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DISTRICT GOVERNOR A-3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos

As I sit here and write this letter I am reminded that our Lions year is half over and we only have six months to reach our goals. Hopefully by now all clubs have submitted their club goals for this year and are working hard to reach those goals.

I am very proud of our District. We inducted 28 new members to our Lions Family in October and in November there were 9 new members. Well done Lions! Keep up the good work and continue to "Ask One" and by doing so we will make this year "Mission Possible".

A big welcome to all our new members. Please do not be shy. If you have questions about the Lions organization, ask someone in your Club or send me an email. If I do not have the answer, I will research and get you the answer.

January is around the corner and our International President Joe Preston is asking all Lions to save the date January 10th—16th as the "Worldwide Week of Service" to celebrate Melvin Jones Birthday. I am asking our Clubs in District A3 to plan now and complete a service project that week — whether it be vision screening in a school, reading a book to children at the library, feeding the hungry or something else your club has come up with. Don't forget to include the service hours on your online service activity report.

I have completed my District Governor Evenings in all Zones and I have to say the evenings were well received by those in attendance. I am now looking forward to attending Club events and assisting Clubs in the New Year. Please send me details of your events and if I am able, I would like to be there to help out.

Our families are precious and we get busy during the year with Lions work and sometimes our families don't get our full attention. As Christmas approaches I want to remind you all to take the time to spend with your family and friends. They are too precious to ignore.

Wishing you the joy of family, the gift of friends and the best of everything for the New Year. Merry Christmas everyone!

Linda Duffie
District Governor A3



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*Merry
Christmas*



A Fun Day with the Amherstview Lions
at their Santa Claus Parade
Saturday, November 1st



Bancroft Lion Peter Klein receives Lions International Life Membership. Pictured left-right: Zone Chair Frank Hewitt, Governor Linda Duffie, Lion Peter Klein, Peter's wife Joyce and Bancroft Lion President Bryan Adams. Lion Peter has been a Lion for 60 years — all as a member of the Bancroft Lions club.

Hats Off... Congratulations Lion Peter on your service!

THANK YOU LIONS

VALUABLE IS THE WORK YOU DO
OUTSTANDING IN HOW YOU ALWAYS COME THROUGH
LOYAL, SINCERE AND FULL OF GOOD CHEER
UNTIRING IN YOUR EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
NOTABLE ARE THE CONTRIBUTIONS YOU MAKE
TRUSTWORTHY IN EVERY PROJECT YOU TAKE
EAGER TO REACH YOUR EVERY GOAL
EFFECTIVE IN THE WAY YOU FULFILL YOUR ROLE
READY WITH A SMILE LIKE A SHINING STAR
SPECIAL AND WONDERFUL... THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE!

CHARTER ANNIVERSARIES

AMHERSTVIEW LIONS—40TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, March 28th... Social 4.30—6 pm. Call to Order 6pm.
\$25.00 per person. Dress: Business Casual. Location: 108 Amherst Drive. Key Note Speaker: Eleanor Rivoire, Past Executive Vice President and CNE at Kingston General Hospital. To reserve your ticket, contact Andre Havreluck, President at (613) 384-7967 or Josef Amann (613) 544-3723 or email jamann@bell.net. RSVP March 19th. Booster prizes welcomed.

PITTSBURGH TOWNSHIP LIONS—50TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, April 25th... 6—7 pm Cocktails and Full Course Dinner plus LLBO. \$65.00 per couple or \$35.00 single. Location: Rideau Acres Resort, Campground Hall, 1014 Cunningham Road (Hwy 15, 1 mile north of 401) Kingston. Guest Speaker: PDG Dr. Doug Galt. For info and confirmation, contact Lion Jack Elzinga (613) 542-6970. Address: 2071 Isle of Man Lane, Kingston ON K7L 4V3.

BOWMANVILLE LIONS—80TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, May 9th... More information and details to come.



NEW LIONS INDUCTED—October 22nd at the Newcastle Lions Club. New Inductees Lisa Kozma and Patricia Labatt-Odynski from the Courtice Lions Club; and Sarah Foote and Tony Jackson from the Newcastle Lions Club, with their sponsors. Welcome new Lions!

IN MEMORIAM

Sincere condolences to the families of Lions we have lost. We are forever grateful for their years of service.



