DISTRICT A-3 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR BILL ZWIER



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It's hard to believe that one quarter of this Lions' year is already gone. It seems like yesterday that Linda and I flew to Chicago where I was inducted as District A3 Governor for the 2017/2018 Lions' year.

We enjoyed many learning sessions, met Lions from all over the world and enjoyed the company of the nine other incoming Governors of MD"A".

We marched in the Lions' parade on July Ist and were warmed by the cheers of the spectators, especially when they burst into the singing of "O Canada" for us. We listened to many speakers and learned much more about Global Warming and the impact on our earth. We enjoyed the music of the Beach Boys, Chicago and the Charlie Daniels Band.

The days flew by and we returned home exhausted but with a renewed sense of inner energy, urging us to go out and make a difference in the world in whatever ways we can.

Two speakers in particular left a lasting impact. Our International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal spoke to us about our Lions' motto of "We Serve" and "The Power of We". One Lion alone can do so little but together we are strong – that is "The Power of We". President Aggarwal encouraged us to step forward into the second century of service with the goal to serve 200,000,000 people by the year 2021. With LCI Forward, the emphasis being on five main programs – Pediatric Cancer, Diabetes, Special Olympics, Vision and Hunger - it can be done.

Another speaker, Nick Vujicic is a 34 year old man born with no arms or legs. He is married, has 2 children, with twins on the way. He has 2 university degrees and owns 2 businesses. He travels the world as a motivational speaker. Nick spoke to us about his life as a child, the bullying he suffered and his suicide attempts. He led us through his failures, his successes, and his gradual realization that he is a valuable person with much to offer. Nick believes that, in striving for a goal, there are no failures, that each failed attempt is really just a stepping stone to eventual success. "If you fail, try again" and "Never give up, dream big, you never know your limits".

We all know that retention of our club members remains a challenge in District A3. Let us focus on ways to encourage all of our members to stay. Welcome a new idea, even if you think it will fail. (remember Nick – no real failures).

Relax a bit with that club member who irritates you. We all need each other (remember "The Power of We"). Allow club members to use their specific talents. Have speakers/presentations at some of your club meetings. Make it interesting so members want to attend the next meeting. And never forget the value of your Tail Twister.

All of our District Committee Chairs are in place, along with the Global Leadership and Global Membership Teams. They are all eager and waiting to be invited to your club meetings and zone meetings.

I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Governor this year. I thank those Lions who stood with me in Chicago as I was inducted. I thank all those Lions in District A3 who are standing with me now. "The Power of We" has never been stronger. "Never give up, dream big, you never know your limits." Together, we serve.

Governor Bill



IN MEMORIAM

The following Lions have passed away in our District since June 2017. May they rest in peace.

> LION MAC. CARSCELLAN KINGSTON LIONS CLUB

LION DONALD CASSAN HAVELOCK LIONS CLUB

LION CHARLES CROWTHER KENDAL LIONS CLUB

LION PETER DEJONG NEWCASTLE LIONS CLUB

LION CONNIE MOORE STIRLING LIONS CLUB

LION BILL MORTON SHARBOT LAKE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

> LION WILLIAM ROWDEN PORT HOPE LIONS CLUB

ZONE CHAIR 11 EAST FRITS SCHELTEMA COLBORNE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



Governor Bill and Lion Linda enjoying the celebrations at the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs International ~ Chicago, Illinois USA



'START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY; THEN DO WHAT'S POSSIBLE; AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE.'

∼ SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Naresh Aggarwal — International President — Lions Clubs International



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, of Batala, Punjab, India, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA held June 30 through July 4, 2017.

Dr. Naresh is chairman of companies specializing in steel and agricultural products.

A lifetime member of the Batala Smile Lions Club since 1974, Vice President Dr. Naresh has served with great distinction as club president and district. He also served as chairman of the Council of Governors for MD 321 in 1989-90.

Dr. Naresh served as international director from 1998 to 2000. He earned great appreciation by achieving significant membership growth while serving as Global Membership Team area leader. He was a faculty and group leader for DGE Seminars at three International Conventions. He also served as international board appointee three times, and as Global Leadership Team constitutional area leader (CA-6).

