



Fellow Lions, Lionesses, Leos:

I hope you have all had an amazing summer! It is hard to believe that Labour day is behind us, grapes in the County have been harvested and the 1st quarter of our Lions year is over.

It has been a very busy few months for Lion Kathy and myself since you elected me to be your District Governor at our Convention back in April. Since then we have attended the MD 'A' Convention in North Bay, the District Governor-Elect weekend at the Lions Foundation of Canada in Oakville and Breslau followed immediately by the DGE Seminar and International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan.

What an awesome time to be a Lion! How exciting to be part of our organization's centennial year. Our International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew's theme is '**New Mountains To Climb'** and his primary focus is around increasing the service we provide to our communities, locally, provincially, nationally and globally.

So what does that mean for the Lions, Lionesses and Leos Clubs of District A-3? I believe it means the following:

- Ensuring that we continue to meet the needs of our communities and, if those needs are evolving, finding new ways of meeting those changing needs.
- Growing membership in our existing clubs and chartering new clubs to even better fulfil the needs of our communities.
- Developing our leaders and potential leaders so that we continue to provide the best possible levels of service to our communities.

Two years ago LCI announced the Centennial Service Challenge – an initiative aimed at serving 100 million people worldwide between June 2014 and June 2018 with specific focus on the areas of Environment, Hunger, Vision and Youth. Well guess what.....as of September 2016 we have already reached that number. We all deserve a huge pat on the back for our contribution to that achievement. But it doesn't stop there - so the new challenge (Mountain to Climb) is to increase that number to 200 million by June 2018, and we know we can do it....eh?

Not only are our efforts being noticed by our communities, and by organizations like the United Nations but, as a result of our humanitarian efforts globally, Lions Clubs International has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize to be awarded next June.

While we should all be immensely proud of our achievements and excited about the challenge of New Mountains to Climb, it would be remiss of us not to also remember the theme of Immediate Past International President Dr. Yamada – Dignity, Harmony, Humanity. Please remember that we serve our communities so much better if we do not allow our efforts or focus to be diluted by disagreements or conflicts.

I'm proud to be a Lion! I'm honoured to be your Governor! Your Cabinet Team and I look forward to hearing all about your successes as we visit the clubs and zones across our district. Have a great year!





Sharbot Lake Lions—Lion John Richter received a Lion of the Year Award from Past President Bill at the end of the year BBQ at the Zwier's residence.



Bancroft Lions—New Bancroft Lions President Steve Scally and Past President Scott McArthur flank A-3 2nd Vice District Governor, Frank Hewitt after he swore in the new club executive.



Bancroft Lions—Students at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School in Bancroft wave their Canadian flags, presented to them just before Canada Day by the Bancroft Lions Club as part of Lions Project



Left—The **Wellington District Lions** held Concerts in the Park weekly over the summer and donated \$1,600 to the local food bank from donations received. Right—DG John and Lion Kathy enjoy a night out at Music in the Park.





Bowmanville Lions—Congrats to Lion President Robbie and fellow Lions Charles and Joseph for completing another years Ontario Ride to Conquer Cancer!



Chemung Lake Lions—donated \$2,000 to Community Care.



Apsley Lions—sponsored the RCMP Musical Ride on September 5th—an awesome show!



Amherstview and Bath & District Lions—DG John spent a morning with the Amherstview and Bath and District Lions who provided sausages, hotdogs and soft drinks at a soccor tournament in the community.

Thank you to those clubs who sent in photos for the newsletter. Keep them coming! Send to Lion Kathy at wellingtondistrictlions@gmail.com









Don't Miss It!

Stirling & District Lions Club

2016 Arts and Crafts Sale

Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th Lions Hall (Upstairs at the arena)

435 West Front Street, Stirling

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vendors Tables - \$50.00 For information call 613-902-4210









District A-3 needs to be congratulated for the good contribution numbers concerning the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The acute need for assistance in the wild fires disaster in Alberta helped to show how important the Fund is. Canada gets more from LCIF than the Canadian Lions generally put into it. When the disaster struck in Fort McMurray, LCIF immediately provided \$100,00.00 US towards aid. Many clubs in Canada, including from District A-3 did what they could to help out. And, LCIF will continue to alleviate the disaster as much as possible.