BOWMANVILLE LIONS CLUB

Doug Trotter

KINGSTON LIONS CLUB

Gary Richard McConnell

NEWCASTLE LIONS CLUB

Dave Rickard

TWEED LIONS CLUB

Gloria Anna Rose Derrett

Past District Governor (A3) Hank Tamblyn
Lindsay Lions Club

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



LIONS WORLDWIDE WEEK OF SERVICE

JANUARY 10TH—16TH, 2015

This international event will bring Lions around the world together for a week of service. Here's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club to potential new members, and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Your club can take part in this special event...

Plan a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10-16.

Share your project – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.

Report your project – Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report.

Start Planning Today

Don't miss this opportunity to join Lions around the globe in the Worldwide Week of Service in January.

Excerpt from LCI—for more info, visit: www.lionsclubs.org

NEW MEMBERS



I would personally like to welcome the newest Lions members to our family in District A3 for October-November 2014. Congratulations to you all!

AMHERSTVIEW LIONS CLUB

Margaret Dionne — Barb Johnson

BELLEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Allan G. Hardy — Jean F. Scott-Hardy

CHEMUNG LAKE DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Ryan Smith — Anne Tillie — Steve Tillie — Dan Vahey

COBOURG LIONS CLUB

Jim Dudley — Bob Knox

COLBORNE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Anja Guignon

FRANKFORD LIONS CLUB

Jean M. Faragher — Beverley J. McVety

HAVELOCK LIONS CLUB

Jonathan Prosser

KINGSTON LAKESHORE WEST LIONS CLUB

Elaine Doris Duecharme — Fred MacDonald Lasher —
Marion Jean Dora Lasher

LAKEFIELD LIONESS LIONS CLUB

Christina Roncossek — Barbara Tinney — Connie Tinney

LAND O'LAKES LIONS CLUB

Lionel Alvin Grimard — Pamela Lemke

MILLBROOK & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Kathie Marie Lycett

NAPANEE LIONS CLUB

Mark W. Pilgrim

NEWCASTLE LIONS CLUB

Sarah Foote — Tony J. Jackson

NORWOOD LIONS CLUB

Joe Van Koverden

PORT HOPE LIONS CLUB

Allan B. Boivin — Patricia M. Woods

TRENTON LIONS CLUB

Dale E. Bigalow — Robert W. Brown — Lisa C. Dion —
Shawna L. Whyte

VERONA LIONS CLUB

Douglas G. Morey — Lindsey D. Musclow

WELLINGTON DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Brad G. Lyons — Don E. Lyons — Eileen G. Lyons

THE BRIGHTON LEO CLUB



WELCOME NEW LEOS

Camrynn Courneyea—Becky Brant—Abby Kober—
Kurt Ixmeier—Riley Fitzpatrick—Allison MacDonald—
Sarah Parkinson—Amber Wilson



November 2014 — The Brighton Leo Club presents a \$600 cheque to the Lions Foundation of Canada, with funds they raised from various fundraisers.

CONGRATULATIONS Brighton Leos!

With help from the Brighton Lions, the Leos were able to arrange a trip for them, their parents and others to visit the Foundation.

Pictured above: Vice president Sylvie Becker Camrynn Courneyea, Nancy Bahniuk, Mikhaela Stone, Mitch Paterson, Becky Brant, Abby Kober, Trainer from the foundation and dog Tanner, Kayley from the foundation.



CANADA/USA FORUM PUERTO RICO

SEPTEMBER 2014

A great forum—not all work though, there was still time for some fun and fellowship!

Pictured left: Governor Linda and IPDG Jim Prenger (A-9) and
below: Enjoying the evening with fellow District Governors.



REACH FOR THE TOP

I am a very lucky person because I get to be the President of the Amherstview Lions Club two years in a row. You see, the Amherstview Lions are a unique bunch. I have learned that they ALL are good Lions. They ALL contribute a lot. If one of the members were to leave, then this club would be lesser for it. My plan for 2014-15 is simple. I want more.

I want more Lions. I want more lions trained to be Lions executives. I want more lions trained to be bar tenders. I want more members trained to do bingos. I want us to do more visitations and I want more lions and anyone who wants to visit us. I want more Melvin Jones. I want more Helen Keller. I want the clubs in our area to join us for the Santa Claus Parade. I want our community volunteers to help us do more Christmas baskets. I want more Vision Screening. I want more Youth Camps. I want more participation at Remembrance Day. I want more Seniors' Wine and Cheese parties. I want more support for Air Cadets and Fire Fighters, for Gift of Life, for Easter Seals, for Alzheimer's, for Dog Guides, for CNIB, for public speaking and for more Awards and Scholarships. I want more fundraising for families of cancer patients and other diseases. I want more Light-Up-the-Season and other community events.

