

DISTRICT A-3 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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To: All Lions, Lioness & Leos of District A-3

Can you believe that half of this Lions' year has already passed! What a busy summer and fall it has been! It is time to reflect on the past 6 months and continue with plans for the future.

Linda and I have travelled extensively throughout the District and are gratified by the welcoming reception we have received from all the clubs. There has been lots of laughter and lots of great discussions. You have treated us with such warmth and respect. I am so proud of all of our Clubs and both Linda and I will continue to work hard for you in order to live up to your expectations.

There have been a few "bumps" along this journey. With the guidance of the Leadership Team and the support of the District, workable solutions have ensured that District A3 keeps moving forward in a most positive manner.

But the "bumps" have been relatively few compared to the "highs". Although our membership numbers dropped over the first few months, I am hearing, almost daily, of all the new members being welcomed to our clubs throughout the District.

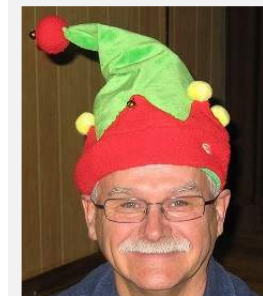
Already, this Lions' year, 60% of our clubs have contributed to LCIF. District A3 is truly responding to the disasters in our nation and throughout the world. As well, District A3 has benefitted through grants from LCIF to our hospitals, our vision/hearing screening, the Lions' Foundation of Canada Dog Guide van, as well as other projects.

Members of the Cabinet, the Global Leadership and Membership Teams are an enthusiastic bunch of Lions – such that we have potential for forming a new club and Branch Clubs. My thanks to them – most often they are working behind the scenes, seeking little recognition for all their hard work.

Our young people are making us proud – the Trent Campus Club is up and running, with a keen group busy fundraising and collecting eyeglasses. The Sharbot Lake Leo Catalyst Club continues to grow, with new ideas emerging constantly. A new plan has been put in place for the revamping of the Queen's Campus Club in the New Year.

Sometimes I lie awake at night, thinking about things. But always I come back to this – how fortunate we are to live in Canada. The daily news is filled with the turmoil other countries experience – horrors that, hopefully, we will not have to endure. As Canadians and as Lions, we should be extremely proud of how we are able to support others, both at home and abroad, and of how "We Serve".

On behalf of the District A3 Cabinet, I would like to wish everyone "Season's Greetings" and "A Prosperous New Year". May you be at peace this holiday season.



Governor Bill 



IN MEMORIAM

THE FOLLOWING LIONS HAVE PASSED AWAY IN OUR DISTRICT SINCE THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

LION GUS WALSH
TWEED LIONS CLUB

LION JENNY HUDSON
FOXBORO MELROSE LIONS CLUB

LION BOB DOWNEY
LAKEFIELD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



Presentation cheque to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides for Van Project. L-R: LFC Executive Director Sandy Turney, DG Bill Zwier, PDG Janet Marissen with puppy-in-training 'Hudson', and A-3 LFC Chair PDG Earl Oliver.

GRAD NIGHT
Lions Foundation of
Canada Dog Guides
November 2017

L-R: 1st VDG Frank Hewitt, PDG Albert Munneke and A-3 LFC Chair PDG Earl Oliver. The Dog Guide that PDG Albert sponsored the year he was Governor, graduated that night.



1st VDG Frank said, "I was so happy to hear that the Hearing Ear dogs went to two recipients right here in our own District. One went to Port Hope and the other went to Hastings. It was so great to see the smiles and tears on all of the happy recipients faces as they prepared for their trip home with their new friends. Thank you to all of you Lions that help make events like this possible and to Lions such as Albert Munneke and our Lions Foundation of Canada Committee Chair Lion Earl Oliver for making this all happen."

[facebook post by Frank Hewitt]

Tom Gordon International Director



Tom Gordon of Newmarket was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of LCI at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago, 2017.

Director Gordon is a retired educator and owner of a human resources training company.

