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District A-3 Newsletter

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Message from Governor Linda Zwier

Lions & Leos of District A3,

O, glorious spring! Well, maybe not quite yet but Mother Nature seems to be giving hints that it will happen soon. Daylight Saving Time, warming temperatures (mostly), melting snow, sap running – it all points to a promise of sunny days ahead.

As we look forward to the change of season, we also plan for service projects ahead. At the last Cabinet meeting, Cabinet members voted to make Sunday, May 7th a District-wide Day of Service. It is a day when we can band together... all 1,200 of us, as one force. Let's think of what service we can provide to our communities that day. Road & park cleanup? A free event for the community to recognize its support? Maybe a drive-around collection for the Food Bank? Consider what your community might need. There are so many ways to make Lions visible and maybe, just maybe, attract some new members. Let's get out there and show our District just how powerful we are!

Planning for the A3 Convention continues. Please continue to collect items to fill our eyeglass cases. Soon we will be posting a <u>draft</u> program of events on the A3 website. Keep in mind that it will be a draft and things may change. A convention schedule of events is fluid and remains fluid right up until the day of the convention. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 14th.

Club elections are underway. Secretaries should have next year's officers recorded on MyLCI after April 15th and by May 15th. This is well within the parameters of the MyLion/MyLCI merge with Salesforce. Delaying the reporting of officers may mean that your club will have no access to MyLCI until September, creating many problems. As well, donations to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF should be made prior to June 1st to ensure they are credited for this Lions' year. This impacts the Club Excellence Award as this donation is one of the criteria. Secretaries also need to ensure that membership data is accurate on LCI. An efficient way to do this is to print off the roster from LCI and pass it around at a club meeting so Lions can check their info and make any corrections.

Club Excellence Award applications cannot be completed until after June 30th. This is because membership numbers are compared to those of June 30th, 2022. This year, membership just needed to remain stable as opposed to having an increase in numbers. I look forward to receiving your applications after June 30th.

When visiting clubs and sitting in on Zone meetings, I am so impressed with the enthusiasm and resilience shown by our Lions. The challenges of the past three years seem to have only renewed the determination to serve those in need. So much has been accomplished, sometimes in unique ways. I applaud you all.

Lion Linda.

District Governor

Dream Big Nothing Is Impossible

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IN MEMORIAM

Sincere condolences to the families and clubs of those Lions who have passed away since our January newsletter.

May they rest in peace.



Lion Jack Nelson Apsley and District Lions Club

Lion Maureen Cummings Bancroft Lions Club

> Lion Don Montrose Batawa Lions Club

> Lion John Harwood Brighton Lions Club

Lion Doug Packman Chemung Lake District Lions Club

> Lion Fred Long Cobourg Lions Club

Lion Floyd Scott Napanee Lions Club





49th Annual District A-3 Convention Dream Big! Nothing is Impossible April 28th—30th, 2023 Four Points Sheraton, Kingston

Multiple District A Convention "Moving Forward" May 26th—28th. 2023 Four Points Sheraton, London

USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 21st—23rd, 2023 Reno, Nevada

Lions Clubs International Conventions

July 7–11, 2023: Boston, MA, USA June 21–25, 2024: Melbourne, Australia July 4–8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico July 3–7, 2026: Atlanta, GA, USA July 2–6, 2027: Washington, DC, USA June 23 – 27, 2028: Singapore

Land O' Lakes Lions Club

On the 22nd of January 1969, 38 men from the Land O' Lakes area came together to Charter the Lions Club of Land O' Lakes.

On the 12th of April, 2023, the Lions Club of Land O'Lakes will dedicate the Friendship Arch to the 38 Charter Members. The names of the Charter Members will be read out, and a plaque will be placed on the Arch commemorating their fellowship and their service to the community.

The Dedication of the Arch Ceremony will be followed by the presentation of the first speaker in the Land O' Lakes Speakers' Forum: Art Restorer and MDA Historian, Ray Charbonneau.

All are welcome to this free event. Seating is limited, so register early at <u>https://lolspeakersforum.eventbrite.ca</u>



Submitted by: Lion Lynne Lowe, Land O' Lakes Lions Club

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Lion Rodger at 639-5050

Norwood



SAVE THE DATE

MAY 6TH, 2023

TO JOIN THE CHEMUNG LAKE DISTRICT LIONS



FOR DINNER SUPPORTING CHILDHOOD CANCER

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW LATER

Childhood Cancer Project

What can we do to help the children suffering from cancer to bring them some relief when having treatments? An idea was born in 2021 and the project began.



