



District A-3



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December 2020 — Issue 3

Fellow Lions,

It's hard to believe that this is our third newsletter of 2020/2021, a year of great challenges and glorious opportunities. The Covid19 pandemic has created immense difficulties that are changing the way Lions serve. You notice, I said "changing the way we serve"... not preventing our service.

We have not given up and we are not giving in! I'm so honoured to be associated with such a dedicated group of Lions and I thank every one of you for allowing me to be your District Governor.

Lions throughout District A3 have shown over and over again that they are willing to find new ways to continue serving our communities. We are discovering new fundraising activities, to meet the needs of those we serve and I am so proud of each and every Lion in our District.

One needs only to cruise our A3 Facebook page to view the incredible work being done by the Lions of A3. Where there is a need, the Lions of A3 are meeting that need... foodbanks, Long Term Care facilities, Remembrance Day ceremonies, Santa Claus parades (static), LFC Dog Guides, Leader Dogs for the Blind, park benches, road clean ups, and on it goes... "WE SERVE".

We continue to grow! The Napanee Lioness Club is bridging to a Lions Club, new members are joining across our District, and we have two prospective Branch Clubs in the planning stages. This proves once again that visible service is the best way to attract people to Lions. We've begun work on the North American Membership Initiative with Zone 43 South serving as our pilot Zone. Thanks to ZC Ted Cook, PID Terry Graham and PCC John Whyte for their efforts in this endeavor.

There are so many Lions to thank for making our District great and I'm so grateful for our team and their continued support. Congratulations and thanks to GST Chair Lion Bill Zwier, Lions Barb Johnson and Theresa Pomerleau and all club secretaries, we've already achieved over 70% of clubs reporting their service using MyLion. And we're not done yet, as I believe we will continue to improve.

Covid19 has taught us to be grateful for all we have and to cherish the times that we have with friends and family. We miss you all and will never again take for granted the opportunity to shake a hand or share a hug.

Lion Ruth Anne and I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe, be healthy and we look forward to a time when we can be together, face to face.

Lion Don



From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other.

-- Emily Matthews

Merry Christmas

Lions of District A3

As we draw towards the close of this calendar year and enter the holiday season, I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to all the Lions in the BEST District in MDA.

It is a bit of an understatement to say that this year has been nothing like we expected or planned for back in January. We have forged ahead and have made some wonderful progress adapting to the situation we have faced.

I am truly honoured to be your 1st Vice District Governor and extremely proud of all of you. Despite the many restrictions and challenges you have had to endure due to COVID-19 I am amazed and thrilled by the amount of work that the Lions of District A3 continue to do every day. I am also very impressed by how clubs have adapted to new meeting formats, zooming along and finding new ways to serve. You have exemplified the meaning of "We Serve" during these strange times.

I know that some clubs have kept a very low profile and that is okay. The safety and health of our members should always be our first priority followed very closely by the needs of our communities. I am hopeful that we will soon come out of the pandemic and will be able to return to our in-person meetings, group gatherings and service as we were once able. I know that we will be stronger and more vibrant than ever as we take the lessons learned, and the new ways we have discovered for doing things to add to our wealth of expertise. Keep the communication going with all your club members so that we are ready to go when the crisis lifts.

Connie and I want to wish everyone the very best for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and most of all for a safe and healthy Holiday season. Next year is full of opportunities and needs for Lions to meet serving our communities the way that Lions do.

MERRY CHRISTMAS –
"IT'S GREAT TO BE A LION!!!!!"

Mark Kelso
1st Vice District Governor A3

To All of our District A3 Members & Families,

It's difficult to believe that our Lions' year is half over. But what a six months it has been!

Our members have risen to meet so many challenges in so many ways and it is now time to relax, and celebrate the holiday season in a safe, socially conscious manner.

PDG Bill and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for the service and comfort you have provided for so many.

Please take time to count your blessings and enjoy these festive holidays.

May peace be in your heart.
Lion Linda 2VDG



IN MEMORIAM

SINCERE SYMPATHIES GO
OUT TO THE FAMILIES AND
CLUBS OF THE FOLLOWING
LIONS WHO HAS PASSED
AWAY SINCE THE OCTOBER
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER.



