

**Minutes of District A-3 40th Annual Convention
April 13, 14 & 15, 2012
Kingston, Ontario**

Friday, April 13, 2012

The convention was opened by PDG Dave Hansen followed by the parade of banners from all the A3 Clubs in attendance.

The special guests this year were introduced: PID Lion Dr. Patti Hill and her husband Lion Greg Holmes from Edmonton Alberta.

DG Earl Oliver welcomed everyone to the Convention. DG Earl expressed his and Carol's enjoyment over their year as District Governor and first lady. DG Earl hoped everyone would have fun this weekend.

Chairman Dave gave the history or how and when District A-3 Conventions started 40 years ago. We were the first district to have our own Convention in 1962 when Brent Rickard was Governor. He and Bill Mcguire had discussions that we should have our own. Apparently this had never been done before and the story goes that you never say something has never been done to Bill Mcguire as he will always get it done. So we all cheered PDG Bill Mcguire for his efforts in getting it done.

PID Terry Graham welcomed all to the convention and spoke briefly about our special guest, PID Dr. Patti Hill, as her Bio is in the Convention brochure he did not elaborate with the introduction. PID Patti Hill spoke briefly about her enjoyment being at the Convention to celebrate our 40th Annual Convention Anniversary with us. She admitted that this was her first visit to Kingston, Ontario and had had an opportunity to tour the city after her arrival and was impressed.

His Worship, Mayor Mark Gerretson from Kingston welcomed all participants to the convention. Mayor Gerretson, on behalf of himself and members of City Council, thanked all for their commitment to the community and also to the countries abroad.

The Honourable Ted Hsu, Member of Parliament Kingston and the Islands, welcomed everyone to Kingston and gave his wishes for a successful District A3 Convention. He assured PID Patti Hill that Air Canada is flying so that she will be able to get home.

After a few announcements from PDG Dave the first session was adjourned and everyone proceeded to the Hospitality Room.

The theme this year for the Hospitality Room was "The Hats Where Its At". Everyone enjoyed the entertainment by the Fade Kings, a local band. The food and beverages were well received by all. Keeping with their usual antics the Kendal Lions Club made a grand entrance all decked out in the Hats and dressed as Cheerleaders with pom poms and gave everyone a well rehearsed cheer. PID Patti Hill assisted in picking the winners of the best hats: Male first prize – Dick Cote from the Peterborough Lions Club; Female first prize – Carol Robinson from the Kendal Lions Club. The host committee also

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organized a Tug of War for Friday night. Unfortunately there were only two clubs that participated in this event so it was a tug of war between Norwood Lions Club and Kendal Lions Club. Much to the Kendal Lions Club dismay Norwood Lions Club were able to overcome them and won the tug of war.

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Saturday morning began with the PD Governor's Breakfast.

First Business Session was called to order by PDG Dave Hansen followed by the invocation. Guests were introduced by DG Earl Oliver: PDG Ted Hughes A4; CC Tom Hodgson Edmonton; DG Larry Bell A16; PID Dr. Patti Hill and Lion Greg Holmes from Edmonton.

DG Earl Oliver introduced each candidate for Cabinet and each gave a short speech.

Candidates were:

Zone Chair, 10C Susan Taylor
Zone Chair, 10S Ken Burgess
Region Chair, 10 Al Grundy
Zone Chair, 43S Janet Marrison
Zone Chair, 43E Fred Keating
Region Chair, 43 Harm Zylstra
Zone Chair, 11W Diana Lloyd
Region Chair, 11 Dawn Hansen
2nd VGD Linda Duffie
1st VGD Albert Munneke
DG Mary Ann Smith

At this point PDG Barry Flanigan-Constitution & Bylaws informed us that there was to be a ballot to vote on changes to the Constitution & Bylaws but unfortunately a lot of Clubs did not get the original notice of these changes so the ballot had to be withdrawn.

PRC Harvey Gere-Lions Foundation of Canada Chair-announced his retirement from this position after 3 years as Chair. He thanked all the Clubs for their support and asked every Club to support Measles Internationally.