Vice President Dr. Naresh is trustee and vice chairperson of Lions Quest in India Foundation and has also served on the National SightFirst Committee. He is the chief patron of Dainik Prarthana Sabha, which operates charity projects in Batala. He is vice president of Age-Care India, a charitable society for the care and welfare of elderly people. He has been trustee and patron to many other projects.

Dr. Naresh has received 23 International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award. He is a major lead gift donor and humanitarian partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Dr. Naresh and his wife, Navita, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. Dr. Naresh also shares a birthday with the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.

2018 DISTRICT A3 CONVENTION ... UPDATE

The Host Committee held their first, organizational meeting on September 29th at the Tamworth Lions Hall. We had a very good turnout and many volunteers came forward to fill the Sub Committee Chair positions. Lots of great ideas were brought forward for the weekend and the Friday night dance and party.

As the LCI Centennial celebrations come to a close, we will honour the Clubs of District A3 at our 2018 Convention – "A Century of Service".

And... as it happens that this Convention begins on Friday, April 13th, we have taken this cue and made "LUCKY FRIDAY THE 13TH" our theme for a fun opening night party in the Ontario Room.



Dress in your *luckiest* garb! Be it 4-leaf clovers or leprechauns, horseshoes or rabbit's feet... lucky charms can ward off the evil spirits of this most *unlucky* day.

However, a very *lucky* day in your Club's history was your Charter Night. And so, alternatively, each Club may dress in the style that was popular in the year that their Club was Chartered to bring luck to the party.

We have a great live band lined up for your dancing pleasure; Texas Tuxedos. These guys can play any style but they specialize in Country and 50s – 60s music. More details will be forthcoming after our next meeting in November.



~ PZC Lion Bill Pyle

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM... UPDATE

The CQI program (the former CEP) has undergone a makeover. As part of the LCI Forward framework, the primary goal is to improve the lives of 200 million per year by 2020-21 through expanded humanitarian service, as measured through the Service Activity Report system.

In order to do this, we must enhance service, reshape public opinion, improve visibility, pursue excellence at all levels and improve membership value, as well as reach new markets.

The new CQI format is a tool for each club to self-assess needs both within the club as well as in the community. It may help to give a new direction for your club and fresh look at community needs.

Please contact me if your club is interested in learning more about this.

Lion Linda Zwier ~ A3 GMT Coordinator Email: zw3026@xplornet.ca

SAVE THE DATE ...

World Diabetes Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 14, when Lions and Leos around the world will elevate the fight against diabetes. LCI suggests clubs hold a meeting on that date or during the Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes from November 13–19.

FROM THE CHICAGO CONVENTION...

Former U.S. Vice President AI Gore spoke on the climate crisis. He cited a long list of woes: soaring temperatures, more powerful storms and fires, deadly air pollution, drought, raised sea levels – threatening coastal cities and leading to crop failures and food shortages – and millions of climate refugees, leading to political instability. AI Gore asked, "There are only 3 questions remaining. Must we change? Can we change? Will we change?" He believes we have the solutions to the climate crisis and that we can solve the crisis.

Our Lions Clubs, too, must ask the same 3 questions of themselves. In order to grow, in order to retain our members, in order to continue to be the greatest Service Organization in the world, we need to ask "Must we change? Can we change? Will we change?"

Ban Ki-Moon, former U.N. Secretary General spoke about terrorism and other man-made catastrophes that are destabilizing our world. He said, "In this dangerous environment, we need people who care. I have been urging world political leaders not to erect walls but build bridges among people. We need Lions International, which is breaking down barriers and building bridges of trust and friendship".

Here in District A3, let us rise to the challenge of building bridges among our members, our clubs, our District. Let us continue to foster the bridges of trust and friendship.



VERONA LIONS... Governor Bill welcoming Verona Lions' newest member, Lion Melissa, to the greatest service organization in the world.