LION GEORGE LORD
LAKEFIELD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

LION DAVEY SICKER
BELLEVILLE LIONS

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



new program from Leader Dogs

Check out a

T.O.M. Talks Technology, Orientation and Mobility

A Virtual Seminar for Ages 18–24
Sunday, January 17–Saturday, January 30, 2021

Application deadline: 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time,
Monday, December 14, 2020

Click on the link for more info:

<https://www.leaderdog.org/programs/tom-talks/>

LEADER DOGS MISSION

Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

LEADER DOGS VISION

Our vision is that every person who is blind or visually impaired travels safely and independently.

- ♦ All services provided free of charge to clients, including travel in the US and Canada, room and board, equipment and training.
- ♦ 100% funded by individual donors, Lions clubs, corporate partners and foundations.

[excerpt from website...]

FRANKFORD LIONS CHRISTMAS SHARE FILL THE TRUCK

DECEMBER 5 FROM 9 AM UNTIL 2 PM

FRANKFORD FOODLAND PARKING LOT

Help fill our truck so we can share the joy of Christmas with all those in need. Let us show everyone Frankford is a place where we help those in need and we care.



**THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS
FRANKFORD FOODLAND**

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

News from A-3 Chair, Lion John Morris

Starting November 18th, Global Pet Food in Peterborough will have Leader Dogs Christmas cards for sale, with a Braille message inside the card. All proceeds goes back to Leader Dogs.

Also, Pet Supply Warehouse in Peterborough have the Dollars for Dogs kit and they will have it until June.



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

Double Your Impact Now

Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Don and Joyce Hilton, your donation will be doubled, up to a maximum of \$50,000.00 by December 31st, 2020!

A Dog Guide is a priceless gift of independence. Each one costs approximately \$25,000 to raise, train and partner with its new handler, yet they are provided at no cost.

To have your gift matched, see www.dogguides.com to donate by mail or call 1-800-768-3030, Ext 0.

[excerpt from website]

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Kingston Lakeshore West Lions Club making a difference

Kingston Lakeshore West Lions Club is proud to be part of an international organization of 1.3 million members whose mission is to help others by making a difference in our local communities as well as worldwide. Our motto is "we serve". Lions take on roles as organizers, advocates, fund raisers, and hands-on volunteering.



Lions club members use their time and talents to provide hands-on assistance to enhance our communities. Through these experiences, members acquire new skills, cultivate lasting friendships, and meet challenges head-on while learning a lot about ourselves in the process. Volunteering our time not only helps those in need, but also gives members a sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from within. There is nothing like that feeling in the world.

Our projects vary from cleaning up neighborhood parks, to helping end *River Blindness* in Africa. Lions continue to raise awareness of health care issues such as diabetes, hearing loss, and vision impairment.

Our Lions club collects reading glasses from Value Village and Partners in Mission to be sent overseas after they have been cleaned and graded, for the visually impaired who would not otherwise be able to afford glasses.

Despite the success of our campaign *Sight First: Lions' Vision for All*, our dream of sight for all remains unrealized. The rapid growth and aging of the world's population mean the risk of blindness has increased. Diabetic eye disease, cataracts, and glaucoma threaten the sight of millions who may not be aware that they are at risk, even in countries with

well-developed eye care systems such as Canada and the United States. By joining together to raise funds and contribute service, Lions will see even greater success for *Sight First: Lions' Vision for All* and realize our dream, VISION FOR ALL.

Kingston Lakeshore West Lions provide funds and support for community groups such as the Kingston Community Health Centre, Pathways to Education, Early On programs, Kingston Hospitals Foundation in specific areas such as childhood cancer, elementary schools by hosting BBQ's for return-to-school celebrations, parent nights, and by helping parent councils raise funds for special school activities, trips, and breakfast programs. We also support individual families who find themselves through no fault of their own in emergency circumstances.

Through the use of our gaming funds from Play! Gaming & Entertainment, we are able to fund and assist the PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

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GAMING & ENTERTAINMENT



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PHYSICAL EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

Physical exercise is good for you... so here's a program you can use... at no charge. Enjoy!