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Our guest speaker PID Dr. Patti Hill gave an exceptional inspirational speech about the Changing Face of Lionism. She had a power point presentation of different faces that go along with different situations when enticing new members for your Clubs. The Lions organization has lost 390 members across Canada this year. She gave two quotes that should stay with everyone in attendance they are: "If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading" Lao Tzu and "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change" Charles Darwin. She announced that tax receipts can now be given to individuals who donate to LCIF in Canada. They must make cheques payable to "Lions of Canada Fund".

DG Earl Oliver thanked his Cabinet Members for the 2011/2012 year and presented each member with a gift from him in appreciation of the work they did this year. A beautiful plaque with a gavel affixed to it with their name and position engraved on a gold plaque. Each one was hand made by Lion Andy Stevenson from the Millbrook Lions Club.

DG Earl Oliver announced that the International Board passed the audit.

During the Saturday Luncheon we were entertained by the Effective Speaking Winners for our District:

Youth French:	Allison Adam (Peterborough Lions)
Youth English:	Heather Cadigan (Peterborough Lioness)
Junior French:	Sabrina Adam (East Peterborough Lions)
Junior English:	Emily Doucet (Courtice Lions)
Intermediate English:	Jacob Leonard (Courtice Lions)
Senior English:	Jonathan Legere (Bowmanville Lions)

Second Business Session in the afternoon started with "Lions Making Every Child Special" by Lion Janet Marrison was well received and focused on Lions Quest.

Next session was "Lions Foundation of Canada" by Judy Jelnick and was well received.

Governor's Banquet

The Governor's Banquet honoured and paid tribute to DG Earl Oliver and Carol for their very successful year. DG Earl introduced his family members present.

DG Earl spoke about how difficult it is to submit names to the awards board at International as he felt everyone should receive awards.

DG Earl then proceeded to present awards with the assistance of PID Patti Hill.

Awards presented as follows:

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- PID Patti Hill presented Friendship Banner mouse-pads to all the new Lions of less than 3 months.
- PID Patti Hill presented the International President's Lapel Pin to Lion Andy Stevenson of Millbrook Lions Club for his exceptional work all weekend running around taking pictures at the Convention

PID Patti Hill and DG Earl Oliver presented the next awards:

International President's Certificates of Appreciation:

Lion Dawn Hansen for her years of attending and helping with the organization of Conventions
Lion Jean Graham for her 19 years of fostering puppies for Dog Guides in Oakville
Lion Linda Duffie for her work as Cabinet Secretary this year

Lions International Leadership Award was presented to IPDG Gord Taylor

The Hospitality Room was open for the remainder of the evening for those wishing to stay up and socialize once again.

Sunday, April 15, 2012

The Sunday session began with announcements and invocation by PDG Dave Hansen.

Guest Speakers were David and Carol Fisher, "Kawartha Comets". David's wife Carol founded the Kawartha Komets hockey club for special needs kids and adults and David works alongside her to coordinate the games, practices and activities of the team. This special needs hockey program just completed its 3rd season and continues to grow. There are now two teams with a total of 45 players.

Memorial Service

David Fisher conducted the Memorial Service for District A-3 Lions. David served with Baseball Chapel as Chaplain to the Toronto Blue Jays for 29 seasons from their inception to the end of the 2005 season. He has also served as chaplain to the Peterborough Petes hockey club for 14 seasons.

The lighting of the candles for our departed Lions this year was completed by the Zone Chairpersons of each Zone with the names of the deceased being read by DG Earl Oliver.