COBOURG LAKESHORE LIONS... EXCITING NEWS

Lion Laurie Scott receives Ist Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute. This was awarded to Lion Laurie for her continued strong support for the Leader Dog program by a Lion. The Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute features a photograph of the 3 Lions who founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939. From left to right are Charles A. Nutting, Donald P. Schuur and S.A. Dodge. *Photo below [left to right]:* Past President Lion Sylvia Lefebvre, Secretary Lion Laurie Scott (recipient) and President Lion Beth Lazar.









BELLEVILLE LIONS

Job well done, Belleville Lions!

Presentation donation to Habitat for Humanity for local family in need of a new home. *Top-left*: President Lion Larry Brown and Lions group photo below.

Top-right: Presentation donation to Quinte Search and Rescue towards the purchase of a rescue vehicle.



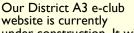
DG Bill and IPDG John proudly displaying our Lions International Centennial Flag

REGION 43 RALLY Frankford—September 15th

A full house and some high tech discussions!



DISTRICT A3 WEBSITE





under construction. It will soon be up and running, with a brand new look. Meanwhile, be sure to send your club photos and events to Webmaster PRC Tom Houston and he will post them as soon as the website is complete. Send to: houstontk@sympatico.ca

MADOC LIONS

Supporting Another Youth Program



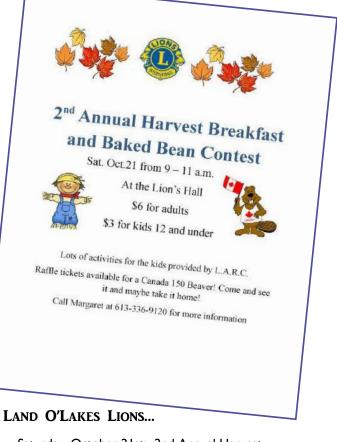
II young hunters to join the ranks this fall . The Madoc Ducks Unlimited chapter ran another Hunter safety/gun course the last 3 days and every thing went great. All the kids passed. Special thanks to Tom Simpson and the Madoc Lions.

Congratulations to Sam for high marks in the course and receiving a Ducks Unlimited print and courtesy of the Madoc Lions Club two tickets to the Annual Ducks Unlimited Auction and Dinner.



WALKING WITH A FRIEND IN THE DARK IS BETTER THAN WALKING ALONE IN THE LIGHT. ~ HELEN KELLER





CAMPBELLFORD LIONS...

Check out a great line up of excellent entertainers. Dance is not obligatory but highly encouraged! Please call Emilio Ojeda 905-375-7047 for more info. Tickets available at the Wine Shop, 27 Front Street North, Campbellford, ON and also online at Eventbrite: https://cabaretnight2017.eventbrite.ca

- Saturday, October 21st: 2nd Annual Harvest
 Breakfast with Baked Bean Bake-Off [see poster above]
- Saturday, November 4th: 2nd Annual Paint Night
- November 2nd—4th: Hunter's Toll Road
- Saturday, November 18th: Christmas Market Extravaganza
- Saturday, December 2nd: Santa Claus Parade



NEWBURGH-CAMDEN LIONS... The Classic Country Music Festival at the Centreville Fairgrounds August 11, 12, 13, 2017, sponsored by the Newburgh-Camden Lions Club, continues to grow each year and this year was no exception. Campers from all over Ontario, the United States and Quebec attended. The professional performances by the entertainers was outstanding and appreciated by everyone. Mother Nature even cooperated providing sunshine for the weekend except for one shower arriving immediately after the Friday night show.

Pictured: Clarence Young of Kingston was delighted to receive the Martin Guitar from President Lion Victor Smith. Dave Phillips from Stoco was happy to receive the news that he had won the Weekend Camping Pass for two for the 2018 Classic Country Music Festival.

