

# LIONS & THE ENVIRONMENT



## DISTRICT A3 NEWLETTER

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### INTRODUCTION

I am very excited to be the District A3 Environmental Chair for this 2019/2020 Lions Year. I'm not sure what the past Environmental Chairs have done, I'd love to hear from some of you, but I let me share with you the areas that I am most passionate about:

Recycling and waste reduction! I work for Quinte Waste Solutions. I talk to people every day about recycling and how to divert waste from landfill. It is incredibly rewarding and I hope that I can use my professional skills to help the clubs in our district find new ways to make our events, halls and homes greener.

Trees and wildflowers! I spent several years working at Quinte Conservation talking to landowners about planting trees, native plants and flowers and wetland restoration. If your club is interested in an environmental project I'd be happy to point you in the right direction.

I look forward to serving with all of you and helping you to meet your environmental goals for the year.

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### LIONS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

We care about our planet. That's why we're dedicated to helping Lions take on large-scale projects that will create a sustainable and healthy future for generations to come. From recycling programs to ensuring all areas have access to clean water, we're working hard to keep the earth in its best condition.

# THE FOUR RS

REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE. REFUSE.



## MAKING CHANGES

Lions events tend to generate a lot of waste. How can we minimize our environmental impact while still serving our communities? Switching from Styrofoam to paper plates, utilizing your municipal green bin, and buying paper straws and only giving them out when asked can all make a difference in how much garbage your club generates. Let's start looking at the cost of supplies vs the cost to our environment.



## WASH IT DON'T TOSS IT

We see many single use items at Lion's functions. Plastic table cloths, disposable cutlery and dollar store decorations all end up in the garbage. While it isn't practical to say, use glass plates at an event with 200 guests, perhaps a member would be happy to keep the silverware cleaned for use. Clubs can start small to make a big difference!



## GET WITH THE PROGRAM

Your club is probably using your municipal recycling program but are you doing it correctly? Just like in your home, it is important to know what is accepted, how it needs to be sorted and how it needs to be placed at the curb. Have someone from your club get in contact with your municipal service and get all the details so that your recycling program has the impact you're hoping for.



## NOT BUYING IT

When it is time to do an event, let's say to ourselves "Do we really need that?" Do dollar store decorations really make this event or can we cut those out and go with a more traditional style? Strings of popcorn and lights, flowers and paper hearts will all make your event just as festive. Don't forget, the same can be done for products that are over packaged or in non-recyclable containers.