

Life is too short, so relax and have a little fun.
lesson from a lion.



DISTRICT A-3



NEWSLETTER

December 2015



**Dignity.
Harmony.
Humanity.**



As we enter the second half of our Lions year it seems like the perfect time to look at the second word in our International President's theme this year. **Harmony**. While we may at first think of **harmony** as it is defined by the dictionary as "a pleasing combination of musical tones in a chord", that definition doesn't really match what I think Dr. Yamada was trying to have us consider.

My thesaurus gives me several words as synonyms that are perhaps more meaningful for our Lions Clubs- consensus, accord, co-operation, good will, rapport and understanding. Imagine what our clubs might accomplish if we worked together on our projects and in our meetings with the aim of building consensus rather than voting on issues that can cause "winners and losers". It is true that building consensus often takes longer than a simple vote. It takes longer because it requires that all participants really listen to the views and ideas of other members and ensure that they understand the points of view of people who do not see the issue through the same lens as they do. It takes longer because truly understanding what another person believes requires that we listen for the feelings as well as the facts that others are trying to share. In any dispute, no matter how minor, there are usually three sides- yours, mine and the one that may give us a chance to move forward together.

Some of you may be asking why I am so concerned with looking in such detail at the three words, **dignity, harmony, humanity**, Dr. Yamada has chosen for us this year. I am taking these three words to heart because as I work my way through this year as your governor, I am faced week after week with the reality that some members are not feeling valued. Perhaps it comes from the lack of **dignity** or respect with which they are treated or are treating their fellow Lions. Perhaps it comes from the lack of **harmony** within the club. Whether we are the cause or the recipient of the lack of **dignity** or **harmony**, the result is the same - members leave. Sometimes they leave by not coming to meetings any more, sometimes they leave by moving to a different club and sometimes they leave by resigning from Lions altogether. Maybe we can change that trend by each of us deliberately taking the time to build respect and **dignity** into our club meetings and events and by carefully planning to make **harmony** the most important goal of each time we are together. This is not for one minute to suggest that difference of opinions and ideas should be replaced with a Pollyanna approach that superficially makes everything seem okay. That would be a terrible disservice to our President. Rather, can we all take responsibility for ensuring that those two words guide our own actions and words? If we work together to make **dignity** and **harmony** our goals for this year, we may end up not only attracting even more members to our clubs, but also retaining the members we already have which will provide our communities with even greater service. Isn't that what we are all about? We Serve!

Jaret



NEW YEARS!

CELEBRATION
★ DECEMBER 31 2015 8 PM

DJ @Marmora Community Centre
PARTY FAVOURS 28 Victoria St Marmora
LIGHT LUNCH

\$25/Couple \$15/Single

Advanced Tickets Available- Call:
Elaine - 613-472-0590
Pat - 613-472-2377



New Year's Celebration

Newcastle Town Hall * December 31st, 2015
Doors Open 8:00 pm * \$100.00 per couple



Includes Bus ride home at 1:00am Clarington Area
Limited Seating * Get your tickets now * Call Ken Willis at 905-987-3938



Season's Greetings TRENTON LIONS ANNUAL

Christmas Eve Breakfast Buffet



December 24th

Join us from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
77 Campbell Street, Trenton

MENU:

HAM, SAUSAGE, EGGS, POTATOES, BAKED BEANS
PANCAKES & TOAST JUICE, COFFEE, TEA

Adults	\$9.00
Children 6-12	\$3.50
Children Under 6	FREE

Please ask about becoming a member: 613-392-2198



Centennial Service Challenge and Day of Service

Turning 100 years old may not mean much to one of those Giant turtles that live in the Galapagos. But it's a pretty big deal to us, as Lions.



One Hundred years of service to others. WOW!

The only thing that could be better would be to do just a little more for others.

The Centennial Challenge areas of **Vision, Youth, Environment, and Hunger** are all well known to us and we already do so much.