Lakefield Lioness Lions present

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COBOURG LAKESHORE LIONS... Car raffle will be drawn on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 🎯 Cobourg Lakeshore Lions Club 🕮 2:00PM at the 3rd Annual Poker Run Car Rally. **3rd Annual Poker Run Car Rally** Grab your tickets before we run out. Imagine! A brand new 2017 Hyundai Tuscon worth \$32,500 (taxes all paid) for just \$20.00. For tickets call Lion Christine at 905-269-8505 or email cobourglakeshorelions@gmail.com. **Come Join** COBOURG LAKESHORE LIONS CLUB the Fun IONSCACHIN CAR RAFFLE ENTER TO WIN A NEW 2017 TUCSON VEHICLE **SUPPLIED BY:** HYUNDE alue \$32,500 Saturday, October 21, 2017 **10am Start** I.O.O.F. Hall, 412 Victoria St. Cobourg, ON (NE corner of University Ave. W. & Victoria) 20.00 ea. Entry Fee: \$40 per vehicle, 2 person minimum Deadline for registration- October 18, 2017 HYUNDRI' TUCSON REGISTRATION CONTACT or **ONLY 3000 TICKETS TO BE SOLD** Email: cobourglakeshorelions@gmail.com Christine (905)269-8505 email: cobourglakeshorelions@gmail.com To: Register or obtain Registration Forms 905-269-8505

LAKEFIELD LIONESS LIONS... Halloween Dance with Elvis Show at 9pm, refreshments and prizes. Purchase Tickets at Salon Sorella in Lakefield, Young's Point General Store, the Honky Tonk Bridgenorth or by calling 705-761-7755. Please come out for a fun night of music and dancing to support your community. Costumes are encouraged. This is an age of majority event.



SHARBOT LAKE LEOS... looking great! Some Leos from the Sharbot Lake Leo club proudly wearing their new vests!



WELLINGTON DISTRICT LIONS...

Above: During the eclipse, the Wellington District Lions club celebrated 100 years of Lions by raising a Lions Clubs International 100 flag at the Town Hall in Wellington.

Right—top: Lions Art Hewer and Sharron cooking hotdogs for the crowd. Lions Art and Sharron were the main organizers of the Concerts in the Park along with Lion Ramesh Pooran. Twelve concerts were held beginning in June.

Right—bottom: A record crowd (300+) came out for the final Concert in the Park to listen to 'The Reasons' and enjoy a hotdog or two! It was a very successful season!







BATAWA LIONS... The summer season kicked off with the Batawa Lions celebrating the grand opening of a new 120' zipline and reading area. Approximately 100 people joined city officials on June 24th for a BBQ and ribbon cutting ceremony. Both new features have been very popular and have helped create a truly unique park for both the young and old.

The playground has won two provincial awards for innovative playground design and construction! Three local municipalities have now toured the playground and are incorporating some of the design features into their own natural playground projects. Batawa has certainly helped be an industry leader with the new natural playground.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

"Thanks District A-3 Lions. the Peterborough Vipers have been chosen to represent Team Ontario at the National Special Olympics Summer Games in Antigonish Nova Scotia in July of 2018.

Thanks so much for all your support."

Lion Theresa Hewitt A3 Special Olympics Chair



LOYALIST LIONS

In celebration of the Lions of Loyalist Township and the 100th Anniversary of Lionism, Loyalist Township Horticulturalist Leslie Neasmith designed a special flower arrangement in Islandview Park (Amherstview) to commemorate this milestone.

[Left-right] Lion Don Jones of Bath, Lion Carman Fisher of Amherstview, Lion Don McGrath of Bath, District A3 Lion Webmaster Tom Houston of Bath, Lion Bill Matier of Amherstview, Lion Bill Lowry, Leslie Neasmith, Lion Chris Eggink of Odessa, and the Director of Recreation Services Andree Ferris.

Loyalist Lions working together to create a caring community, contributing to the health and welfare in Loyalist Township.