IN MEMORIUM 2011-2012

Zone 10 North

Lion Herb Wilson	Chemung Lake & District
Lion Jack Montgomery	Apsley & District
Lion Albert Stapley	Bancroft
Lion Jim McCracken	Lakefield & District
Lion Bonnie Riley	Lakefield Lioness Lions
Lion Doug Smith	Lakefield & District
Lion Barb Thajer	Lakefield Lioness Lions

Zone 10 Center

Lion George (Orm) Wilson	Peterborough
Lion Don Hopkins	Peterborough

Zone 10 South

Lion Gord Jilks	Newcastle
Lion Howard Lewis Wood	Bowmanville
Lion Doug Kemp	Bowmanville
Lion Jack Brough	Bowmanville
Lion Dorothy Sutton	Courtice
Lion Dave Auston	Cobourg
Lion Ed (Eddy) Richard Majer	Newcastle

Zone 11 East

Lion Russ Hanlon	Kingston
Lion Jennyne Potvin	Amherstview

Zone 11 West

Lion Howard (Sam) Stacy	Napanee
PRC John Grose	Napanee
Lion Roger Bauder	Verona
Lion Leon McGuinness	Deseronto

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Zone 43 North

Lion Clark Holmes	Norwood
Lion Sue Minnie	Campbellford
Lion Robert (Bobbie) Johnston	Havelock
Lion Art Howson	Keene
Lion John Petherick	Campbellford

Zone 43 South

Lion Carl Pitman	Stirling & District
Lion William (Bing) Crosby	Trenton
Lion John Poneta	Wellington & District

PID Dr. Patti Hill and Greg Holmes bid everyone fond farewell and thanked the Lions of A-3 for their hospitality and fun filled weekend.

PZC Ray Ostapovich pulled the winning ticket for a special vest with pins on it. The Winner was Norwood Lions Club. This vest of pins raised \$454.00 which PZC Ray will donate to the Hearing Society of Peterborough. PZC Ray's sale of Pins at the Convention raised \$200.00 to be donated to Ontario Camp for the Deaf.

PZC Ray then proceeded to honour two special Lions that have helped him during the years with a Helen Keller Award. Lion Terry Hoskins was presented with the Helen Keller Award for helping Ray sell pins for many years.

Lion Elaine Laliberte also was presented with the Helen Keller Award for all her help with the Hearing Services.

During Luncheon PDG Dave Hansen thanked the hotel staff for their hospitality.

Bulletin Contest Results

29 members and smaller

First Prize: Courtice Lions Club Editor Georgina Major

Second Prize: Trenton Lions Club Editor Sharon (Sam) Astle-Manuel

30 members and over

First Prize: Newcastle Lions Club Editor Heather Griffin

Second Prize: Peterborough Lions Club Editor Frank Hewitt

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Most Improved newsletter: Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club Editor Wilma Bush
Honourable Mention: Sharbot Lake & District Lions Club – their bulletin is still bi-monthly

Best Overall Bulletin: Millbrook & District Lions Club Editor Andy Stevenson

Visitation Contest – 7 clubs participated

25 members and under – Sharbot Lake & District Lions Club

26 members and over – Millbrook & District Lions Club

Most Travelled Lion – winner Lion Barbara Munneke Millbrook and District Lions Club

Governor's Efficiency Contest

Winner – Kingston Lions Club

Peace Poster Contest Results

PZC Elaine Laliberte had a display of the winner's posters this year.

Winners – MDA Winner was from District A16

1st Prize – Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Club

2nd Prize – Cobourg Lions Club

Convention Report

First Timers at the Convention – 29 Members

Registration - 306 Members

Room Registrations – 107 Rooms

Lunch Saturday – 229 Members

Banquet Saturday night – 221 Members

Lunch Sunday – 197 Members

Booster Prizes raised \$937.00

Draws

50/50 Draw

1st Prize - \$500.00 winner Lion Lee Fraser Tamworth Lions Club

2nd Prize - \$323.00 winner Kingston Lakeshore West Lions Club

Muskoka Chair – winner Ms Corcoran

Ambassador Hotel Draw

Lion Robin Creeden Keene Lions Club

PDG Bill Lewis Stirling & District Lions Club

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Environmental Contest

22 Photos submitted

1st Prize – Lion Doug Danter Newcastle Lions Club – Entitled “The Chipmunk”

2nd Prize – Lion Andy Stevenson Millbrook Lions Club – Entitled “The Whales”

3rd Prize – PZC Nancy Lane Lakefield & District Lions Club – Entitled “Landscape NFLD”

Draw for PZC John Grose’s Vest and Pins with proceeds to The Diabetes Association
Winner – Grace Woodcock Newburgh Camden Lions Club

Governor’s Comments

Governor’s Message
Sunday, A3 Convention, 2012

Our convention is yet another sign of the nearing end of another Lions year. This reminds me of the advice of many PDG’s, which was to enjoy this year as Governor because before you realize it, it’s over.

