

District A-3 Newsletter

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Message from District Governor
Frank Hewitt

Lions, partners, and Leos of District A3,

Can you believe that another Lions year has passed us by? What a year it has been!

We have shared laughs, we have shared tears, we have shared successes, and we have shared losses. But best of all we have shared memories. Memories that we will carry forward and memories that we can be thankful for or even, sad memories that we can never forget.



A little bit about my journey as your Governor. First, let me start off by saying a huge thank you to all the Lions in District A3 for your support with my decision to run as District Governor for a second time. Although it is not a popular decision according to those who do the paperwork, it was what I considered a necessity. I felt that I hadn't accomplished all the goals that I had set for myself within the first year and I was ready to try and complete them, however long it took. And thanks to the support I received from so many Lions, I was ready to get started once again.

On my way to being where I am today, I have had so many different adventures. There have been many wonderful experiences on my journey. From bringing in new lions to this organization, to being invited to perform the "Missing Lions" service for many (too many in my opinion) wonderful members as we honor them, and the wonderful honor of installing new officers into so many clubs, as many of them experience their first time being on the executive board. I've been invited to attend many events and I have been given honorary membership in three clubs.

While I have encountered many negatives things on the ladder to becoming a District Governor, I only allow the positive things to help me become the Lion I am today. Learn from the negative, but enjoy the positive. I truly believe that being a Lion should be fun and while there is always some type of responsibility within everything we do, we need to make sure that you enjoy doing what you do. Share in the fun, share in the fellowship and share in being a Lion.

The events that we had this past year have truly made a huge difference to so many others. Our Guiding Lion course gave us 14 new Lions to help others. The Membership Mania event allowed many to share their views and issues with others. Our Lions Learning Day allowed so many to learn and begin their journey to becoming more knowledgeable Lions, and our District Convention allowed so many to learn, cry and laugh while sharing some wonderful fellowship together.

In closing I want to say THANK YOU to every one of you that have made a difference in your clubs, in this organization and in the lives of so many others. But mostly in the difference that you have made for me.

Gratefully,
D.G. Frank Hewitt — The Lion Whisperer

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YAP



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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT



IN MEMORIAM

Sincere Condolences to the families and clubs of the following Lions who have passed away since our March newsletter.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Lion Michael May
Bewdley & District Lions Club

Lion Jim Cryderman
Bowmanville Lions Club

Lion Carman Young
Odessa and District Lions Club

PRC Larry Martin
Napanee Lions Club

Lion Bill Matier
Amherstview Lions Club

Lion Brian Weese
Tamworth & District Lions Club

Lion John Hedges
East Peterborough Lions Club

PETERBOROUGH LIONS CLUB

"Lion Ray's Legacy"



Recently The Peterborough Lions Club recognized the efforts of one of its own with a Park Bench dedication at its Peterborough Lions Community Centre location.

Lion Ray Ostapovich, at 88 years of age, stands as a quiet force in the City of Peterborough—a man who doesn't seek the spotlight but has left an indelible mark on the community. For over 55 years, he volunteered tirelessly, embodying the spirit of service.

While Lion Ray's achievements are many, Past Chairman of the Canadian Hearing Society, Past Chairman of the Lions Multiple District A Hearing Committee, Past Chairman of the Lions Club District A3 Hearing Committee, a position he had held for 40 years, a member of the Peterborough Lions Club for over 56 years to name but a few... While any one of these is worthy of recognition, his most significant contribution, the Peterborough Lions Club *Handicap/Medical Equipment Loan Program*. For 17 years, Lion Ray has led this vital initiative and has provided over 4,100 assistive devices to those in need within our community. He has repaired wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and other gear, ensuring they served those in need. His hands, weathered by countless repairs over the years, speak of his compassion and resilience.

Lion Ray's legacy isn't etched in plaques or grand ceremonies, although recently he was announced as a Pathway of Fame Community Samaritan award winner by the City of Peterborough for his many years of community support. Lion Rays legacy instead lives in the smiles of the many people who regained mobility, the elderly & infirmed who walked with dignity, and the families who borrowed equipment during tough times. The Lion Ray Ostapovich Peterborough Lions Club bench has become a quiet testament to the efforts of a tireless and well deserving volunteer.