A member of the Newmarket North Lions Club since 1982, he has held many offices within the association, including club secretary, treasurer, president, zone and region chairperson, district governor and council chairperson and multiple district GLT co-ordinator. In addition, Director Gordon has presented training and information seminars at local, multiple district, and international conventions. He is also a Lions Quest trainer and trainer-of-trainers, presenting workshops across Canada and the USA since 1988 and is a member of the faculty of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, the Extension Award, two International Leadership Awards, and two International President's awards. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Gordon has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, and has served on the board of directors of York Region Addiction Services, Habitat for Humanity and Lions Quest Canada.

Director Gordon and his wife, Lion Gillian, have two daughters, one son, two nieces, three grandchildren, and four great nieces.



Lion Laverne Stapley—Bancroft Lions Club with his 19th foster puppy. Welcome Ketley! What a cutie.



HAVELOCK LIONS CLUB



60th

CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

Saturday April 21, 2018

Social: 6:00-7:00 PM, - Dinner 7:00 PM

LIONS HALL 2nd Floor 39 George Street East
Elevator Available

Price: \$30.00 Per Person

Keynote Speaker:

Judge Brian Stevenson
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT - 1987 - 1988

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Congratulations to the Sharbot Lake Leos Catalyst Club!

2nd Place Winners at the Central Frontenac Festival of Trees for their baked cookies, that included the recipe. Their overall theme of "A Canadian Christmas" reminded them of cookie exchanges that take place during the Christmas season.



'May the blessings of the season fill your life with joy. With hopes that happy times and good fortune are headed your way this coming year.'

Lions of District A3,

It has been such an interesting path that I am travelling right now. On my way to become the District Governor of District A3 I am seeing such a different side of this organization my friends. I refuse to concentrate on the negative side of things but love to tell you all about the positive side.



When visiting the clubs in this District and I have had a fantastic opportunity to meet so many great people serving as part of this wonderful organization. I have seen so many worthwhile projects being undertaken and so many worthwhile causes being challenged.

Sometimes people feel that we, the Cabinet are the hard workers of this District. But I say the clubs and members in this District are the champions. They deserve a big round of thanks from each of us sitting on Cabinet.

Lions, currently we are down in membership numbers but if you get the chance to look at Club reports as we do, you would see that not only are we working hard to accept the challenges before us, but we are slowly adding members to our numbers. We are slowly bringing in new people, we are looking at different ways to do things. Things such as the way we hold meetings (i.e. Cyber meetings, GO TO Meetings, etc.); to the ways we present at our meetings (i.e. no head tables, guest speakers, etc.). Changes to the types of events we do and changes to the way we hold our Zone meetings and Region Rallies.

Yes, we still have those members that feel we are changing too much and that we are not following proper protocol, but this District is moving forward with the times. We are changing to meet the wants and needs of more members; striving to reach new membership satisfaction. That is not to say that everything needs to be changed, or that we need to stop doing what we have done in the past, but it does mean that we need to continue to look at our past as well as our future and most importantly we need to continue to LISTEN to the membership, WORK with our membership and be PROUD of OUR membership. Yes, OUR membership! Because Lions we are all one big family; a family we can be proud to call Lions.

Lions I ask that you all remember that these Cabinet members serving today are here to help you, advise you and guide you as we work together to face the challenge of living up to our motto, "We Serve". In fact, from what I have seen thus far this year we have not only lived up to that motto we have surpassed it!

Frank Hewitt
1st Vice District Governor 2017 - 2018

Happenings and Events... Out and About our District



DENBIGH-GRIFFITH
Governor Bill welcomes new Denbigh-Griffith Lions Carrie, Bev and Marilyn. Denbigh-Griffith Lions proudly displaying their chevrons for years of service.



CONGRATULATIONS! Celebrating the 65th wedding anniversary of Lions Rowena & Erwood Reynolds, at the Denbigh-Griffith Lions' Hall.



Sydenham Lion Cindy Abrams "rehearsing" for the Santa parade



A visit to the Norwood Lions Club in November by the Cobourg and Peterborough Lions Clubs



CONGRATULATIONS Newcastle Lions
Above: Newcastle Lion Sierd DeJong with his 50 year chevron and his Brian Stevenson Fellowship.



