

# District A3 Governor's Newsletter



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Past District Governor Vic Smith  
and District Governor Mary Ann Smith

**Easter  
Blessings**



"You can't get very far until you start doing  
something for somebody else"

*Melvin Jones, Lions International Founder*



# DISTRICT A-3

2012-2013

## CABINET

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - MARY ANN SMITH

1st VDG - ALBERT MUNNEKE

2nd VDG - LINDA DUFFIE

IPDG - EARL OLIVER

SECRETARY - ALLAN McPHAIL

TREASURER - BILL LEWIS

Region Chair 10 - AL GRUNDY

Zone Chair 10N - STEVE SCALLY

Zone Chair 10C - SUSAN TAYLOR

Zone Chair 10S - KEN BURGESS

Region Chair 11 - DAWN HANSEN

Zone Chair 11E - JACK HAMILTON

Zone Chair 11W - DIANA LLOYD

Region Chair 43 - HARM ZYLSTRA

Zone Chair 43E - FRED KEATING

Zone Chair 43W - DON MAY

Zone Chair 43S - JANET MARISSEN

### **NOTICE To all District A3 Lions**

The 10 year old A-3 website has been discontinued and replaced with a new Lions e-district site for all the District A3 needs.

As most of you know - this site has existed for nearly a year. Here is the site so check it out and tell me what you think..

<http://e-district.org/sites/a3/index.php>

Webmaster PRC Lion George Rickard

[georgebr9@gmail.com](mailto:georgebr9@gmail.com)

**Congratulations** go out to Lion Bill Rowden of Port Hope who was a Grand Prize Winner of the Lions Foundation Toronto Weekend Getaway Raffle.

*Life is short, don't waste time worrying about what people think of you. Hold on to the ones that care, in the end they will be the only ones there.*

## LEADER DOG

We, who have been titled "Knights of the Blind", should not forget donations to Leader Dogs - a very worthwhile organization - we should support it whenever we can.

*District A3 Leader Dog Chair*

*Lion Larry Martin*

**Kendal Lions Club - March 15, 2013**  
ROAST BEEF DINNER - followed by entertainment by Lion Angie & Bill - & some others - perhaps a few Irish Jigs. Advanced tickets only \$15 ea. Call 905-786-1148.

**Belleville Lions Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**April 27 2013 - Belleville Banquet Centre**  
6 pm - Meet & Greet 7 pm - Dinner  
Guest Speaker PCC Todd Wilson  
9 - 11 pm: 'The Shadows' entertain  
\$35 ea or \$60 cpl.

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**MURDER MYSTERY & DINNER - May 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm**  
**Peterborough Lions Club Centre**  
**147 Burnham St., Peterborough**  
**Tickets - 705-740-2288**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual A3 Lions' Camping Weekend**

**July 26 - 28<sup>th</sup> -**

**Preston Springs Campgrounds**

**705-778-3332 - Call to reserve spot**

Bring RV or tent or come for a day. Bring your games, singing voices, guitar, etc & join in fun.  
BBQ & semi-potluck Sat. evening. Meat provided for \$5 ea.

Reserve for BBQ - 613-373-9374

[napancelionsclub@bellnet.ca](mailto:napancelionsclub@bellnet.ca)

or 705-639-5619 [revilo@bell.net](mailto:revilo@bell.net)



## CANDIDATE

# Janet Marissen

**Second Vice  
District Governor**

## LEADERSHIP IN LIONS



*All Past District A3 Governors are very busy – here are some:*



PDG Lion Gordon Taylor (Chair of Honorary Committee & Incoming Club Officers School, GLT District Co-ordinator,) does an excellent job of giving a Lions Orientation - helpful to new & long time members. He was introduced by Marmora Crowe Valley Membership Chair Lion Winston Wylie at the January MCVL business meeting.