Upcoming events:

- 38th annual Loyalist Lions Santa Claus Parade ~ November 4th, Amherstview
- Pancake Breakfast in Bath ~ every third Sunday of the month
- Euchre Party for Seniors ~ November 11th , Amherstview
- Breakfast with Santa ~ November 25th, Amherstview

New Year events:

- Amherstview Fish Fry with scrumptious homemade pies ~ April 15th
- Captivating Canada Day Celebrations in Bath
- Exciting Odessa Country Fair ~ July
- Famous and Fabulous Loyalist Family Fishing Day in Adolphustown ~ August 12th



As part of a Lions International Centennial Project, the Lions of Amherstview contributed to Special Olympics Canada. Pictured at the Cabinet Meeting in Amherstview are: Lion President Bill Matier and Lion Theresa Hewitt. **AMHERSTVIEW LIONS ...** Lions Club members were roaring on Sunday August 17th when the Amherstview Lions hosted a Lions Cabinet Meeting at the Amherstview Community Hall.

The meeting showcased guest speaker, Lion Theresa Hewitt, who spoke in glowing terms about Special Olympics Canada. Special Olympics Canada is thrilled that Antigonish Nova Scotia will be the home of the 2018 Summer Games.

Special Olympics Canada is a national sporting event for competitive athletes with intellectual disabilities. Each athlete must qualify at the local and provincial level before coming to the National Games.



Special Olympics Canada 2018 Summer Games is also a qualifying event for athletes to represent Canada at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games. What an inspirational event it will be in Nova Scotia!

In the past the Lions of Loyalist Township have assisted youth in the community by contributing to Loyalist area Scouting, the Loyalist Skating Club and the Loyalist Minor Hockey Association. It is with pride that the Amherstview Lions have contributed to Special Olympics Canada believing that it is important to assist those who live beyond the borders of Loyalist Township as well as those who live in Loyalist Township.

[excerpt from submission] Lion Barb Johnson Club Secretary ~ Amherstview Lions Club





MADOC LIONS

Don Fitzgibbon was very happy to receive his mobility scooter from the Madoc Lions Club He can now do more for himself, including going to the grocery store and visiting friends in the village.

Lion Lee Bowman chair of Health and Wellness worked with Don to ensure he had the proper scooter and instructions.

LR: Lion Lee Bowman, Lion Pauline Bowman, Lion Tom Simpson, Lion Larry Bradley.

Seated on mobility scooter Don Fitzgibbon.

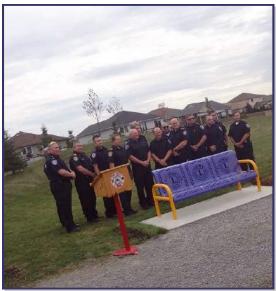
AMHERSTVIEW LIONS

On October 4th, some of the Volunteer Fire Fighters of Loyalist Township appeared here at a bench dedication ceremony in honour of Patrick Pidgeon, a fireman who died in a fire in Amherstview in the summer of 2016.

Nine Amherstview Lions were witnesses to the solemn ceremony with flag bearers, Treasurer Lion Bruce Johnson, Lion Mike Kubisheski, and Past President Lion Del Weber. Patrick's wife Karen spoke earnestly of her husband's dedication and determination.

The Tree, the Plaque and the Bench were all of great significance in Loyalist Park in Amherstview. The Tree provided and planted by Loyalist Township would have been important because Patrick adored plants of all kinds. The Plaque contained the Fire Fighters Prayer and those words are an integral part of the Fireman's creed. The Lion's Bench was essential to the Centennial Community Legacy Project of Lions International.











MADOC LIONS... partner with Moira Lake Property Owners Association for another successful 6 Pack (six to a team LOL) golf tournament.

Congratulations to the winning team. Dennis Derry, Will Sexsmith, Wayne Sexsmith, Alex McCann and Mike Sniderhan

Thanks to our many hole sponsors and those who gave prizes for the event.

The Lions Club share of funds raised will be going towards the purchase of a Disability Scooter for a resident.

MADOC LIONS... Local family of 6 needed support while husband recovers from major surgery in Toronto. Lion Lee Bowman delivers food vouchers to a much appreciative mother.







EAST PETERBOROUGH LIONS

Above: Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to Lion Jane Huggins (L - R) PZC Ray Jones, Lion Jane Huggins, Lion Frank Hewitt

Top—right: Melvin Jones Fellowship presented to Lion President Gary Earle. (L-R) PZC Lion Ray Jones, President Lion Gary Earle, Lion Frank Hewitt,

Right Lifetime Membership presented to 42 year member Past President Lion Ed Lacey (L - R) PZC Lion Ray Jones, Past President Lion Ed Lacey, Lion Randy Brooks, Past Secretary Lion Christine Brooks and Membership Chair Lion Frank Hewitt.