Right: Newcastle Lion David Gibson with his Life Membership. Awards were presented by Governor Bill.

Happenings and Events... Out and About our District



Above: Induction night for the Frontenac Catalyst Leo Club, sponsored by Sharbot Lake Lions. Below: Leo President Annika with Leo Leader Lion Lesley.



East Peterborough Lions—Above: Donation to the Salvation Army Kettle Program, Lansdowne Mall, December; Below: Ham and Turkey donations to Kawartha Food Share. L-R: Lions Wayne Halstead, Ray 'Ike' Jones and 1st VDG Frank Hewitt.



46TH ANNUAL DISTRICT A3 CONVENTION

April 13th—15th, 2018

AMBASSADOR HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTRE, KINGSTON

Plans for your “Century of Service” convention are on track to make this a weekend to remember!

We are working to find unique ways to honour each of our Clubs in this our Centennial Year. The “Lucky Friday the 13th” Dance Party should be great fun. Ward off the evil spirits of Friday the 13th by wearing your luckiest costume or dress in the attire of the year of your Club’s charter year... The luckiest day in your Club’s history!!

As usual, your Host Committee is asking all A3 Clubs to contribute \$100 toward the Hospitality Room. Please, also be generous in your purchases of the Convention 50/50 Tickets. And finally, we are selling Ads in the Convention Program Booklet. All of this can be found in the Mail-Out which you should be receiving in the next few weeks. See you in April.

Lion Bill Pyle, Host Committee Chair

ZONE MEETING NOTICE REMINDER

To: All Lions of Zone 11 East...

The next Zone Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 23rd in Storrington. Plans are underway for a first-ever Zone Potluck Dinner Meeting (organized by Lion Shirley and the rest of the Storrington Lions).

Lions please RSVP—call or email Lion Barb Johnson to let her know how many will be attending from your club. Phone: 613-384-1207 Email: brucej@bell.net

Lion Barb can then contact Lion Shirley with the numbers so Lion Shirley can give specific direction to your club as to what is needed.

Special guests will include: Lion Theresa Hewitt (East Peterborough Lions Club) on Special Olympics; and 1st VDG Frank Hewitt. Region Chair 43 Lion Jim Peters, along with Governor Bill and 1st VDG Frank, will facilitate small group discussion on leadership, membership and service, topics some Lions have expressed an interest to know more about.

Periodic reminders will be sent with more details by your new Zone 11E Chair—Lion Linda Zwier

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VOLUNTEER Brenda Mayhew found a way to assist the Tamworth Lions Club.



Last February she put a “shout out” for donations of yarn and volunteer knitters. A carload of yarn and close to 30 knitters was the result and, through yard sales etc., they quickly turned their talents into dollars to supplement the annual Christmas basket drive. Volunteer Brenda turned over a cheque for more than \$2,000 to the Tamworth Lions. Brenda may not be a Lion, but she sure has the heart of a Lion. THANK YOU BRENDA!

Above: Volunteer Brenda Mayhew and Lion Steve Williams.
Below: With all the knitted goods are Lion Marie Williams, Lion Maurice Mayhew and Brenda.



Congratulations to Odessa Lion Mearle Doucet on receiving his 20 year chevron. With him are ZC11W Curtis Dixon, Odessa President Dave Savage and RC11 Fred Brown.



WELCOME to new Amherstview Lion Ted Hawkins, who was inducted December 12th. L-R: RC Lion Fred Brown, Lion Ted Hawkins and sponsor Lion Neville Taylor

Ted has attended many of the Lions’ events in the fall of 2017 and has demonstrated what is valued in a Lion. A commitment to youth and service in the community are significant components of an exemplary Lion and certainly are part of Lion Ted’s character.



December 1st—Treasure Chest Bingo, Kingston held a celebration for the \$16.5 million raised for community groups over the past twelve years. In Kingston 120 community groups have received funding from two charity bingo halls.

As a result of the shared distribution from the Treasure Chest Bingo in the past, the Amherstview Lions Club has provided aid for youth groups, seniors, the needy and as well, many charitable institutions.