I am encouraging each club to pick one of them and to come up with a way to do something new, or an old project re-invented, or different altogether from anything you've ever done before. And use the **Day of Service** to launch your idea.

May 7, 2016 is the day when each club in A-3 will be in their community doing something visible.

Imagine all 51 clubs on the streets at the same time.

Day of Service is a tool to celebrate our 100 hundred years but it will also propel us into the next hundred years. We will move into the future with a steady eye toward Service to others.

Contact your local media in advance. Give them notice that your club will be doing something extraordinary, along with 50 other Lions clubs. Then invite them to your event, where your whole club is visible in Lions vests, working in the community.

Any questions, ideas, comments please contact me. I'm in the book.

Steve Williams, Centennial Chair

sterie2@gmail.com

Earn a Centennial Banner Patch! Your club can earn up to four Centennial Banner Patches by participating in each year of the Centennial Service Challenge. Qualifying donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation will also count toward your Centennial Banner Patch.



To the Lions and Lioness Clubs of District A3

Greetings. I am Lion Steve Scally from the Bancroft Lions Club, and your Camp Dorset Chair again, for Lions year 2015-16, and I am asking you to make a donation to Camp Dorset in your budget this year. Camp Dorset is a camp for dialysis patients and their families. It was established by and continues to be run by Lions!

The summer is now past and I hope you were able to enjoy the season. Many families are not able to because one of their members needs dialysis. Camp Dorset provides an opportunity for families to enjoy a summer at the lake doing all those fun things and still have dialysis for the ones in need. I am a kidney donor and my wife, Lion Maureen is the one who got the kidney, we both understand what is involved with family events and the need for dialysis. It is not easy; dialysis is not a cure, it is only a life support system that is not perfect and is very hard physically on the patient.

I have been to Camp Dorset to take a first hand look at what is offered and was taken aback by the gratitude expressed to me by both the families attending, and the staff, for the support of Lions. The level of service at the camp is outstanding and all Lions should take some pride in what has been accomplished there.



If I may suggest some options: Perhaps you could hold a special project just to help this camp and/or your club could collect Canadian Tire Money to be given.

Any monetary donations for Camp Dorset should be sent to:

Lions Camp Dorset
P.O. Box 306
1087 Camp Dorset Road
Dorset, ON P0A 1E0

along with a notice to either myself, or the A3 District Treasurer PDG Albert Munneke.

Doing this will allow the District to keep track of how much was sent to Camp Dorset from the clubs in District A3.

The Canadian Tire Money can be brought or sent to Convention in the spring.

I am available for more information or to come and speak to your club, Zone or Region meetings. Please contact me by e-mail: pzcsteve@gmail.com or by phone at 613-332-4634.

Thank you for considering helping this very worthy Lions Camp

PZC Steve Scally



*kindness is a language
that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see*
- Mark Twain



Visiting other club meetings and special activities or anniversaries is a great way to get to meet other Lions in our District and to have some fun. You may even pick up some new ideas for service or fund raising. When members of your club visit other Lions events they can earn points for your club in the Visitation Contest. Please let Rene LeFort know how many Lions went, how many kms you travelled and how many members are in your club. He will calculate the points earned and maybe your club will be surprised to win the Visitation Contest.

This year we have also included attending the District Leadership Evenings too so get your pencils out and write down where you have gone and send it off to Rene at renelefort2014@gmail.com.

District A3 Visitation Contest

Contest Rules

The purpose of the contest is to promote a spirit of inter-club harmony and to see how other Clubs function.

1. Contest Period—September 1st to March 31st inclusive.
2. Visitation Reports are to be emailed or sent to the Visitation Chair by the 10th of the following month.
3. If repeated visits to the same club are made, only the single best visit score will be allowed.
4. A minimum of 2 Lions MUST be on each visitation.
5. All visits must be made in District A3 or Districts adjoining to A3.
6. All visits to adjoining Districts will receive member points up to 200 total kilometers round trip from their home club.
7. Trips within District A3 will be allowed to their total round trip kilometers measured from their home club.
8. Recognized Lions functions or activities are: Zone Meetings, Region Rallies, Charter Nights, District Conferences, Sports or Social events sponsored by Lions Clubs and District Leadership Evenings.
9. No member of Cabinet or Lion campaigning for office is eligible to win the Visitation Contest.