I will get more. Because the Amherstview Lions have patience and understanding. They have passion for what they do. They put emphasis on merit and don't dwell on things that are not worthwhile. Don't get me wrong, we will argue and hurt one another, we will all be leaders and losers, we will make mistakes and have regrets. But at the end of the day the Amherstview Lions will come together and make all this happen. They will strengthen their friendships and make new ones. They will do all this for the joy that comes from being a Lion.

Amherstview Lions Club President
Andre Havreluck

Editor's note: The Amherstview Lions Club will be celebrating their 40th Charter Anniversary in March... to order your tickets and for more information, details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

HANDY REFERENCE WEBSITES

District A3	www.e-district.org/sites/a3/
Multiple District A	www.mdalions.org
Lions Clubs International (LCI)	www.lionsclubs.org
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	www.lcif.org
Lions Foundation Canada	www.dogguides.com

LIONS DONATE TO LFC

THANK YOU LIONS OF A-3 Donations are steadily coming in from clubs across the District to help meet DG's goal this year in raising \$20,000 to purchase a new van. Pictured below are just a few of the clubs who have donated to date... top-bottom: Frankford Lions Club; Belleville Lions Club; Kendal Lions Club and Newcastle Lions Club. Well done Lions!



OUT AND ABOUT THE DISTRICT



November 24th—Newburgh-Camden Lions Club presents a cheque to Lion Lisa Stienburg, A-3 Diabetes Chair. The funds were raised on November 9th at the Grand Old Enterprise Jamboree for the Canadian Diabetes Association.



Diabetes Awareness: Courtice Lions volunteers weekends in November at the Courtice Flea Market spreading the word about diabetes. Pictured above: Three of the volunteers: l-r: 'newest' Lion Lisa Kozma, Lion John Wells and Diabetes Chair Lion Evelyn Fisher.



Bancroft Lion Scott McArthur and Lion John van Bakel receives donation for the Canadian Diabetes Association at Bancroft's Foodland supermarket.



Belleville Lions Club—Donation presentation for Belleville CNIB Clinic at the recent Region 43 Rally. Pictured l-r: RC 43 Chris Chamberlain, Tracy Holland CNIB Regional Coordinator of Volunteer Services and Club President Lion James Lapsley.

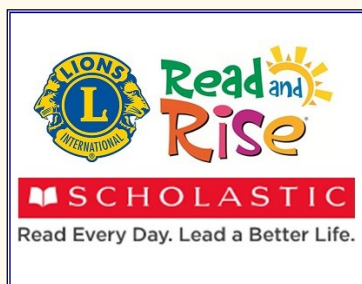


New Lions Induction: October 22nd—At the Newcastle Lions Club with 2nd International Vice President Bob Corlew giving the Lions Oath.



Lions International 2nd VP Bob Corlew congratulates Lion Murray Paterson for being a member of the Newcastle LC for over 60 years.

READ AND RISE



During the 2013 LCI Convention in Hamburg, Scholastic Books announced their partnership with LCI. The Reading Action Programme was also extended by the LCI Board of Directors for 10 years. As a Zone and Region Chair, I had promoted the RAP programme with the Lions. Many Lions clubs already had a Literacy project up and running but hadn't tagged it with the Literacy label. I also did some research about literacy and was not happy with the results I found.

The Read and Rise Literacy Project is a result of the partnership announced in Hamburg between Lions Clubs International and Scholastic Books.

DESIGNED FOR CANADIAN LIONS... THIS IS A NEW TOOL FOR YOUR LIONS TOOLBOX THAT CAN BE USED AS PART OF YOUR CLUB'S READING ACTION PROGRAMME IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

In November 2013, LCI had a webinar targeted at an American audience and designed for the American school system. It focused on primary children and promoted reading and literacy. Through the webinar I was put in contact with Christina Winfield at Scholastic Books Canada and together we have created a programme designed for Canadian Lions and Canadian school children.

The programme targets Pre-school, Junior & Senior Kindergarten, and Grades 1,2,3 students because the research shows that children who do not have a good grounding in reading by grade 3 may never catch up.