PDG Lion Bill Lewis (Budget & Finance; Research & Long Range Planning) with wife Lion Cheryl takes important time out from a hectic schedule to enjoy a meal out with family in Belleville. (Lion Bill is also Lion Tamer in his own Club – Stirling)



PDG Lion Russ Mitchell keeps very involved – president again of Marmora Crowe Valley Lions, Dist. A3 Convention Treasurer as well as Sec. Treas. For MD'A' Past D.G. Assoc.



PDG Lion Earl Oliver, our Immediate Past District Governor, has been very busy – mountains of paperwork & just enjoying being **Past DG** as well as support to present District Governor!



PDG Victor Smith keeps smiling & urges Clubs to create more Leo Clubs as well as chairing Services for Children, 11E Co-ordinator & he is #1 supporter of our present District Governor Mary Ann Smith!!





## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Winter has arrived and although it is nice to see that lovely white covering on the ground the aching back from removing it from the walkway and driveway is another matter. However, we are Canadians and this year we are getting a taste of an old fashioned winter, matching the old fashioned summer we had in 2012.

The Clubs of District A3 are busy with their current projects and planning the ones they will hold in the warmer weather. I am happy to see so much enthusiasm in the Clubs that I have visited. The members of the two campus Clubs are just bubbling over with plans for new projects, one of which is recruiting new members, as some current members will graduate this year.

The Convention Committee has been working very hard to put together a great District A3 Convention to be held April 12, 13 and 14 at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. The theme is "Blazing Saddles", so bring your western attire and get ready for a great time. Past International Director Haynes Townsend and his wife Lion Donna will be our special guests for the weekend. There will be elections and proposed Constitution and By-Law amendments to be voted on as well as a proposed increase in District Dues. There are still some Cabinet positions open so please consider stepping forward and running for one of the offices. The District needs you!

Club Officer Training will take place May 4 at the Batawa Community Centre. More information will be coming forward soon so please encourage your incoming Club Executive to attend this training. All Lions are invited to attend so urge some of your members to register as well.

Training for incoming District Officers will be held on May 11 at Millbrook and again, more information will be sent out in the near future.

The third Cabinet meeting will be held on March 10 at the Cobourg Lions Hall. All Lions are welcome to attend. Come out and meet the current Cabinet members and find out what is happening in District A3 and enjoy some good fellowship with other Lions.

Easter arrives on March 31 so may we all enjoy a time of renewed strength, energy and commitment for the remainder of this Lions' year.

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**

Yours in Lionism,

*Mary Ann Smith*

District A3 Governor





## IMAGINE PEACE

A3 Peace Poster Chair Elaine Laliberte is proud and excited that winner at A3 District of the Peace Poster Contest has also won first at the MD 'A' District. The entry by Hannah Maynes of Marmora was forwarded to Lions International where she was one of the finalists. Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Peace Poster Chair is Lion Bonnie Danes and is happy to see the winner of last year's contest at District A level go further this year.



Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Peace Poster Chair Lion Bonnie Danes, Hannah Maynes and A3 Peace Poster Chair Elaine Laliberte.

Winner  
at  
the  
International  
level  
was  
Jenny Park  
of  
California



## MEMBERSHIP

Continues to be an important need in the District. Applying the 3R's may help build membership in Clubs.

**RECRUIT:** New members bring new energy, new ideas and an eagerness to serve.

**RETAIN:** Keeping the members we have requires member involvement in the Club's activities. This involvement provides them with a feeling of satisfaction.

**REPLACE:** Members leave for various reasons and need to be replaced to keep a Club from becoming stagnant. Balancing the rise and fall of membership is a responsibility shared by all

**District A3 Club Officer Training and Lions Learning Day**  
Saturday, May 4th, 2013 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Batawa Community Centre

*Will include a number of ½ day sessions*

Please check A3 web site for details and registration.