Beating around the bush
Jumping to conclusions
Climbing the walls
Swallowing your pride
Dragging your heels
Pushing your luck
Making mountains out of molehills
Hitting the nail on the head
Wading through paperwork
Bending over backwards
Jumping on the bandwagon
Balancing the books
Running around in circles
Tooting your own horn
Climbing the ladder of success
Pulling out the stops
Adding fuel to the fire
Opening a can of worms
Putting your foot in your mouth
Starting the ball rolling
Going over the edge
Picking up the pieces

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Norwood Lions Club Annual Christmas Toy Drive



Eligible families with children 14 & under



Applications forms available at Asphodel-Norwood Library- Norwood Branch
Deadline for Applications submission: December 11, 2020 to Library

Norwood Branch Hours:
Tuesday: 4 pm - 8 pm
Wednesday: 9 am - 12 pm
Thursday: 2 pm - 6 pm
Friday: 9 am - 12 pm
Saturday: 1 pm - 3 pm

Toy Drop Off Locations

Norwood Post Office	Ball Real Estate
Norwood Foodland	JJ Stewarts Motors
Norwood Home Hardware	MJ's Hair Design
Norwood Library	Westwood Library

Toys can be dropped off until Monday, December 14th



Any questions, please contact Norwood Lion, Verne Stockdale @ 639-2223

Another Service Project led by Norwood Lions Club

Poinsettia SALE



by Amherstview Lions Club

In support of Christmas Food Hampers for local families

To ORDER, call or email

613.634.0854 | wweber1@cogeco.ca

\$10 each
Cash only

Pick-up plants from 1-4 pm on Dec. 12 or Dec. 13 at 177 Upper Park Road (Amherstview Lions Hall). Please use door near water tower.

It's time to get ready for Christmas! To order, phone 613-634-0854 or email: wweber1@cogeco.ca. Pick up pre-orders at the Amherstview Lions Hall, located at 177 Upper Park Road from 1-4pm Dec. 12th or 13th.



Drive Thru BREAKFAST with SANTA

Saturday December 5th, 2020
8am - 11am

Taking place in the parking lot
@ the Stirling Arena

Menu

Egg & Ham on English Muffin or
Egg & Cheese on English Muffin
Served with Hashbrown, Clementine
& Juice box

\$5.00
(Includes coffee & 10% off for members)

Letters to Santa
Submit a letter to Santa
including a phone number or email
and receive a call from the
Lion's Santa



Stirling & District Lions Club





East Peterborough Lions

Christmas Cake Sales – 2020



900 gm Dark Ring in a Box	\$16.00
900 gm Twin Pack (1 Dark 450 gm, 1 Light 450 gm) in a Gift Box	\$15.00
900 gm Dark twin pack in a gift box – 2 dark	\$15.00
600 gm Light cake (sliced)	\$11.00
600 gm Dark cake (sliced)	\$11.00
400 gm Shortbread & Biscuit Assort	\$9.00

To order Contact: Lion Frank Hewitt PH: (705) 868 - 8916



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CHEMUNG LAKE DISTRICT LIONS

Donation to Peterborough Regional Hospital Corporation Foundation of \$250,000.00.
Attending front right: Leslie Heighway President & CEO of PRHC Foundation along with Club members.
CONGRATULATIONS Lions, well done!

[from A-3 facebook]

AMHERSTVIEW LIONS CLUB

Psst! The Amherstview Lions had a very successful time at Foodland in Amherstview at 3 Manitou West. The Lions promoted the sale of Traditional Orange Pumpkins and Exotic Pumpkins at a price of \$5.99 during Halloween week.

For every Orange Pumpkin sold Foodland donated \$1 for the Amherstview Lions Christmas Hamper fund and for each Exotic Pumpkin sold Foodland donated \$2. One child had a pumpkin balanced in his stroller and threatened to scream if anyone tried to take it away. It was a screaming kind of time for pumpkins and Lions at Foodland!

[pics submitted by Lion Barb Johnson]



Welcome—New Lion for Chemung Lake Lions Club



New member Lion Joanne Warren inducted by IPDG Susan Taylor. Pictured l-r: sponsor Lion Dale Warren, Membership Chair Lion Linda Kubas and President Lion Gord Taylor.

[from A-3 facebook]



'TIS THE SEASON SAYINGS & SUPERSTITIONS

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

"On Christmas Eve all animals can speak. However, it is bad luck to test this superstition."

"Wearing new shoes on Christmas Day will bring bad luck."

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

"Eat plum pudding on Christmas and avoid losing a friend before next Christmas."

"A blowing wind on Christmas Day brings good luck."

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CONGRATULATIONS... AWARDS... and THANKS

Right (top)

Lion Ray Jones receives Service Chevron for 50 years of Service work with Lions. Lion Ray is the last charter member of the EAST PETERBOROUGH LIONS CLUB.

Right (centre)

Congratulations to APSLEY LIONS... Lion Lois Haines receives the Diamond Centennial Award and Lion Merle Post receives the Gold Centennial Award at a recent Apsley Lions meeting.