Above L-R: Amherstview Lions Past President Carman Fisher, Joan Benoit and 1stVP Mike Kubisheski .

[Excerpt from submission from Lion Barb Johnson, Club Secretary]

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DURHAM REGION REGIONAL POLICE CHILDREN'S GAMES, Pickering

It was with great pride that several of us attended the Durham Regional Police Children's Games in Pickering.

Club President Ralph Wise and the Kendal Lions Club asked the East Peterborough Lions to accept the challenge of collecting Pop can tabs to be turned into wheelchairs for the handicapped.

Well, together we collected enough to donate not only one but TWO wheel chairs. Lion Ralph and I were invited to present these chairs and represent

Lions to the fantastic youth in attendance. What a wonderful event. There were so many smiling faces in attendance, and following the opening presentation the kids were invited to participate in the games. Everyone had a great time.

Many thanks to Lion Ralph and Lynne Wise for representing the Lions of A3. Thank you to Lion Theresa Hewitt and Nicole Hewitt and Lion Devon Wilkins for joining me today.

Excerpt from facebook from 1st VDG Frank Hewitt.

Harvest Luncheon in Amherstview

On a beautiful Saturday in October the Lions and Lionesses of Amherstview served a scrumptious turkey dinner to thirty-two elderly residents at the Amherstview Community Hall. The Henderson Care Centre sent taxis to deliver elderly people to the Hall where Lions and Lionesses escorted them to beautifully decorated tables. Colourful prizes and gift bags were part of the afternoon's entertainment. The band, "Tom and Friends" had everyone tapping, clapping, swaying and singing to the music. The Amherstview Community Hall barely contained the joyous excitement in evidence.

The Lions and Lionesses of Amherstview have formed a partnership that is the envy of everyone who has had the opportunity to experience it. Other examples of this partnership include the Seniors' Euchre Party in November, the creation and collection of the Christmas Hampers in December, and the Vision and Hearing Screenings coming in February.

This partnership has endured for decades like a good marriage. We are all blessed if this partnership endures for decades to come.

[Excerpt of submission from Club Secretary, Lion Barb Johnson]



LCIF EARNS HIGHEST RATING FROM CHARITY NAVIGATOR



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Congratulations to Lions Clubs International Foundation on attaining the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

The nonprofit sector is advancing and expanding. As our organizations evolve, so do the desires and interests of our supporters. Astute donors are yearning for greater accountability, transparency, and for concrete results from us. Charity Navigator aims to accentuate the work of efficient and transparent organizations. Based on the most recent information available, we have issued a new rating for your organization.

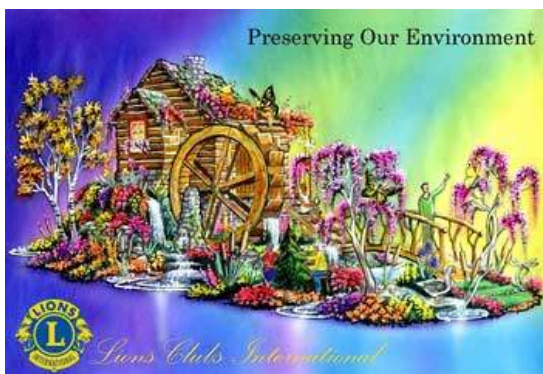


We are proud to announce Lions Clubs International Foundation has earned our sixth consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way.

Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Lions Clubs International Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work. Only 5% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 6 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that *Lions Clubs International Foundation outperforms most other charities in America.* This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Lions Clubs International Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

Your achievement and the 4-star rating will enhance your organization's fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of Lions Clubs International Foundation's financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency is now visible on our website. We wish you continued success in your charitable endeavors.

[Excerpt of letter to LCIF FROM Michael Thatcher, President & CEO dated October 1st, 2017]



LIONS 2018 ROSE FLOAT

The Lions Clubs float theme "Preserving Our Environment" fits perfectly around two of the Lions Clubs International Centennial Projects, Engaging Our Youth and Protecting Our Environment.