There are two (2) categories:

- Clubs with 25 or fewer members
- Clubs with 26 or more members

Points will be awarded as follows:

- One (1) point per member per kilometer travelled from home club
- Deduct 25% of member points if visit is made with any District Officer or International Officer on his/her Official visit
- Bonus points (100) points total if a full 10% of active membership is on the same visit
- Two hundred (200) points are awarded if 25% of the active membership is on the same visit
- Five hundred (500) points are awarded when 50% of the active membership is on the same visit

The names of the winning Clubs and the Lion who travelled the most kilometers will be announced at the District A3 Convention in April of each year.

ENTER TO WIN!



DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHALLENGE

In 1939, three Lions founded the Lions Leader Dog Foundation when they could not buy a guide dog for their blind friend. In 1952, the name was changed to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Since the founding, Leader Dogs for the Blind have been providing guide dogs to individuals who are blind/visually impaired or deaf and blind at no cost to the recipient. There have been many Leader Dogs provided to individuals in District A-3.



This year, District Governor Janet, with the support of the Cabinet members, has challenged the Lions of the 51 clubs in our District to save quarters (American ones, preferred!) until each Lion has \$5.00 in quarters. Take the quarters to the club and if possible roll them and then have someone who is attending the District A-3 Convention bring them to the convention for presentation to our District A-3 Leader Dog Chairperson, Larry Martin. (A cheque for the amount collected would be okay too!) If each Lion contributed just the \$5.00 to this challenge we would raise over \$5,000 for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

This money will be used by Leader Dogs to support their programs so that even more blind/visually impaired individuals can receive the freedom and independence provided by a guide dog.





YOUR DISTRICT NEEDS YOU!

Wanna be a Zone Chair? Here's what's involved.....attend 4 cabinet meetings; run 3 zone meetings; visit each club in your zone at least once during the year. You are the key liaison between the clubs in your zone and the district cabinet.

Wanna be a Region Chair? You've already been a Zone Chair and are ready to take on more. Here's what's involved.....attend 4 cabinet meetings; be a guide, mentor and motivator to the Zone Chairs in your region. Seeing the bigger picture you are also a key liaison between the clubs and the district cabinet.

If you want to serve your district with the same dedication and enthusiasm with which you served your club, complete a nomination form, available in January from the MDA Website. **[Click on Lions Links/Resource Centre/District Operations. The form is called District Officer Candidate Nomination and Endorsement Form]** Get your club to endorse you and then submit your endorsed nomination form to Governor Janet no later than 30 days prior to the A3 District Convention ie. **March 15, 2016.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO DISTRICT A3 PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



1st Place
Sheridan H.— Age 13
Sponsored by Bowmanville Lions



2nd Place
Hayden M.—Age 13
Sponsored by East Peterborough Lions



Santa (Lion Bob Brown) arrives in Bancroft for the Lions Christmas parade.



The line-up at Bancroft's Santa House (with an Apsley Lion marshalling)



Santa (Lion Bob Brown) listens to a wish in the Bancroft Lions' Santa House



As part of the Bancroft Lions Santa Claus parade, the Sea Cadets (Viking troop 229) collected for the local food bank, using the theme "Swamp the boat" (their sailboat, in which they deposited the donations). Here the cadets unload the bags at the North Hastings Community Cupboard.

THE GREATEST GIFT YOU
CAN GIVE SOMEONE
IS YOUR
TIME.
BECAUSE WHEN YOU
GIVE YOUR TIME,
YOU ARE GIVING A
PORTION OF YOUR LIFE
THAT YOU WILL NEVER
GET BACK.