The project consisted of procuring from businesses that supplied materials for children and to place this product into a Lions activity bag. One bag would be given to each child being treated for cancer to take with them wherever they went, whether it was while waiting for their treatments at PRHC or on their trips back/forth to their Oncology teams at the Hospital for Sick Kids.

The project is ongoing as we fill the 200 bags with reading books for ages 0-17 (broken down into 4 age groups – 0-3; 4-6; 7-12; and 13-17 with age appropriate materials), coloring books, sketch books, art supplies, crafting supplies, WonderArt supplies, puzzles, animal kits, crayons, gel markers, pencils, crayons, and a Lions coloring book depicting all aspects of Lionism.

Our club has received donations from 3 other Lions Clubs in District A-3 and also individual donations, all of which were received gratefully and were much appreciated. Donations are always welcome as our supplies become depleted.

Our club launched the project with PRHC (Peterborough Regional Health Centre) on July 15th, 2022 at which time the satellite Pediatric Cancer Centre was given an initial supply of bags for the Pediatric cancer patients being treated at PRHC and the balance would be distributed to the Centre as needed.

So far, POGO (Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario, working with the Hospital for Sick Kids) has setup 14 satellite Pediatric Cancer Centres and our District A-3 has 2 of them – one in Kingston and the other in Peterborough.

Our Committee has extended the distribution of these bags to partner with our Kingston Clubs (Kingston Lions and Kingston Lakeshore West Lions) and once the bags are completed, the Kingston Clubs will be launching the project with the Kingston Health Science Centre in the very near future.



Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information.

Lion Lydia Elliott A3 Chair Childhood Cancer

Email: kntry847lion@gmail.com

Submitted by: Lion Lydia Elliott, Chemung Lake District Lions Club



Leader Dogs for the Blind

The winter weather has not slowed down your District A3 Chair of Leader Dogs For The Blind. I have been very busy and that is how I love it to be.

On January 10th I presented a Tribute Brick to one of our Chemung Lake Lions members and a great friend Dale Warren. He was very surprised and I was surprised I kept it a secret for so long. It was a great time.

On the 14th of January I went to a Zone meeting at the Chemung Lake Lions club and sold tickets on our fund-raising basket and gave out information as well. It was fun to meet with so many Lions and of course to talk about Leader Dogs For The Blind.

On the 21st and 22nd of January, Barb Robinson and I did a two-day event at Ren's Pets in Peterborough. The store donated a basket to us and all proceeds went to Leader Dogs. I'll say again how proud I am of the businesses that we have contacted have been so great to us. Barb also sold hats she knitted at the store for Leader Dogs. They were \$10.00 and \$5.00 goes to Leader Dogs. It was a successful weekend, and we will go back again in a month or more.

The Sharbot Lake Lions Club sent in a donation to Leader Dogs of \$500.00 and I have ordered a tribute brick for them. Speaking of tribute bricks, the East Peterborough Lions club wanted to get a tribute brick with some of the money they collected for our Walk For Leader Dogs last June. I ordered it for them, and I was so proud to present it last Monday the 6th of February. I love doing the presentations.

The Chemung Lake Lions Club sponsored a puppy at the meeting on the $10^{\rm th}$ of January. Her name is Jojo.

We have finalized our new location for our Walk for Leader Dogs that will take place on Sunday, June 11th, 2023. See details on page 10 of this newsletter.



District A-3 Chair Lion John visits Chemung Lake Lions Club

On Monday the 27th of February I went to the Peterborough Lions Club and presented them with a mini brick and Barb and I talked about Leader Dogs, but Leader Dog Casey was the real star of the show.

Here is my contact information if you want to call or email me to talk about Leader Dogs. I can also do Zoom calls as well. Address: Apt.1010-300 Hedonics Road, Peterborough ON K9J 4A5. Phone 1-705-876-1905. Email john.morris1998@gmail.com

Submitted by: John Morris and Leader Dog Casey, Chair District A3 Leader Dogs For The Blind

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS ?

DOGGUIDES

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is reaching out to Lions across the Canada to seek support so that LFCDG can continue to provide and expand our life changing provision of Dog Guides for Canadians with disabilities.

The Difference Campaign

- In order to meet the needs of both staff, clients and dogs we need to build a "state of the art" purpose built facility,
- provide room for all programs, staff, clients, and dogs, and
- provide new and up to date classrooms and accommodation for clients and dogs.

Here is where YOU come in

Need — approximately \$50,000,000 Have — \$25,000,000 Hope to raise \$4,500,000 from Canadian Lions

Without taking away from your ongoing support:

- Make a pledge to the campaign to be paid over the next 3-5 years,
- Organize a club, zone or district fundraiser for 'The Difference' campaign,
- Tell everyone you know about our campaign and the difference our dogs make in the lives of people living with a disability.