Lions around the world do restoration projects, plant trees, clean up beaches and our parks and other restoration projects on a daily basis. The float is 35 feet long and is designed to depict Leos planting trees and overseeing the preservation of a historical landmark which includes an animated water wheel.

Since 1992 Lions Clubs International has continuously presented a float in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. The parade is viewed by an estimated 400 million people in 85 countries around the world and serves as a message to the world that Lions are people who serve others.

The 123rd Rose Parade from Pasadena California will be aired on Monday, January 2nd at 11 am EST. Check it out!

Read more about Lions Float Inc. and the history of Lions involvement in the Rose Parade on their website: www.lionsrosefloat.com.

[Excerpts from www.lionsrosefloat.com]

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TRENT CAMPUS LIONS... THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Installation and Induction of new Trent Campus Lions... with Guiding Lions PDG Gord Taylor and 2nd VDG Susan Taylor (Chemung Lake) and PCC Graham Lewis (Peterborough) in attendance.

Officiating the ceremonies was A-3 Governor Bill Zwier, assisted by Lion Linda Zwier, Lion Anne Lewis and Zone 10 North Chair Syd Hopkins. WELCOME new Lions to District A-3.



The Colborne & District Lions have been busy!



Excerpt from submission by Lion Kim Carr
Secretary/Treasurer Colborne & District Lions

The Lions decorated a Christmas Tree for the Festival of Trees in Colborne, benefitting the Colborne Public Schools music program. They had a total of 27 trees and were able to raise \$15,000.00.

Next the Lions also participated in the Colborne Santa Claus parade and served hot chocolate to eager children waiting to see Santa after the parade.

Lastly, a donation was made to the Cramahe Firefighters Association fundraiser to benefit TEMA and After the Call. This is a program which helps first responders cope with PTSD and provides counseling after difficult emergency calls.



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TEAMWORK... AMHERSTVIEW LIONS CLUB ODESSA & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The Amherstview Lions Club and the Odessa and District Lions Club recently purchased a Shower Commode Chair for the Palliative Care Unit of the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital located in Napanee.

Nurses and care givers are the unsung heroes of hospitals and nursing homes and know that for people confined to wheelchairs, taking a shower can be stressful. This new chair has easy tilt, recline and adjustable positioning that allows one nurse or a personal support worker to bathe patients, and the experience is effortless and comfortable, while protecting a patient's dignity.

These two Lions Clubs together make a huge contribution to the health care community.



Cheque presentation ~ November 16th.

Left to Right: Bob Vrooman of the Foundation, Amherstview Lion Elsie Smith, Deb Coles of the Foundation, Odessa Lion David Shane, Amherstview Lion President Bill Matier, Amherstview Lion Bruce Johnson, Odessa Lion George Bullock, Amherstview Lion Barb Johnson, Odessa Lion Isabel Caird.



Congratulations to Sydenham Lions – Jim Kelly (Melvin Jones Fellowship), Joanne Ankers (Helen Keller Award), Heather Gillespie (Helen Keller Award), Bud Young (not in photo) (Helen Keller Award). Well done, Lions!



Lakefield & District President, Lion Gord MacLeish (*left*) presents cheque to Mike Stedman, the lucky winner of their club's ATV Draw. Congratulations Mr. Stedman.



**Norwood Ontario Lions Club
NORWOOD LIONS CLUB BURSARY
PRESENTATION**
At the Norwood District High School Commencement on Friday, November 3, 2017 Norwood Lions Club President Barry Walsh presented bursaries of \$500 each to five deserving students who are continuing their post secondary education. These \$500 Bursaries are made in memory of deceased members of Norwood Lions Club.



Congratulations to Storrington Lion Shirley O'Neil for her 20 year chevron!



Sayings & Superstitions

To have good health throughout the next year, eat an apple on Christmas Eve.

The child born on Christmas Day will have a special fortune.

Wearing new shoes on Christmas Day will bring bad luck.

If you refuse a mince pie at Christmas dinner, you will have bad luck for the coming day.