Right (bottom)

Hats Off! TRENTON LIONS supports local Care and Share Food Bank....support raised through their Chip Truck Event held in October, which included many bags of non-perishable food items and a cheque for \$200.00.

Below

EAST PETERBOROUGH LIONS... Thanks Award by Peterborough Special Olympics and Ontario Special Olympics presented to Lions Theresa and Frank Hewitt for their work to help support Special Olympics. This award was one of only eight presented in Ontario. Congrats to you both, Lions Frank and Theresa!

[Pics from A-3 facebook]



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LAND O' LAKES LIONS CLUB

**WALL OF REMEMBRANCE
REMEMBRANCE DAY
2020**

LEST WE FORGET



NAPANEE LIONS CLUB

Congratulations to Lion Larry Martin, presented with his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by Governor Don. A well deserved recognition of Larry's dedication and service to Lionism.

CONGRATULATIONS as well to the Napanee Lions Club on receiving a Club Excellence Award 2018-2019.



MADOC LIONS CLUB WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Joly and Denis Joly sponsored by Danna and Andy Wigg.
Sandra (Willow) Tavaglione sponsored by Val Taylor.

The Induction of new members was officiated by Governor Don Radnor and ZC Dave McKellar, who also did the Installation of the new 2nd Vice Rob Pownall & Lion Tamer Carl Blakely. CONGRATULATIONS.

LIONS CONVENTIONS / FORUMS

International Conventions

2021 June 25th-29th	Montreal, Canada
2022 July 1st-5th	New Delhi, India
2023 July 7th-11th	Boston, USA
2024 June 21st-25th	Melbourne, Australia
2025 July 4th-8th	Mexico City, Mexico

USA/Canada Leadership Forums

2021 September 9th-11th	Des Moines, Iowa
2022 September 15th-17th	Calgary, Alberta
2023 September 14th-16th	Reno, Nevada



REFERENCE WEBSITES

District A-3
www.a3lions.org

Multiple District "A"
www.mdalions.org

Lions Clubs International
www.lionsclubs.org

Lions Clubs Int'l. Foundation
www.llcif.org

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KEENE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS



The Keene Lions Club has long understood the value of our youth and their education and provided scholarships to students in the community who are entering their first year of post-secondary education.

This year, we realized that it might be difficult for students to get summer jobs so we increased the number and amount of the scholarships for 2020. *Pictured are: Mackenzie Bartlett, Mackenzie Hope and Daniel Milburn. Not pictured; Martha Nydham.*



Photo by Dick Eason

KENDAL LIONS SPONSORS DOG GUIDE



Kendal Lions sponsored a LFC Autism Assistance dog guide for local 10 year old Newcastle boy. For Alex and his family, this will surely be a life-changing experience!

On October 8th, the Lions Foundation of Canada (Oakville) held a graduation ceremony (the very first since last spring) and two dogs became officially certified in the autism assistance program. *Pictured above: Alex & best pal Stanley !*

Photo by permission from Alex's mom



REMEMBRANCE DAY

2020

Madoc Lions reflect on those who gave us our freedom.

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CONGRATULATIONS

IPDG Susan Taylor receives a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship from her club, Chemung Lake District Lions for her dedication over the years to her club, district, and community.

TRENTON LIONS CLUB



Trenton Lions Presentation of Awards from 2019-2020 year...
CONGRATULATIONS — GREAT JOB LIONS !

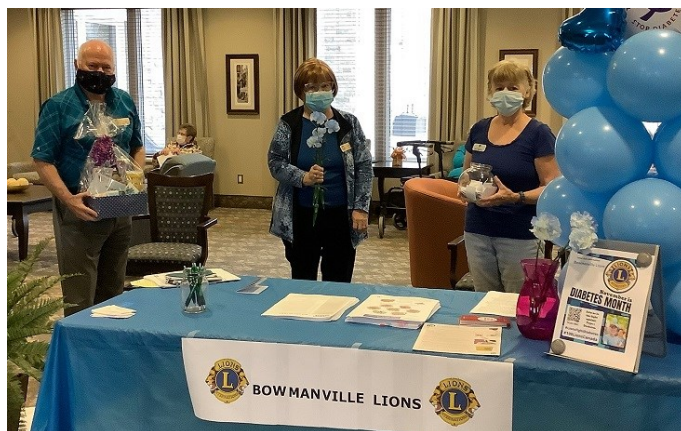
*Left: Lion Larry Austin presented with a Judge Brian Stevenson Award
Right: Lions Joan and Larry Beeler presented with Melvin Jones awards*



CONGRATULATIONS

IPDG Susan Taylor presents a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Andy Stevenson for service and support to several Past District Governors of District A3 and his dedicated service to his community and the Millbrook and District Lions Club.

