# DISTRICT A-3 GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER





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1st Committee Meeting September 8th 2018 August 2018

# A Message From Governor Frank Hewitt



Hello and Good day to all the Lions of District A-3. I must tell you all that when I took on this job as your District Governor I had doubts and fears of whether I would be able to do this job. Following my election at the District Convention in April of last year, Lion Theresa and I started the journey on the way to becoming District Governor of one of the best Districts in the MDA. I say Lion Theresa and I because as any past District Governor can tell you, when you're married and accept this position it is never a one-person job. Being a District Governor takes a lot of support and team work from so many people.

So, I buckled down and started with the wondering, planning and organizing of what and who I hoped to be and do for my fellow Lions. I heard from so many wonderful supportive Lions about how I would do an awesome job, I will make an excellent Governor and offers of "Call me for anything". Trust me Lions, the offers are greatly appreciated and be prepared for me to follow up on those offers.

Just to update everyone, we have two brand new branch clubs formed in our District, we have one more being worked on in our District. We have the opportunity for another Leo club to be formed, we have several new Lions stepping up and taking leadership roles in clubs and on District Committees, we have a number of clubs growing in membership, we have the Region Chairs working together to put on the first Orientation Day in our District, and we just finished our first District Cabinet picnic where all of the District Committee chairs were invited to join us.

I know that I have some pretty big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of the past District Governors, but rest assured my friends, I don't plan on reaching any goals alone, other than the one where I promised myself I would do the best I could to leave this District in better shape than when I started.

My theme for this Lions year is Teamwork, and after meeting with the Vice District Governors and chatting with them, I am sure that we are on the right trail. I have been keeping an eye on what is happening in this District and I have to say, it has been so inspiring to see so many clubs working steadily over the summer months with their events. It feels awesome to see clubs working together on events and watching members from other clubs taking the time to help other clubs at their events.

One challenge that I would like to encourage each of you to accept is to make sure that you have fun with whatever you do, Lions. Always remember why you joined this organization and always remember what you can do to reach your goal.

Thank you for all your support and for all you do this Lions year. I look forward to hearing from you whenever you feel the need. Please text me, call me or join me for coffee. I always love to hear from each of you.

Proudly your District Governor,

DG Frank Hewitt

#### Well Done Mike!!

Lion Mike Kubisheski received the Lion of the Year Award presented by Past President Bill Matier of the Amherstview Lions Club on Sunday, August 26th.

All pictures submitted by Lion Barb Johnson Club Secretary on behalf of the Amherstview Lions Club.



## **Stellar Service!!**

Past President Bill Matier on the left with his Lions license plate cover presented by the Amherstview Lions Club for his stellar service to the club

## **Rod Bradford Award!!**

Lion Joan Benoit to the right received the Rod Bradford Award for creating Club Harmony and for her strong contribution to the Amherstview Lions Club.



# Now That Is A Cake!!

Custom cake made with talented hands for the corn Boil Party at the Weber home in Amherstview on Sunday, August 26th

## **Belleville Lions Club Presents "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award**



The Belleville Lions Club – Now Past President Lions Larry Brown is seen here being presented the "Melvin Jones Fellowship" Award by Club Treasure Lion Dan Collins. Lion Larry has been on many committees and was instrumental in starting Habitat for Humanity project with help from all members.

Many thanks for sharing this with us Lion Dorothy Stevens and Lion Secretary Pennie. Congratulations Lion Larry!





Lining up for that delicious fish Gord Wilson auctioning pies

Every 2nd Saturday in June the Bewdley & District Lions Club holds a large fundraiser serving trout deep fried and grilled, our famous fries and homemade coleslaw followed by pies and other desserts. Live music is provided by a local retired musician who is fantastic. This year we served nearly 500 folks who came and enjoyed the meals, the friendship and the live music. Neighbouring Lions from Kendal, and Cobourg Lakeshore Lions offered their help making it a truly spectacular time for all involved. Working together is beneficial to us all and there are no better friends to help than other Lions The local skating club and food bank also lent a hand and several young people got some of their volunteer hours for school as well. When selling our tickets our chairperson gives any tickets bought by other businesses who could not take time off to come to the local food bank and many of their clients get a fantastic evening out at no cost. Leftover pies of which there are few, are autioned off by our own Gord Wilson at the end of the evening. Looking back on this event, was it a fundraiser - a fun night out - a dance or two or a community get together? It was a night that exemplified what the Lions stand for, working for the community, with the community and making others want to join in. Come join us next year.