For more information, contact Christina Winfield who will send you the forms to get your club started. Email: cwinfield@scholastic.ca. Christina and I hope that everyone can make good use of this unique opportunity.

Lion Susan Taylor, PRC, District A3, MDA Literacy Chair
Email: librariansue@gmail.com

The above excerpt is from a submission in the Lion magazine, MD"A" edition September October 2014... written by Lion Susan Taylor. To find out more information, see page 19 in the magazine.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2014-15 CABINET MEETINGS

Saturday, March 14th, 2015 (Verona Lions Club)
Sunday, June 14th, 2015 (Trenton Lions Club)

2014-15 COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 6th—7th, 2015 (Markham)
May 21st—24th, 2015 (at MDA Convention, Kingston)

DISTRICT A-3 CONVENTION

April 17th—19th, 2015 (Kingston—Ambassador Hotel)

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' CONVENTION

May 21st—24th, 2015 (Kingston—Ambassador Hotel)



UPCOMING LIONS EVENTS

- ♦ **Courtice Lions—10th Annual Christmas Craft Show & Family Free Skate.**
Sunday, December 14th. Craft Show: 12—4 pm;
Free Skate: 1—3 pm. Location: South Courtice
Arena, 1595 Prestonvale Road.
- ♦ **Trenton Lions Club Annual Christmas Eve Breakfast Buffet** 6:30—10:30 am.
77 Campbell Street, Trenton. Adults \$8.00
Children ages 6-12 \$4.00 and Children under age
6 are Free.
- ♦ **Marmora Crowe Valley Lions Country Jam**
Marmora Community Centre. 1 pm—4:30 pm
2nd Sunday each month to May 10th, 2015.
\$5.00 each. Entertainers free. 50/50 draws.
Door prizes—LCBO licensed. Sandwiches,
doughnuts, coffee available. Contact Leo Provost
(613) 472-2377.
- ♦ **Tweed Lions Club—Charity Jamboree—**
Sunday, December 28th (1—4 pm). "Open Mic",
Host Band, Family Tradition. Tweed Agricultural
Building. Call Betty Brinson (613) 473-0180 or
Jack McMurray (613) 478-3007. Admission: \$6.00
- ♦ **Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club—Santa Claus
Parade** Dec 6th (6 pm); **Christmas Carolling**
Dec 8th; **Christmas Bingo** Dec 9th (7:30 pm);
Children's Christmas Party Dec 14th
(11 am—1 pm); & **New Year's Eve Party**
Dec 31st (9pm—1am).
- ♦ **Newcastle Lions Club—New Year's Eve
Celebration** Wednesday, December 31st
Doors Open 8:00 pm. Newcastle Town Hall
\$90.00 per couple. Hors d'oeuvres, Appetizers &
Nibbles, Great Buffet Dessert & Coffee!
DJ Sounds Dance the night away! Includes bus
ride home at 1:00am Clarington Area.
Limited Seating. Contact for tickets and info:
Lion Ken Willis at (905) 987-3938

- ♦ **Apsley & District Lions Club—Annual
Winter Carnival** Saturday, February 21st.
A fun family day featuring games & entertainment
for children & adults. Followed by pasta dinner
at 5 pm with live band & talent night.

NO ONE IS MORE CHERISHED IN THIS
WORLD THAN SOMEONE WHO LIGHTENS
THE BURDENS OF ANOTHER.

~ UNKNOWN

MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" CONVENTION SPARKLING WATERS 2015

This year the Lions of A3 will be hosting the Multiple District "A" Convention at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston. It is a great time to join in as a volunteer. Better yet... register and enjoy a weekend of fun, leadership information and fellowship.

The Thursday golf tournament at Rivendell Golf Club is open to all Lions even if you are not registering for the convention. Sign up yourself or bring a foursome. More information will follow on this.

Our international guest will be International Director Larry Dicus and his wife Jane. ID Larry is from California and will bring the latest information from Lions Clubs International. He will be our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening banquet.

A Luncheon, Opening Ceremonies and an English Pub Night is planned on Friday. On Saturday there will be a full day of membership and leadership seminars. Voting and the Memorial Service will take place on Sunday. We will be having a convention choir on Sunday morning who will perform for the memorial service. All in all — lots to do and see.

We will be looking for volunteers for the weekend. Your registration of \$25.00 will be waived if you volunteer. Even if you are not registering for the convention, we would greatly appreciate any assistance, if you could come out and lend a hand for the day.