Land O' Lakes Lions Club - President Lion Marylin Blender presented a cheque in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Margaret Palimaka on behalf of the Pine Meadows Nursing Home.



Wellington Lions Sharron Hewer and Marilyn Wilson receive an award on behalf of the Club at the District Leadership Evening in Colborne



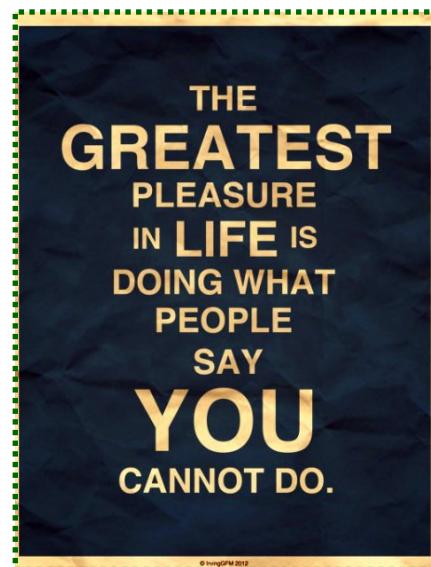
Chemung Lake Lions—Clothesline Fill the Truck for Diabetes Association—September 19th



Apsley Lions—Jim Thatcher, Lois Haines and Wendy Clear



Apsley Lions—Santa Claus aka 10N Zone Chair Jim Empringham





Zone 11 Leadership Evening



Lakefield & District Lions had the pleasure of inducting 3 new members. Left to right—new Lion Bill Robertson with his sponsor Lion Gord MacLeish, new Lion Don Parsons with sponsor Lion Bob Elliot, sponsor Lion Larry Taylor with new Lion Terry Beauclerc



Congratulations to Tamworth Lion Clarence Kennedy on receiving the Melvin Jones Fellowship from his club. Presenting the award is Tamworth President Craig Alderson.



1st Vice District Governor John Whyte in the Wellington Santa Claus Parade





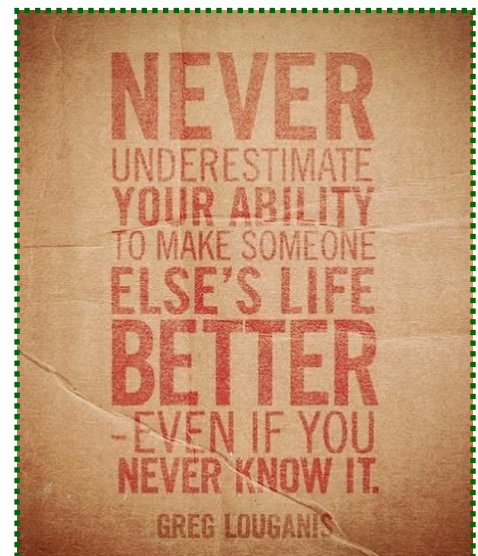
The Brighton Leos (some of them) wrapping dog and cat gifts for their annual sale. Proceeds go to the Lions Foundation Dog Guide Adopt A Puppy Program



DG Janet Marissen with the Brighton Leos who raised over \$1,000 for Lions Foundation Dog Guides



At a Napanee Lions meeting, PDG Doug Galt was presented with his 50 year chevron. Great night—and great to be a Lion!





The Stirling and District Lions Club awarded Dave Potts a Lifetime Membership



The Tamworth Lions float in the Santa Claus Parade on December 6



2nd VDG Bill Zwier and PDG Russ Mitchell at the Marmora-Crowe Valley Lions Club Christmas party



Land O'Lakes Lions inducted 8 new members! Left to Right—new Lion Bill March and new Lion Carl Lane with their sponsor Lion Joe Miller. New Lion Jean March and new Lion Dianne Lane with sponsor Lion Janet Wilson and sponsor Lion Marylin Bolender with new Lions D'thea Webster, Maureen O'Neill, Nancy Skipper and Kerry Skipper