**Deadline April 15th**





Kendal Lions Club welcomes Bill and Marie Leggette – January 16th, 2013. Pictured l-r: At the Induction ceremony, Lions President Ron Robinson, Keith Longyear (sponsor), Bill and Marie Leggette, Region 10 Chair Al Grundy (officiated) and Dorothy Longyear (sponsor).

## Change of Address

### CHERRY VALLEY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

#### NEW ADDRESS:

1724C CTY. RD. 10,  
CHERRY VALLEY, ONTARIO  
K0K 1P0.

#### Good Idea

#### Notes From Chemung Lions

Monday February 11th Lion Doug Packman and Lion Tom Rutherford went to St Mathew's scout troupe to talk about the meaning of Lions, what they stand for, and what we do in the community. The group was very attentive and asked questions after the talk that they gave. Maybe we can get some new prospects when they get older – or maybe Leos?



With autism becoming an increasingly prevalent disability, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides implemented its fifth program in 2009. The Autism Assistance Dog Guides helps families and children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

Helping children aged 3 to 18 years of age, Autism Assistance Dog Guides provide safety, companionship and unconditional love. These Dog Guides provide a calming relief for children in high anxiety situations and reduce the stress commonly experienced in public places.

The bond that develops between the Dog Guide and child allows for increased social interaction for the family and the child. These Dog Guides can be identified by their maroon harnesses.

*With a growl of great compassion, The International Association of Lions Clubs offers people the opportunity to volunteer in their local areas and global community. Its more than 1 million members are involved in a range of projects, from neighborhood initiatives to far-reaching international campaigns.*





# Opening Doors to Independence



Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides' mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost.

Lions Foundation of Canada is excited to announce the launch of its **Opening Doors to Independence** campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1 million to launch a sixth Dog Guide program while increasing its service of the current five Dog Guide programs. To do so, there will be a renovation and expansion of the Oakville training centre to meet the needs well into the future as more people will be served from coast to coast.

**Diabetic Alert Dog Guides** is the new program currently being developed. These Dog Guides will be able to save lives as they can detect and alert to sudden and life threatening extreme changes in blood glucose levels of people with type 1 diabetes (with hypoglycemic unawareness).

The campaign's sole purpose is to garner support to create more Dog Guide partnerships that help people with disabilities open the door to greater independence. This will ensure that Lions Foundation of Canada continues as a leader in its field, assisting a growing number of Canadians

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## MARCH -

## Eye Donor Awareness Month

March 1:	Deadline for multiple districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to International Headquarters
March 1:	Lions Services for Children Symposium funding for fiscal year 2012-2013 opens up to districts and multiple districts in all Constitutional Areas
March 2-5:	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute – Constitutional Area VII: Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the Pacific Ocean (Sydney, Australia)
March 31:	Last day for regular convention registration fees
TBD:	Lions Day with the United Nations



**2013 MDA CONVENTION**  
**May 30, 31, June 1, 2, 2013**  
**Markham/Richmond Hill**  
**"Around the World in Four Days"**

Come to Markham/Richmond Hill and experience a Convention the likes of which you have never seen before.

Whether you are a Lion, Lioness, Leo, a partner or just a supporter of Lions we have something that will keep all who attend both busy and interested over the 3 days of the Convention.

In addition to the regular Lions programs the Convention will offer a variety of entertainment activities both within the confines of the Convention and trips to local points of interest, such as Unionville's Main Street where you can shop, eat and be entertained by the locals, a visit to a Chinese Shopping Mall, or a visit to a local Mosque, to name just three.

The focus of this year's MDA Convention is recognition and appreciation of many of the cultures represented by our organization's membership. With this in mind you will have the opportunity to experience several aspects of the lifestyles of these varied cultures such as food, fashions and, of course, song and dance.

It's time to let your hair down and come to your MDA Convention and have an experience you will remember for a lifetime.

We hope to see you all **May 30, 31 and 1, 2 June, 2013.**

For more information and Registration Form please visit our website at <http://www.mda2013.ca>