#### **Trout Fry In Bewdley!!**

From Our **Friends In** Bewdley. Who doesn't like a good fish fry? Add it to your calendar for next vear. This was sent in by Lion Donna Hooey, Secretary, Bewdley & District Lions Club.

# **Loyalist Lions Family Fishing Tournament in Adolphustown**

It was a glorious morning on Saturday, August 11th in Adolphustown with 100 children fishing at the Loyalist Lions Family Fishing Tournament. The Bath and District Lions provided a delicious free BBQ. Lion Carman ensured that everyone parked safely in the parking lot. Bus Driver Lion Del drove 31 children and adults with great care from the Henderson Recreation Centre in Amherstview to the Empire Loyalist Heritage Centre and Park in Adolphustown. He also picked up 2 children and an accompanying adult in Bath. Lion Nilesh was of great service when he helped put worms on hooks and assisted with casting. With great patience Lion Andre from Bath untangled snares of fishing lines all morning long. Lion Bruce and Lion Joan registered the children so that each child got a prize. OPP Officer Jackie and Region Chair Lion Fred Brown explained how the Lions from Odessa and District, Bath and District as well as Amherstview worked together to create the best day ever for 100 children who love to fish!

Lion Barb Johnson (<u>brucej@bell.net</u>) 613-384-1207 Club Secretary Amherstview Lions Club



## **Keene Lions Wrap 700 Dogs!**

Lions Stan Jalbert, Ben Doornbos, Lydia Doornbos and Dick Eason enjoy the fun as the Keene Lions cook, wrap and package 700 hot dogs for the high needs youth and adults who had free run of the Peterborough Exhibition on Friday August 10.

Thank you Lion Robin Creedon for sending this great picture of Lions in action!



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Pass the mus-



#### Where there is a need, there is a way to make it happen!!!



Lion Bruce Johnson had cataract surgery in November of 2017 and discovered that the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Kingston was in need of a Lenstar Optical Measurement Device. The machine at the hospital kept breaking down and as a result essential appointments were cancelled over and over again. After discussion with Nicole Pierce at the University Hospital Kingston Foundation it was decided to approach the Lions Clubs of District A3. The cost of the machine was \$52,000.00 but the Foundation stated that it would fund all but \$30,500.

And so a project and a challenge were born! In the summer of 2018 \$4,000 was

raised from local Lions Clubs. Bruce Johnson will begin a journey to Lions Clubs along the Seaway and beyond in order to explain what is needed. Imagine Lion Bruce's surprise when he returned to Hotel Dieu Hospital for a check-up with Dr. Bona to see a mural on the wall of the sixth floor of Hotel Dieu. Not only that but Dr. Bona was extolling the virtues of the Lenstar Optical Measurement Device. There were no more break downs!

Lo and Behold there it was! On the wall there was a large mural of Dr. Bona with his very special patient. The Foundation had purchased the measurement device with money still owing and knowing that area Lions Clubs would be in support of this worthwhile cause. The very special patient was none other than Lion Carol Sparling of the Sydenham Lions Club. Indeed at this time it is vital that the Lions Clubs of District A3 assist financially the purchase of this wonderful machine.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Barb Johnson (<u>brucej@bell.net</u>) 613-384-1207 Club Secretary Amherstview Lions Club Madoc Lions spear headed the fundraiser to purchase the equipment for "Project Life Saver" Together with other community service groups and residents \$15,000 was raised to have the unit situated at the Central

#### Madoc Lions Spearhead Fundraiser for 'Project Life Saver' Equipment

Hastings O.P.P. station. A great feeling, story below.



Const. Matt Raycroft demonstrates the use of a radio-tracking antenna in Madoc, Ont. Wednesday, August 1, 2018 shortly after he and Sgt. Brad Milburn used the system to locate an 83-year-old woman. The Project Lifesaver program has brought the gear to police in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties and resulted in successful searches for several missing people. OPP photo/Belleville Intelligencer/Postmedia Network

#### Lion of the Year in Trenton

Lion Diane Gardy of the Trenton Li dent Andy Axhorn Lion Diane served as our membersh bringing in 11 new members!

Well done Diane!!



