



Special Guests Attend the 1973 Lions Convention in Cornwall

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Fifty Third Multiple District "A" Convention

May 26-30, 1973 - Cornwall, Ontario

23 new clubs organized during 1972-1973

Second International Vice President Lion Johnny Balbo was the Guest Speaker.

Our own Lion Tris Coffin, the First International Vice President, introduced him.

The opening and necrology ceremonies were heightened by the presence of His Excellency Roland Michener, Governor-General of Canada, who had accepted the invitation of the Host Committee of the Cornwall Convention.

Governors elected for the term 1973-1974 were:

District A1 - Lion William Malkin, Windsor , Ontario

District A2 - Lion Morton H. Cooper, Tillsonburg , Ontario

District A3 - Lion Dr. Douglas Galt, Brighton , Ontario

District A4 - Lion John Dunning, Cumberland , Ontario

District A5 - Lion Lloyd T. Martin, North Bay , Ontario

District A6 - Lion Ed Montigny, Schumacher , Ontario

District A7 - Lion John Watt, Weston , Ontario

District A8 - Lion John Schenk, Ste. Rose , Quebec

District A9 - Lion James M. Pemberton, Galt , Ontario

District A10- Lion Marcel Lambert, Levis , Quebec

District A11- Lion Russell Grafton, Brampton , Ontario

District A12- Lion George Brands, Mount Albert , Ontario

District A14- Lion Jean-Yves Richard, Matane , Quebec .



Lion 1st Vice President Tris Coffin attended and on the 1st of July that year became our International President. 2nd Vice President Johnny Balbo followed close behind and later was a Guest Speaker at one of our Incoming Club Officers Training Schools held in Belleville. Johnny Balbo (aka The Great Balbo) was a professional wrestler in the 1940s and 50s. Both International Presidents were great friends of our Past International Director Bill Maguire.

“I post this as an example of what is available on the MDA website. Summaries, like the one above, are available there and run from 1938 to 2005.”

Lion Dr. Doug Galt

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