MILLBROOK & DISTRICT LIONS

The Lions of Millbrook, with a helping hand from Governor Bill and Lion Linda and some fellow East Peterborough Lions, enjoyed a beautiful summer day for their Annual Car Show this past summer... another successful fundraising event! Well done, Lions.





COURTICE LIONS... Celebrating their 20th Charter Anniversary! *Left-Right:* Lion John Wells, Region 10 Chair Barry Chisholm, Clarington Mayor Adrian Foster, President Lion Evelyn Fisher, Lion Jack Fisher and Lion Joe Ingino. *[photo from facebook by Lion Joe]*





TRENTON LIONS...

At their club's Awards Night Dinner last June, a Helen Keller award was presented to Lion Joan Beeler and a Judge Brian Stevenson award was presented to Lion Larry Beeler. Congratulations Lions! These awards were presented by Immediate Past President David McKellar.

[pictures and caption from the Lion's Roar October edition newsletter, editor Lion Jerry Quick.]





As we wear Remembrance Day poppies on our lapel, let us unite against war and bring the world closer with peace and harmony.

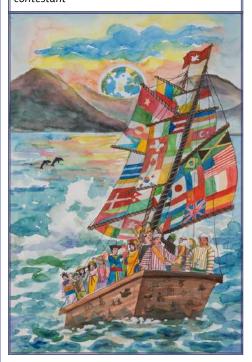
The Ode to Remembrance

They went with songs to the battle, they were young. Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow. They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted, They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.



"We must strive for a peaceful world to reach our destination." ~ Ting Ho, 13, Hong Kong, Peace Poster contestant



DISTRICT A-3 CABINET - 2017-2018



Front I-r:

IstVDG Frank Hewitt, DG Bill Zwier and 2nd VDG Susan Taylor. Back Ir: RC 11 Fred Brown, ZC 43W Don Radnor, ZC 43S Mark Kelso, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Albert Munneke, RC 10 Barry Chisholm, IPDG John Whyte, ZC 43E Chris Chamberlain, RC 43 Jim Peters and ZC 10 N Syd Hopkins.

Note: Some Cabinet members were not available for picture.

"Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It is important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It is the way in which we grow and develop."

~ unknown

FROM THE EDITOR... Sincere thanks to the Lions who sent in submissions for the District Newsletter... it is very much appreciated. Because of space restrictions, please note some submissions had to be shortened.



The next District Newsletter will be available in December. Your submissions/stories [in word format] and accompanying photos [jpg format] are most welcome. Please send by the deadline date: <u>Friday, December 8th</u>.

For a complete listing of contact numbers and email addresses of Cabinet members, please check the District Directory... your Club President and Secretary will have a copy.

~ Lion Karen Christopher (905) 983-5851 Email: kchristopher@emailx.ca



LCIF helps Lions improve peoples' lives around the world, from combating vision problems to responding to major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. Because LCIF helps Lions carry out large-scale projects through our grant programs, Lions increase their impact in their local and global communities and serve even more people in need around the world.

LCIF GRANT CATEGORIES... There have been some recent changes to LCIF's grant categories. What was previously called Standard grants will now be known as Humanitarian Matching grants, a more descriptive title. Diabetes Grants (formerly Core 4 Diabetes), and Lions Quest Grants (formerly Core 4 Lions Quest) have also been placed under the umbrella of Humanitarian Grants. These changes come in response to our ever-changing world. As the needs of the world change, LCIF will evolve so Lions can focus on sustainable service projects that reach the most people possible.

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COINS... available for limited time! Help support your Foundation and purchase your keepsake coin today! For every coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. You can order a coin with proof finish for US\$52.95 or an uncirculated finish for US\$51.95. There is a US\$2.95 handling fee per order, or per coin if shipped internationally.



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