Bancroft Lions Scott McArthur and Dennis Purcell show off two of the items up for bid as they get the crowd ready for the Annual Lions Charity Auction. One of the club's main fundraisers, made possible by the generous donations from over 150 local businesses and groups

**"SERVICE TO OTHERS IS
THE RENT YOU PAY FOR
YOUR ROOM HERE ON
EARTH."**

-Muhammad Ali

www.MattTownsend.com



Sharbot Lake Lions Float in the Central Frontenac Township Santa Claus parade



East Peterborough Float in the Santa Claus Parade



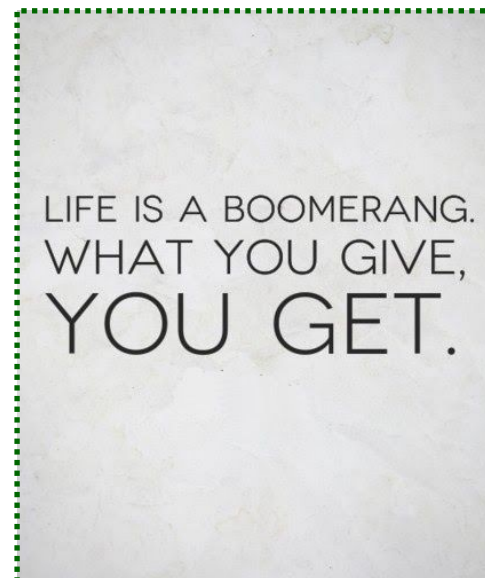
Bancroft Lions pack candy bags to be given out to children visiting Santa at the Lions Santa House



Members of the Havelock Lions Club attended the Nourish Havelock Harvest Dinner and were recognized for their support.



At the A3 Leadership evening for 10 North Zone, DG Janet Marissen watches as her dog-guide-in-training, Ivan, checks out Nutmeg, the dog-guide-in-training of Bancroft Lion Laverne Stapley. Petting both is Jack McArthur, grandson of current Bancroft President Scott McArthur.





Wellington Lions accept a cheque for their volunteer work at the annual Belleville Kennel Club Dog Show or as they fondly call it—Stoop and Scoop Poop



At the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Bancroft, Lions Bob Brown, a former Sergeant-Major in the Canadian Armed Forces and Vice President Dan Rajsic presented a memorial wreath on behalf of the Lions Club



2015 Havelock Santa Claus Parade hosted by the Havelock Lions Club. A great parade, a good time had by all us "Minions"



Past President Lion Peter Day receives his award from DG Janet and 1st VDG John at the Kendal Leadership evening for Zone 10 Centre. Well deserved Peter!



Congratulations to Foxboro Melrose Lions on their 20th Anniversary!



Foxboro and District Lions Club
now called
**Foxboro Melrose
Lions Club**



***1st Annual Cobourg Lakeshore
Lions Poker Run Car Rally held
on September 26th. The
weather was beautiful and the
rally was very successful***



***Lions Club of Lakefield enjoyed a
wonderful Christmas party with
spouses at Marshlands Centre
catered by Jack's. It was an evening
to enjoy great dining, great
mingling and most of all
appreciation shown to
members. Highlight of the evening -
Lion Roy Fitton (on the right) and
Lion President Bob Elliot (on the left)
presented Lion Larry Taylor with a
Judge Brian Stevenson Award for
outstanding achievement and
contribution to Lionism. Lion Larry
is a very special Lion who work's
tirelessly for the betterment of our
community and surrounding areas.***

***East Peterborough Lions—Lion
Randy Hewitt, Lion Kirby Park, Lion
Frank Hewitt and incoming Lion
Nicole put in their request with
Santa (aka Lion Jim Empringham)
at the Apsley Lions Club Christmas
parade.***

A huge thank you to everyone who answered the call for photos for the District A3 Newsletter! We received so many great photos that we were unable to print them all.

Please keep them coming for the next issue!
Email to: Newsletter Chair Kathy Marchen at:
kathrynanne51@yahoo.ca



Lion Larry and his wife Peggy



IN MEMORIUM

Because of you...