Snow on Christmas means Easter will be green.

Place shoes side by side on Christmas Eve to prevent a quarreling family.

A blowing wind on Christmas Day brings good luck.

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TEAMWORK... LAKEFIELD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB AND LAKEFIELD LIONESSE LIONS CLUB



The Lions Clubs have once again joined forces for the betterment of our community, together they have made a \$20,000 donation to the Lakefield Curling Club Renovation Fund. The donation will be known as the "Centennial Legacy Project" by both the Lakefield Lioness Lions Club and the Lakefield & District Lions Club.

In honouring the support by the Lions Clubs & how the clubs support the youth in our area the Lakefield Curling Club has named the Lions Clubs as sponsors of the Lakefield Sunday Junior Curling League. This will provide no cost junior curling for up to 32 of our youths each year for the next 10 years.

The members of the Lions Clubs of Lakefield consider our LCC as one of the hubs in the village providing activity for the young & the old & would like everyone to know any person can take a membership in this beautiful renovated curling club that is now handicapped accessible. The Lions of Lakefield wish our youth a great future & many happy days enjoying the sport of curling.

Above: A happy group of hard-working Lions, Below left: Happy and smiling—Junior Curlers; below right: Lioness Lion President Norma Jones along with Lions Club President Gord MacLeish presenting a cheque to Lakefield Curling Club President John Davis.



1st VDG Lion Frank Hewitt presents a Legacy 2 badge to Lions Norma Jones & Gord MacLeish, Presidents of both Lakefield Clubs.



It was a morning to remember as Lindsay Biscala & camera man Kevin Wheeler came to the Lakefield Curling Club to do live cut ins for the CHEx Morning Show. Lindsay had members of the LCC explain about the transformation that has taken place at the club while the two presidents of the Lakefield Lioness Lions & the Lakefield Lions explained the \$20,000 donation they made to the LCC that gives them 10 years of sponsorship with the Sunday Youth Curling. This gives the youth of our area free Sunday lessons & curling.

Happenings ... Out and About our District



LAND O' LAKES...

The Land O'Lakes Lions, like other Clubs have been very busy these past few months. We got a great start to the fall with a Thank You BBQ for everyone in our community. Our community is the best! The support they give is totally amazing! The Lions wanted to say Thank You!

Our tiny hamlet can now be seen by the International Space Station with the Lions new digital outdoor sign! The community is very excited to have the sign with it being a great venue to let everyone know about the Lions, the Hall, and what's happening. This is a Legacy Project.

Another Legacy project came to fruition with the stamp of approval from our local health inspector and our plumber. Our "Outdoor Water Filling Station" is a huge hit in the community. The Lions are going to build on this venture by incorporating the station with an outdoor garden and rest area for the community. Planning for this project begins in the new year.

November brought the Lions second Paint Night. The number of participants was up from last year primarily due to the amazing skills of our event coordinator Lion Debbie Robillard!

An event left hanging with no one to coordinate it was our local Santa Claus Parade. With the Lions at the helm, this totally amazing event comes to the community on the first Saturday in December. This year was the best as more floats were registered with more arriving on the day of the event.



With a tour around Northbrook and stopping in at the local nursing home, Santa made his way back to the Hall where hot chocolate and doughnuts were waiting for all.

The New Year sees the beginning of preparations for our club's upcoming fiftieth anniversary in January 2019. Another event in the works is our annual 50 & 60 Dance and Beyond in February.

[Excerpt of submission from Lion Nancy Skipper, Club Secretary]



Land O' Lakes Lions Club... Pictured right are two of their Legacy projects: the water refilling station and their new digital sign. Governor Bill presented the club with the 4 Gem Centennial banner patch. L-R: Past Secretary Debbie Robillard, President "Red" Emond, Governor Bill and Secretary Nancy Skipper.

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The streets of Lakefield were overflowing with children along with moms & dads as they awaited Santa. From horses to floats & goats, along with bands & clowns, Lakefield was in a festive mood. After the parade it was back to the Legion for the children to meet Santa. As you can see Santa loves them all no matter what the age.