If you would like a visit to your club to further explain this exciting new opportunity, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Submitted by:

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An early picture of King with Santa





New Facility



Bright new interior



Old Building



Lakefield Village Lions Club

We were so happy to bring back the Hot Chocolate Festival in Lakefield after a 3 year hiatus. It was a great opportunity to celebrate our local businesses, beat the winter blahs and provide the community an opportunity to get out with their family, friends or by themselves to enjoy some yummy hot chocolate.

Participating Lakefield merchants designed their own unique hot chocolate. Customers then visited some or all merchants during the February festival dates and purchased the featured beverage. They were then asked to cast a vote on their most favourite cup of hot chocolate either at the merchant or online. The winner was then announced at the end of the festival.

There was a lot of enthusiasm among the public and the merchants to make this a lot of fun as well as a healthy competition. There was tremendous positive feedback from the public and the merchants. We would have to say this was a beautiful way to showcase our amazing village and its businesses and we look forward to doing it again.

Pictured left top: Gillian Exton from the winning restaurant, Canoe & Paddle and Lion Ashley Burke

Left bottom: Our Mayor, Sherry Senis captured the photo of some of our present and past members sampling the hot chocolate as well... Lion Diane Farias, Lion Coleen Power, Connie Tinney (former Lion), Lion Arlene Jessup, Lion Barb Harrison, Lion Sandra Wren and Lion Merrilyn Clark.

Submitted by: Lion Sandra Wren, Publicity Chair, Lakefield Village Lions Club





CALL 705-740-2288 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

WISE WORDS TO PONDER...

~ Like a welcome summer rain, humour may suddenly cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.

~ It's faith and enthusiasm for something that makes life worth living.

~ Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

~ Opportunities don't happen, you create them.

~ Be good to yourself in simple ways.

~ Be open to the idea that you can always learn.

Prince Edward County Lions Club

Family Day Participation

This is an annual event in Prince Edward County for families. This year the club decided to bring awareness of the "Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide" program to the community. We had several dogs... former dog guides, current dog guides, dog guide foster puppies, retired dog guides and even dog guides who had been disqualified.

The children and families had a great time interacting with the dogs and asking questions about the dogs and the programs. Children were also able to colour pictures of dog guides, and participate in dog-related word search puzzles and crosswords. A great time had by all!

Community Dinner

The PEC Lions Club was invited to Host and serve a dinner for the community by a local church. 80 people attended and were served Black Bean Soup, Chicken Fajitas and a variety of dessert squares. Our club covered all of the expenses and one of our past club members, who is a professional chef, offered to be the Manager/Chef. Donations were accepted, but the dinner was offered for free to the community.



Submitted by Lion Kathy Marchen, PEC Lions Club







Newburgh-Camden Lions Club

Celebrating 15 Years of Service

The Newburgh-Camden Lions Club celebrated 15 years of service to its communities on February 18th. The Region Chair made his official visit on February 13th so it was decided that it was the perfect time to celebrate this milestone. Everyone enjoyed a ham supper and anniversary cake.

Submitted by Lion Mary Ann Smith, Newburgh-Camden Lions Club



Amherstview Lions Club



Amherstview Lions Community Service Award

On the evening of March 14th, in the presence of 14 Amherstview Lions as well as five guests, the Amherstview Lions Club was presented with a very special Community Service Award from the Province of Ontario by MPP Ric Bresee. The photo [*right*] shows Club President Lion Del Weber accepting the honour from MPP Ric Bresee.

The Amherstview Lions were beaming with justifiable pride!



Submitted by: Lion Barb Johnson, Amherstview Lions Club

Keene Lions Club

After a two-year hiatus, the Keene Lions Club was able to host a Monte Carlo night on March 4th. Although it was a wintery day, we were pleased with the turnout and especially the support from area Clubs.



The Keene Lions Club will be having regular fish or chicken fry's utilizing our food trailer throughout the spring and summer. This starts with a Good Friday Fish Fry on April 7th from 4 pm—7 pm at the Keene Lions Den. These takeout meals are reasonably priced and worth checking out.

[See flyer on page 3 of this newsletter].

Submitted by Keene Lions Club

Reference Websites

District A-3 Lions http://e-district.org/sites/a3/index.php

> Multiple District "A" www.mdalions.org

LCI Lions Clubs International www.lionsclubs.org

LCIF Lions Clubs International Foundation www.lcif.org

Walk For Leader Dogs

Come on out and please join me in support of Leader Dogs.