Closer to home; District A-3 last year received a \$40,000 US LCIF grant for the purchase of new Vision Screening equipment. At the last District Convention many members took advantage of the training in the use of the machinery offered at one of the sessions.

So, this is a new Lions Year. Did your club put a line for LCIF on the budget? My goal as coordinator this year is that we have 100% of the clubs participating in the program and that we raise \$30,000.

| | No. of | Clubs | % of clubs | Total Donated | Canadian |
|-------|--------|----------|------------|---------------|----------|
| | Clubs | Donating | Donating | | Funds |
| | | Donating | | | (Approx) |
| A-3 | 51 | 2 | 3.92% | US\$ 444.70 | 500.00 |
| A-9 | 45 | 18 | 40.00% | US\$ 2,253.00 | 3,000.00 |
| A-15 | 58 | 3 | 5.17% | US\$ 2707.35 | 3,500.00 |
| MD"A" | | | | US\$ 7297.97 | 8,000.00 |

The year has just begun and we already have some statistics to show you for the end of August:

The two donating clubs so far are Bancroft and Courtice. If this were a competition, we would have to beat A-9 and A-15 at this time. Remember, one of the requirements for receiving a Club Excellence Award is a donation of any amount to LCIF (see page 82 of the Directory). Please see the LCIF website for information about how to make donations. Individual Lions can receive tax receipts if the cheque is made out to **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF** and sent to Lion Stan Durward, Box 38, Sunderland, Ontario, L0C 1H0. Club donations can be made out to **LCIF** or **Lions Clubs International Foundation** and sent to LCIF, or International Association of Lions Clubs, Box 2425, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 2K5.

Many thanks to those who have contributed already, and will contribute during this Lions Year.

Lion Harry Marissen PCC District A-3 LCIF Coordinator <u>harryjmarissen@gmail.com</u> 613-961-0990 It's **GREAT** to be a Lion!

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to have a greater impact on the organization of our District A-3 Convention?

PDG Russ Mitchell has been the Convention Treasurer for many years and has been actively involved in the many aspects of both our convention and the MD 'A' convention.

Russ is looking for someone to work with him, and learn from him with a view to eventually taking over this role.

If you are interested please contact either:

PDG Russ Mitchell 613-472-3415 <u>r-mitch3@sympatico.ca</u> OR DG John Whyte 613-654-2800 Jhwhyte48@yahoo.ca For more information. A Volunteer I Am...

Twenty-four hours in every day, Where can I go to give some away? For my time is a gift, my experience is gold, All I desire is a small hand to hold.

A tear to wipe, a child to soothe, A lonely patient to comfort when blue, A harried worker to lend a hand to.

There's no need for you to strike up a band, For I rarely seek out the fanfare of man, I simply have time to give quite away, To all those in need, to brighten their day.

> My time is my own. I give it for free. A volunteer I am. A volunteer I'll be.



USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Over 2,000 Lions from across Canada and the United States congregated in Omaha, Nebraska, September 15-17, 2016 for the 40th annual Lions Leadership Forum. During the three days there were 82 sessions for Lions to attend. Among the session presenters were four Lions from our District. PID Terry Graham, IPDG Janet Marissen, PDG Paul Baker, DG John Whyte. On the Saturday afternoon the following Lions from our District received Lions University Graduation Certificates: PDG Linda Prenger – Bachelors, 1st VDG Bill Zwier – Bachelors, IPDG Janet Marissen – Bachelors and Masters; DG John Whyte – Masters. On the final day, Lions participated in three special services projects as follows: 1. Packing meals – 100,000 meals for Omaha families in need; 2. Kidsight – local children were on hand for vision screening. 3. Eye glass recycling – sorting, washing, measuring, recording and packaging recycled eyeglasses. The 41st Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Portland, Oregon September 21 – 23, 2017.



Bancroft Lions —Vice-President Maureen Cummings sets up the club booth on Canada Day. During the day, Lions collected several boxes of old eye-wear from the public, which will be sent to the eye glass recycling centre in Calgary.



Kingston Lions—DG John Whyte presents the President of the Kingston Lions, Bob Skeggs with a congratulatory certificate on their 80th Charter Anniversary!