The Kendal Lions were out in force and enjoyed the day at the Orono Santa Claus Parade November 25th. The theme for this year's float celebrated Canada's 150th Birthday.

Above l-r: Lions Ron Robinson, Peter Speziale, Gary Woodbeck, Rick Walker, Bill Scott, Alice Scott, Deb Walker, Bob Robinson, Minty with Grandpa Albert Munneke (Logan his dog), Bill Leggette and Ralph Wise.

Next to the cake: Lions Carol Robinson and Shirley Robinson.
Left: Lions Gary Woodbeck and Alice Scott.



The Amherstview Lions and Loyalist Township Santa Claus Parade brought Santa and Mrs. Claus to the children of Amherstview. The joy in the children's eyes made all the effort worthwhile.

What's a parade without its dignitaries? VIP's included : Emma Tugnette who received the Citizenship Award at Ernestown Secondary School; Region Chair Lion Fred Brown; our own Member of Parliament Mike Bossio; Councilman Ron Gordon; the Amherstview Lioness President Linda Hornbeck; and the Lion President of Amherstview Bill Matier. These six people contributed significantly to the Loyalist Township community and certainly deserved a position of honour in the parade.



Central Frontenac Township Santa parade featuring the Sharbot Lake Catalyst Leos on the float with their homemade musical instruments.

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Light Up the Season in Amherstview

James Keirstead is one of Canada's foremost landscape and heritage artists... his subjects and landscapes exude tranquility. He would have been delighted with the festivities that took place at Fairfield Park on December 3rd.

The Amherstview Lions gallantly served over 900 cups of hot chocolate to the festive crowd. According to President Bill Matier the Lions secret recipe included 32 pounds of chocolate and 30 gallons of water. The aroma of the hot chocolate (and the propane heater) made the lions table very popular!

The highlight was the visit with Santa! Young children brought endearing letters to the benevolent old soul... with a twinkle in his eye he assured the children that he would personally mail a response to each and every child. What a tender moment in this time honoured tradition.

Loyalist Township should be congratulated for their efforts in a job well done. That afternoon was hands down the most entertaining gathering of the season, with many activities for young and old alike.

[Excerpt of submission by Lion Barb Johnson, Club Secretary]



Region Chair Lion Fred Brown clowning around at the Amherstview Community Hall for the Amherstview Lions and Loyalist Township Santa Claus Parade - November 4th.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know? Each month, hundreds of thousands of Canadians are assisted by food banks.



Who's turning to food banks? There is no single, typical profile. Those helped include families with children, employed people whose wages are not sufficient to cover basic living essentials, individuals on social assistance and Canadians living on a fixed income, including seniors and people with disabilities.

More and more, food banks are asked the question – how the public should donate (Food or Funds)? Food is a tangible way to see the impact donors can make. On the other hand, operating costs for food banks are a reality.

Food drives provide important opportunities... they help raise awareness of hunger in communities and build relationships with community organizations and businesses.

Among other things, donations ensure trucks can get on the road to distribute food, the heat is on and doors stay open.

However you choose to help... your generosity of food, funds or even with volunteering your time can make the holiday brighter for those in need.

Information obtained from Food Banks Canada www.foodbankscanada.ca



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

OPEN TO ALL LIONS... NEW & EXPERIENCED

Saturday, January 13th, 2018
9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Social 8:30 am)

East Peterborough Lions Hall
910 Monaghan Road, Peterborough ON K9J K4

Come join us for a fantastic day of learning about this wonderful organization called Lions. Session will be taught by PDG Lion Janet Marissen. Cost is \$5.00 with a light lunch.

For more information and to RSVP, call: Lions Frank or Theresa Hewitt at (705) 872-8048

Seasons Greetings to Lions of A-3

Thank you for sending along your club photos, events and news... Please note: because of space limitations, some submissions have been shortened.

Here's a little Celtic greeting to you and your family...



In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in want. May peace and plenty be the first to lift the latch on your door, and happiness be guided to your home by the candle of Christmas.

Lion Karen Christopher
District A-3 Newsletter Editor