The Host Convention committee hopes to see you at the convention.

Lion Terry Graham PID
Host Convention Chair

NOTE: The convention registration form, (in pdf format) is emailed along with this newsletter as a separate document. Print copies for your club... You can download it from the MDA Website and it is also shown in the September/October edition of the Lion Magazine (pages 21 & 22).

REGISTERING FOR THE CONVENTION



PLEASE NOTE:

Everyone... including guests and exhibitors... must be registered in order to attend convention functions, including meals.

There will be no refunds after May 1st.

Function tickets must be ordered by May 7th.

Make hotel room reservations directly with the Ambassador Hotel. Phone (613) 548-3605 or (800) 267-7880 or reservations@ambassadorhotel.com. Remember to advise the Hotel that you are with the MD"A" Convention.

Rates:

- Friday and/or Saturday Nights (\$165.00 per night) taxes included.
- Wednesday, Thursday and/or Sunday Nights (\$125.00 per night) taxes included.

All reservations must be made by April 24th. After April 24th, rooms will be taken on a space available basis only.

From the Editor to Lions, Lioness & Leos of A-3:

Thanks to one and all for sending in your pictures and reports for this newsletter... the next deadline will be : Monday, February 2nd. Please send directly to me via email and I will make every effort to include your submissions in the next Governor's newsletter.

Lion Karen Christopher
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'Tis The Season ... Some old Superstitions



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

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.

2014—2015 A-3 CABINET

District Governor	Linda Duffie (PDG Jim Prenger)	905-623-8780	linda.duffie@bell.net
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Cabinet Secretary	Heather Griffin	905-623-4535	hgriff551@acn.net
Region 10 Chair	Elaine Laliberte	705-740-0147	info@peterboroughlions.ca
Zone Chair 10N & 10C	Frank Hewitt (Theresa)	705-755-0802	hbrowsers10@hotmail.com
Zone Chair 10S	Elizabeth Lazar (Peter)	905-349-3516	peter.lazar@sympatico.ca
Region 43 Chair	Chris Chamberlain (Cathy Collins)	613-391-2098	lionchris@hotmail.com
Zone 43E Chair	Elmore Baitley (Gayle)	613-359-1950	ebaitley@yahoo.com
Zone 43W Chair	Doug White (Liz)	705-696-3366	whited@nexicom.net
Zone 43S Chair	John Whyte (Kathy)	613-654-2800	jhwhyte48@yahoo.ca
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Zone 11W Chair	Al Gordon (Jean)	613-377-6446	algordon106@bell.net
Zone 11E Chair	Tom Houston (Karen)	613-352-7222	houstonk@sympatico.ca

Please note

Phone number change for RC 10 Elaine Laliberte. Oops! here are two email corrections for 2nd VDG Steve Williams and CT Terry Graham.



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP

Merry Christmas,

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work so far this year. I know it's hard to put your club goals on paper. If your club completed them last year, it is just an update and any changes for this year. Goals on paper are a commitment. If these goals are shared with all your club members they should be there to help reach these goals. I have spoken to many Zone & Region Chairs – they are inducting new members in a lot of clubs. Thank you for asking your friends and neighbours to join the largest service organization in the world. I am sure they will be fun loving dedicated to help your community as yourself.

Let's not forget our current members – retention has always been a problem. Well organized meetings and group participation goes a long way to keeping our members.

As of October 31st we are only down 4 members. I am positive we can reach a district increase of 25 Lions. With 52 Clubs – that is a very realistic goal!!!

DG Linda has also projected one new club. I am looking to find an area and sponsoring club. What would your community look like if a club did not step up and sponsor your club? All we have to do is "JUST ASK".

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Global Membership Chair
Jean Graham



Clubs around the world have energized their membership with Ask One, so check out the Ask One Web page today.

You can watch the Ask One video, find tools to promote your club in the media and download the *Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide*.

Send pics of new members to AskOne@lionsclubs.org with your club name in the subject line, and we'll share them with Lions around the world. Inviting new members is something that all Lions can do throughout the year, so ask your Lions to Ask One today!

[excerpt from LCI website]



In the New Year, may your right hand be stretched out in friendship and never in want. May peace and plenty be the first to lift the latch on your door... and happiness be guided to your home by the candle of Christmas.

Lion Karen, Editor

[a Celtic Greeting]