BOWMANVILLE LIONS—DIABETES AWARENESS DAY



Bowmanville Lions sponsored Diabetes Awareness Day at Bowmanville Creek Retirement Community on Friday, November 13th.

The event was chaired by Lion Evelyn Fisher, assisted by Lion Jack and Eileen Berardini, Activities/Program Director. Residents participated in Diabetes quizzes and were presented with a blue carnation. It was an opportunity for residents to acquire information about diabetes. Topics included risk factors, prediabetes and coping with diabetes. Each staff member was given a blue carnation as well. The winner of the gift basket draw was Joan Visser.

A special thank you to Eileen for her promotion and contribution to the event

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THE MADOC LIONS GROW AGAIN



Welcome aboard to new Lion Dalton McKinnon

Jr. Lion Sawyer Thompson received an "Act of Kindness" pin from PDG Susan Taylor.

Lion President Tom Simpson was presented with a "Leadership" Medallion from Lions International President Dr. Jun-Yul Choi by PDG Susan Taylor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

BRIGHTON LIONS



Four members of the Lions Club of Brighton planted 100 trees at Proctor Park with the assistance of Lower Trent Conservation.

These native trees are the club's latest contribution to Environmental Initiatives by Lions.

Left: Lion Sue hard at work.

EAST PETERBOROUGH LIONS CLUB FOOD BANK COLLECTION



October... East Peterborough Lions Club members walked the streets of Peterborough to collect food donations from homes throughout East City. Residents were contacted and told to leave their donations outside on their front porch in a package with a big heart on it to identify it for donation.

Together they collected a truckload full of groceries and Lions Judy and Frank Jenkins delivered it to Kawartha Foodshare who were most appreciative.

Hats off to 2nd Vice Lion Judy Jenkins for putting this all together and thanks to all members who joined in.

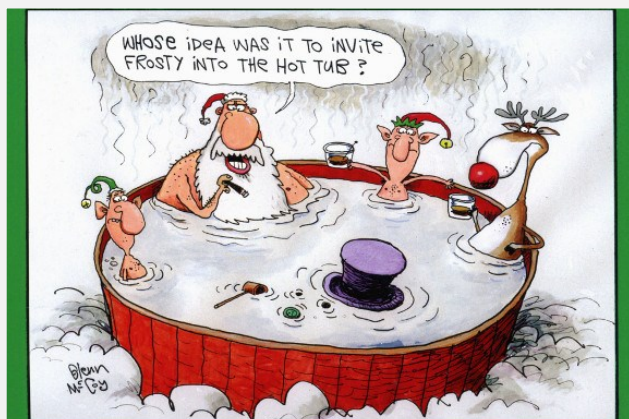
PZC KATE YOUNG ADULTS OF PETERBOROUGH



WALK FOR DAUGHTER PROJECT THANK YOU

With your amazing support I was able to raise \$2,000.00 for the Daughter Project Girls Home!

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HO HO HO ... Canada Grows A Lot of Christmas Trees

Did you know our country had 1,872 Christmas tree farms in 2016?

According to the 2016 Census of Agriculture, the farms were concentrated in British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. If you can't spend Christmas in Canada, you might as well take a little piece of the country with you. In 2017, Canada exported over two million Christmas trees to over 20 countries, including Barbados, France, Jamaica and Thailand.



District A-3 E-Webpage

LIONS... Don't forget to post your projects and club events on our district webpage. Send info and flyers to PDG Frank.

Email: thelionwhisperer2017@gmail.com

<http://www.e-district.org/sites/a3/page-12.php>



Merry Christmas

Sincere thanks to the Lions who kindly submitted pictures and stories... and also my thanks to those who posted on A-3's District facebook.

Please note: most of the pictures in this newsletter, have been 'borrowed/stolen' from submissions by various Lions to our facebook page.

Hopefully this newsletter can be shared with those Lions in our District who aren't familiar with a computer, or on facebook. And they can see how busy Lions throughout our District have been!

Very best wishes to you and your families for a Christmas season, merry and bright.

May peace be your gift this holiday season and your blessing all year through.



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