Someone will have enough to eat tonight.

Someone will have decent clothes to wear.

Someone will have shelter.

Someone will receive medical care.

Someone will learn the skills they need to survive and succeed.

Someone knows there's at least one person in this world who cared.

Rest in Peace

Lion Elaine Duecharme—Kingston Lakeshore West Lions

Lioness Helen Andrew—Peterborough Lioness Club

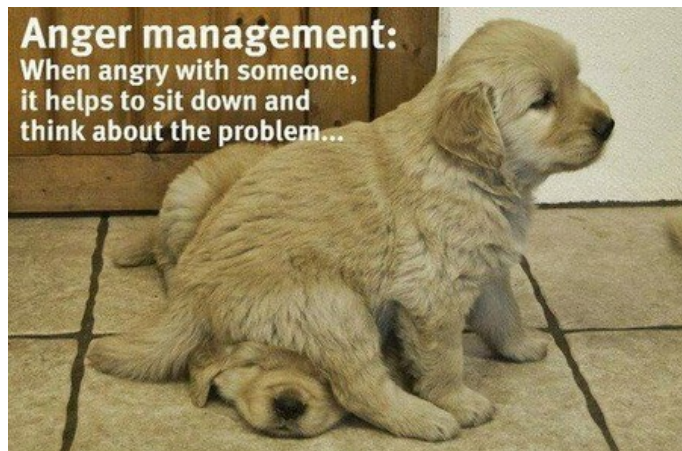
Lion Linda Brown—Millbrook and District Lions

Lion Muriel Stewart—Peterborough Lions Club

Lion Murray Patterson—Newcastle Lions Club

Former Lion Rick Lewis—Millbrook and District Lions

Lion Wayne Bell—East Peterborough Lions Club



Next Cabinet Meeting

March 19th, 2016

Port Hope Lions Club

Pre-Cabinet: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00

Cabinet Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

2015-16 A-3 Cabinet

Position	Name	Phone	Email
District Governor	Janet Marissen (PCC Harry)	613-691-0990	handjmarissen@hotmail.com
Immediate Past DG	Linda Duffie (PDG Jim Prenger)	905-623-8780	linda.duffie@bell.net
1 st Vice DG	John Whyte (Lion Kathy)	613-654-2800	jhwhyte48@yahoo.ca
2 nd Vice DG	Bill Zwier (ZC Linda)	613-335-2053	billyz@xplornet.ca
Cabinet Treasurer	Albert Munneke (Lion Barb)	705-944-5744	amunneke@nexicom.net
Cabinet Secretary	Heather Griffin	905-623-4535	hgriff551@gmail.com
Region 10 Chair	Frank Hewitt (Lion Theresa)	705-755-0802	hbrothers10@hotmail.com
Zone Chair 10N	Jim Empringham (Lion Charlotte)	705-656-3345	jimempringham@xplornet.com
Zone Chair 10C	Beth Lazar (Peter)	289-251-8286	bethlazar2@gmail.com
Zone Chair 10S	Kevin Kimmerly (Tamara)	905-269-2951	kevinkimmerly@airnet.ca
Region 11 Chair	Tom Houston (Lion Karen)	613-352-7222	houstonk@sympatico.ca
Zone Chair 11W	Linda Zwier (2 nd VDG Bill)	613-335-2053	zw3026@xplornet.ca
Zone Chair 11E	Fred Brown	613-530-5859	No email
Region 43 Chair	William (Bill) McMurtry (Pat)	613-922-4003	bilpatmcm@xplornet.com
Zone Chair 43W	Peter Armour (Karen)	705-295-1537	ptrrmr957@gmail.com
Zone Chair 43E	Elmore Baitley (Lion Gayle)	613-395-1950	ebaitley@yahoo.com
Zone Chair 43S	Jim Peters (Lion Kendra)	905-355-5562	jkpeters90@yahoo.com