# 2018 Size Matters Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest

Kendal Lions Challenge to all District A-3 Clubs



# Let's Get Growing and have some Fun!

#### The Rules:

- Any number of club members can participate
- Any number of pumpkins can be grown
- The pumpkin can be grown anywhere
   The pumpkin with the largest circumference wins

#### The Prizes:

- . Braggin' rights for the next year!
- A \$50,00 cheque from the Kendal Lions Club to your club...
   (for a charity donation of the winning member's choice)
- Recognition for your Club... and for Lionism in general

#### Deadline for Submission: Friday, October 5th, 2018.

We use the "honour system" and will accept your measurement (in centremetres or inches). For the winner, we'll need a clear photo of you with your Grant pumpkin

Please email or call if you're interested in joining the contest.

Lion Keith Longyear, Pumpkin Chair Kendal Lions Club

Phone: (905) 797-2793 Email: dkgrandview@gmail.com



#### A Short Note From Your Newsletter Editor

My Fellow Lions, I would like to introduce myself and thank our District Governor for the honour of being the newsletter editor for this coming Lions year. It is a stretch for me so please be patient and forgiving if I forget to put something in that should have gone in. This edition is short, I think many people are away on vacations however next month I hope that every club in our district will send me something to publish for their team members. We are a team, and many hands make light work. Looking forward to your helpful feedback and

ures for the next



# A Great Story of Rose And Piper From Tuxedo Farm

Rose Yome nee Fraser is the owner of Tuxedo Farm. Rose breeds and raises pure bred standard poodles. Rose attends the Havelock Lions Club Wednesday Night Bingo on a regular basis. During this time she has heard us talk about the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program.

Rose had several conversations with Lion Don Radnor of the Havelock Lions Club. Rose decided that she wanted to donate a pure bred standard poodle to the Lions Foundation of Canada in the hopes that the puppy will become a successful dog guide.

Rose Fraser is making the donation in memory of her sister in law Gail Fraser of Marmora, who had a love for children.

Lion Don Radnor contacted Sam Hobbes who is the Breeding and Puppy Program Co-Ordinator from the Lions Foundation of Canada in Oakville.

On Friday the 20th of July 2018 Sam drove to Tuxedo Farms to meet Rose Yome, check on the paperwork for Piper and investigate piper's lineage.

All the paperwork was in order and Sam was also able to meet Pipers mom Frankie, her dad Cocoa and Pipers grandfather Alf.

All that was left to do was sign the donation form, and put a Dog guide vest on Piper.

Piper was returned to Oakville and placed in the care of Stephanie Brandt who is the Fundraising Co-Ordinator for Lions Foundation Canada Dog Guides.

Over the next year Piper will learn to cope with the day to day routine of a dog guide.



Sam Hobbes says Hi to Piper after all the paperwork is checked out.



Rose Yome signs paperwork while Sam Hobbes looks on.

Share a story from your club in the next newsletter. To witness such good work going on around us is inspiring and makes our efforts seem worth all the time and effort. Send it in and we will add it to the next edition. Cheers!





Rose Fraser, Piper with her dog guide vest, Sam Hobbes, Lion Don Radnor Havelock Lions Club

Far right: Lion Don Radnor and Rose Yome. Grandpa Alf, Piper and mom Frankie



To the right: Lion Don Radnor, Sam Hobbes and Rose Fraser. Piper, her mom Frankie and her dad Cocoa

Sam Hobbes, Lion Don Radnor-Piper and her grandpa Alf.





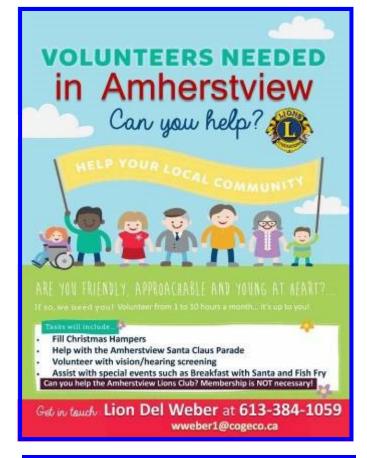
Rose Yome holds Piper while Sam Hobbes fits the Dog Guide vest on for the first time.



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# **Coming Events, Posters & A Smile**





Billion dollar idea.

A smoke detector that shuts off when you yell

"I'm just cooking!"

MORNING CHUCKLE......They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then, I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me?" he barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

He retorted, "I will; just as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your damn car!" Welcome to the GOLDEN YEARS