This is a fun event to raise money and awareness of a great organization, Leader Dogs For The Blind.

Bring your kids or grandkids and your dog and walk with us. If you collect some pledges you just might win a prize generously donated by Leader Dogs For The Blind and some wonderful local sponsors. You can get pledge sheets by contacting Lion Frank Hewitt or me.

We hope to see you on Sunday, June 11th. The walk starts at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by: District A3 Leader Dogs For The Blind Chair John Morris with Leader Dog Casey.



Norwood Lions celebrated our 71st Charter night with the Induction of three new members to help better serve our community.

Welcome to our new members: Lion Andy Greaves, Lion Mike Davidson and returning Lion Doug McQuaig. Thank you for joining the largest service organization in the world.

We were also treated to a very informative presentation by PDG Lion Janet Marissen on the amazing work done by the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. What an amazing program to support several challenging needs of Canadians.





VALK FOR

LEADER DOGS

JUNE 11th 2023 @ 9AM

898 MONAGHAN RD, PTBO @

CAA PARKING LOT

Submitted by: Lion Barry Patterson, Norwood Lions Club

Chemung Lake District Lions Club





February 4th... The Chemung Lake Lions were out on a chilly Saturday Saturday serving up "Free" hot chocolate at the Ice Carving at Polarfest in Bridgenorth Heritage Park. *Pictured*—Lions Hans Kamping, Keith Elliott, Jim Wilson and Dale Warren.

Top right: Lion Tom Rutherford receives 15th year chevron as a member of the Chemung Lake District Lions; Bottom right: Lion Bob Herr receives 30th year chevron. Presented by Club President, Lion Keith Elliott.

Submitted by: Lion Tom Rutherford, Chemung Lake District Lions Club





On January 23rd, approximately 5,000 eyeglasses were shipped to CLERC in Calgary.

"Many thanks to A3 Lions for this tremendous collection and to Lions Ron Duesharm, Bill Zwier & the Odessa Lions for bringing it altogether to make it happen."



Submitted by DG Linda Zwier



Tamworth & District Lions Club

On Tuesday February 21st, members of the Tamworth & District Lions Club were pleased to cook a pancake breakfast for students and staff at Enterprise Public School. Our club has developed a close working relationship with all schools within our area, and appreciate any opportunity to spend time with the students! The pancake breakfast was a huge success with over 160 students enjoying the pancakes and syrup. Our next event at the school is already planned - a BBQ in the spring!



On Monday February 13th, 2023, members of our club presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to the Newburgh Firefighters Association. Last September, the Newburgh firefighters assisted our club by hosting the barbeque at the Stone Mills Family Festival. The club made the donation in memory of the late Lion Deb Thompson, who was integral in the organization of the Festival. The firefighters were holding the Newburgh Canal Bash days after the cheque presentation, and the \$500 was being used to help cover the costs of their event.

Submitted by Lion Lisa Stienburg, Tamworth & District Lions Club

THINK SPRING THOUGHTS FOR GARDENERS

- When all the chores are done, the avid gardener will invent new ones.
- Knee... a device for finding rocks in your garden.
- Gardening is a Sport! Hoe for It !
- I once read about the dangers of gardening, so I quit reading for two weeks.
- God made rainy days, so gardeners could get the housework done.
- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.
- What a person needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it.
- My spouse is a water sign. I'm an earth sign. Together we make mud.



Land O' Lakes Lions Club

March ~ The Lions Club of Land O'Lakes were recovering from their very busy Christmas schedule but we're still going strong this quarter.

In February, we held a Food Drive for our local Food Bank, resulting in a donation of 200 lbs. of food and a cheque for \$1,500.00.

We also celebrated love and friendship with our Valentine's High Tea and Dance. New displays were created for the famous fence:...Valentine's and St. Patrick's celebrations are now represented on the fence for the community to enjoy.



We participated in North Frontenac's Winterfest activities on February 25th, promoting Lions and handing out activity kits to the children. Lion Red managed to win the grand prize in the euchre tournament in his free time!



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Most importantly, our club unanimously agreed to donate \$5,000 to LCIF in support of the relief efforts following the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

We now anxiously await Spring and the mudfield that is our parking lot.

Happy Spring!



Submitted by: Lion Lynn Lowe, Land O' Lakes Lions Club

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LIONS OF DISTRICT A-3



- Spread your news throughout the District
- Promote your club and committee events
- Send your submissions & pictures by mid-June for the final District Newsletter for this Lions year...distribution is scheduled for end of June.
- Thank you.

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