This busy year, in my opinion, has had many successes. The credit for these successes go to all Lions of A3, that is to you. PIP Al Brandell said many times that the most important Lions anywhere are those working in their clubs, serving their communities. I agree with that statement whole-heartedly. My sincere thanks to you Lions assembled here, as well as the rest of our A3 Lions. You have been fulfilling President Tam’s first and foremost goal, SERVICE!

There are also so many Lions who have accepted additional responsibilities within the District.

Last year I approached, with some trepidation, the job of requesting Lions to take on the chairmanship of District Committees. It wasn’t long before I realized the willingness of so many Lions to commit to the time and effort involved.

The year for the District Governor is a busy time. He or she simply cannot do everything. Without Cabinet members and District Committee Chairs, and Club executives, the business of A3 simply would not happen.

I would be remiss at this time if I didn’t give a special thanks to the District and Host Convention Committees. The host committee is made up of Lions of the Keene and Peterborough Clubs. This is a perfect example of an A3 event that is taking place only because of these Lion Volunteers went that extra mile. PLEASE STAND and BE RECOGNIZED.

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There are two special committee members I must thank. We made enough phone calls that it would have been cheaper to live together.

PDG's Dave Hansen and Russ Mitchell please stand. Another District committee member that works almost totally in the background is the Secretary, Francis English. Thanks Francis.

A special thanks goes to my fellow Norwood Club members for your support over the last five years. It is and has been much appreciated more than words can express. I look forward to being more useful and helpful to our club in the future.

President Tam's tree planting is a project near and dear to me. The district A3 goal was set to plant a minimum of 5 trees per Lion or about 7,000 trees. This goal will be far surpassed. My other goal is to have 100% club involvement in the project. It's very close to that and it's not too late. I ask each of you to spread this message to your clubs and others.

Something we as Lions must never forget is the amazing product we have to sell to potential new members.

The world cannot continue to expect the level of service and compassion that presently exists, without volunteers and Lions make up a major part of the number of volunteers worldwide.

Lionism provides opportunities to gain life and leadership skills along with as many new friends as you wish to gain. The satisfaction of helping to improve people's lives is immeasurable and we do improve more lives than we will ever know.

I'm proud to be a Lion and to help to do what Lions do best. I thank you for performing your miracles this year. You really have been amazing. Also, I thank you for allowing me to be your District Governor.

DG Earl.

Closing Remarks

PDG Dave Hansen thanked his Co-Chairman PDG Russ Mitchell for his work and the host Committee Peterborough Lions and Keene Lions Club for their organization. PDG Dave had only one thing to say a big THANK YOU for all the members that attended this 40th Annual Convention.

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DG Earl Oliver gave the voting results as follows:

Voting Results and Introduction of 2012-2012 District A-3 Cabinet

There was a 68% voting turnout.

District Governor Lion Mary Ann Smith
1st Vice District Governor Lion Albert Munneke
2nd Vice District Governor Lion Linda Duffie
Cabinet Secretary Lion Allan McPhail
Cabinet Treasurer PDG Bill Lewis
Region 10 Chair Lion Al Grundy
Zone 10S Chair Lion Ken Burgess
Zone 10C Chair Lion Susan Taylor
Zone 10N Chair Lion Steve Scally
Region 11 Chair Lion Dawn Hansen
Zone 11E Chair Lion Jack Hamilton
Zone 11W Chair Lion Diana Lloyd
Region 43 Chair Lion Harm Zylstra
Zone 43E Chair Lion Fred Keating
Zone 43 W Chair Lion Don May
Zone 43S Chair Lion Janet Marrissen

District Governor Elect Lion Mary Ann Smith announced the Lions International Theme for 2012-2013:
"A World of Service".

District 11 will be the Convention Hosts for next year's Convention: A Country & Western Theme.