East Peterborough Lions—pathway cleanup on their Day of Service.



Bancroft Lions - Spring Cleaning: Members of the Bancroft Lions club at their annual clean-up of the Lions arch, located at the entrance to the town visitors' centre.

Cobourg Lakeshore Lions—donate \$1,000 for Syrian refugees.



Colborne and District Lions - The Lions in conjunction with the Castleton Sports Club held their second annual Castleton Corn Roast. We closed the main street in Castleton to traffic and had hot dogs, corn on the cob, kids games, horse and carriage rides and this year were also able to provide live music which caused some people to start "dancing in the street". All food was graciously donated by local merchants so we were able to give half the proceeds (\$432.50) to the sports club

to help with their baseball and soccer programs.



President's Message

Dear Lion,

We recently reached the 100 million people served milestone in the Centennial Service Challenge. This incredible accomplishment is proof that when Lions join together for the benefit of humanity, there's nothing we can't achieve.

I hope you'll join me in celebrating this achievement in true Lions style – by renewing your commitment to serving the people who need us most. The Centennial Celebration is a great opportunity for every Lion to get involved in service.

You can plan a project for the Worldwide Weeks of Service, dedicate a Centennial Community Legacy Project in your community, and continue supporting the Centennial Service Challenge by hosting youth, vision, hunger and environmental projects. And keep reporting your activities to LCI so we can share our impact with Lions and the world.

I'd like you to take a minute to watch our 100 Million Served video (<u>https://</u><u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBM9rJQdE5g</u>) and reflect on the millions of lives changed by your service. Then keep serving to see how high we can climb!



Very truly yours, Chancellor Bob Corlew Your International President

Lions Commemorative Coin Available Soon

The Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin will provide a worthy tribute to the millions of Lions who have served their communities during the last 100 years. The US\$1 coin will be available in early 2017 to celebrate Lions Clubs International's 100th anniversary. In addition to highlighting a century of charitable services to people in need, a surcharge of US\$10 for every commemorative coin sold – without any cost to taxpayers – will be donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. These funds will



support ongoing Lions programs that assist the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disasters. Watch for updates as we get closer to the launch of the coin.

LCICon Fukuoka Japan







LIONS QUEST

One of the four key areas L.C.I. has asked Lions Clubs to focus their efforts in is service to children and youth. Assisting youth with food, recreation, needed vision screening, follow up eye glasses (in some cases), school program support and many more individual and group needs are all ways clubs and individual Lions make a difference in the lives of Children and Youth.

Lions Quest is another powerful and life long way that Lions can help enhance the lives and attitudes of children and their families. There are two main parts to this initiative. The Lions Quest school based program provides a full curriculum for educators to use with students from kindergarten to grade 12. Through the circular and sequential curriculum designed by educators for educators, students are provided with age appropriate, clearly designed lessons assisting them to develop positive interpersonal and decision making skills. Lessons are engaging, interactive and active and provide opportunities for students to not only talk about their learning but also to reflect on what they might now do to make any positive changes needed.

The second part of **Lions Quest** is the delivery of community workshops for parents, child and youth workers and interested adults which assists them to understand and appreciate the <u>critical role</u> they have in the development of caring young people of strong character. Based on sound research, the power of every interaction with children and youth is shared. Simple, yet profound, words and actions that can make a huge difference for all children and youth with whom you come in contact are highlighted. Everyone needs to realize how important they are in the development of children and youth. Please put a donation to the Lions Quest program in your club budget this year.

Janet Marissen. Lions Quest Chair



IN MEMORIUM



What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others, and the world, remains.....immortal.

Rest in Peace

Lion Carl Brown, PRC—Millbrook Lions Lion Don Mathews, PZC—Havelock Lions

The family of the late Carl Brown would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Lions members, clubs and families for all the support you have given Dad over the last year after Mom's passing. The many phone calls, visits, cards and outings didn't go unnoticed. The continued support and strength each of you have given all of the Brown family at the time of Dad's illness and passing has shown us the true meaning of what it means to be a Lion.

Thank -you.



Next Cabinet Meeting

November 26th, 2016

Faith United Church, 1778 Nash Road, Courtice

Pre-Cabinet: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00

Cabinet Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

2016-17 A-3 Cabinet

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