked for other clubs.</p>
February 27, 2013 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CST) Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Club Branches <p>What are they? How do they work? Why your club should consider a branch?</p>
March 27, 2013 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. (CST) Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must Knows for Chartering New Clubs <p>Learn how to complete the paperwork for chartering a new club to ensure timely processing.</p> <p>Also, learn key policies that pertain to new club development.</p>

If you have any questions regarding upcoming Netcasts, please contact the **Membership and New Club Development Department at LCI**

The LCI Website is <http://www.lionsclubs.org>

The District A2 Youth Exchange Committee has prepared a photo book depicting the activities and events the Youth Exchange participants were engaged in during their travels across Ontario. Copies of this book can be downloaded from the www.a2lions.org website.

Lions International Youth Exchange

Canada 2012



**District A-2
Lion Bill Evers
Friendship Youth Camp**



2012 Youth Exchange visitors and Youth Exchange Team visiting the Niagara Peninsula.



Governor Allen with Youth Exchange young people visiting Niagara Falls.

Youth Exchange members with Camp Counsellors in Chippawa.



Youth Exchange group lunching along the Niagara Parkway with their Chippawa Lions Hosts.

Going to the MD-A Convention? Plan on attending the special "Opportunities for Youth Luncheon" You will have an opportunity to meet and greet those responsible for making this wonderful program tick.



Calling all Lions, Lioness, Leos and Friends

You are invited to attend a special

Opportunities for Youth Luncheon

to be held at the MD"A" Convention
on Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Following lunch, the various Youth programs will be showcased by Youth participants. Included will be:

- Youth Camp & Exchange
 - Effective Speaking
 - Leos
- Peace Poster/Blind Essay
 - Lions Quest

Come, experience the best of our Youth!!
[after a classy buffet with all included.]



To order tickets at \$26.00 each,

contact Opportunities for Youth Chair, Lion John Harvey at

905-768-3498 or <harv@optionsdsl.ca>