And so, Lion Ray Ostapovich's name will be echoed through the town, not only as a Lion among Lions, but as a friend, a helper, and a beacon of selflessness.

Submitted by Lion Robert Armitage, Peterborough Lions Club

Brought to you by the Prince Edward County Lions Club

IT'S BACK!
MUSIC IN THE PARK!

BEGINNING WITH A SPECIAL PEG LIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT FEATURING THE REASONS ON JUNE 11TH STARTING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE PARK ON MAIN STREET!

Treat yourself to a few hours every week of amazing local musical talent and a few BBQ hotdogs by the lake in the Wellington Park on Main Street! Great family friendly event!

<p>Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 11 The Reasons June 18 Jennifer Brant June 25 Brian Legere Quartet July 2 Wicklow July 9 Sophiasburgh All Stars July 16 Shadows July 23 Fade Kings July 30 3Thirty3</p>	<p>Sunday, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>August 4 Megan & Gabe</p> <p>Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>August 6 Seventh Town August 13 Becky Elliott August 20 Instant Rivalry August 27 Tony Forbes September 3 The Reasons</p>
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THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

The Huff Family
Nash Home Hardware - Wellington
St. Andrews Anglican Church - Wellington
Wellington Pharmacy
David's No Frills - Picton

It's been a wonderful year, Lions. Thank you for your kindness, your trust, and all you continue to do in your communities!

Have a great summer!

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

VERONA LIONS CLUB

The Verona Lions Club served a delicious fish fry and donated 100 teddy bears to our local firefighters. These adorable teddies not only bring comfort to children during distressing times but also underscore the invaluable support our firefighters provide to our community



Together, we can continue to foster a sense of unity and support within our community.

Submitted by RC Dale Morey

COBOURG LIONS CLUB

May 4th, 2024 ~ Our Jiggs Dinner didn't disappoint again this year. Tickets were sold out and we fed over 200 guests. Madman's Window performed and 20+ brave souls were screeched in as honorary Newfies. By all reports, the dinner was some shocking good! We even had a specialty cocktail of screech, blueberry and a lemon and brown sugar rim. Yes by!

May 25th, 2024 ~ The Cobourg Lion's Centre was rockin' with the sounds of the Shania Twain at the Shania Twain Tribute Show. We had a full house of over 300 people dancing and singing along to some great tunes.



We also had two sets from Lorn Brown and the Forlorn Worn Down, our previous Amateur Night winners and performers at the upcoming Waterfront Festival. Thanks to Cobourg's own Donna Huber for giving us all a fantastic night of entertainment!

Submitted by Lion Julie Speares

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

AMHERSTVIEW LIONS CLUB

Here are two questions. What would make the Amherstview Lions shake with emotion on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024? What would bring the Loyalist Township Fire and Rescue Truck to Foodland in Amherstview on the same day?

Rick and Susan Hovencamp are the generous owners of Foodland in Amherstview. They made an outstanding donation of \$12,145.50 along with 50 bags of groceries for the Amherstview Lions Food Bank. The Amherstview Lions were shaking with emotion because of this incredible benevolence and the vigorous support of the community.



In honour of this impressive contribution the Loyalist Township Fire and Rescue Truck together with three fire fighters attended the Foodland presentation Foodland in Amherstview and the community are indeed impressive partners for the Amherstview Lions Food Bank.

To sum it up, the Amherstview Lions are extremely grateful to Rick and Susan Hovencamp at Foodland as well as to the community in Amherstview for their continued support of the Amherstview Lions Food Bank. The Amherstview Lions are proud to be part of this amazing community.



*Submitted by Lion Barb Johnson,
Club Administrator*

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

MILLBROOK & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Submitted by: Lion Janet Kennedy

The Millbrook and District Lions continue the tradition of providing a community breakfast the last Sunday of the month. All raised funds are donated to local community services.



Above: The Millbrook and District Lions present the funds raised from a bottle drive to a local family whose home was devastated by fire.

The Millbrook and District Lions support the Millbrook Santa Claus Parade. Kids enjoyed candy and hot chocolate supplied by the Lions.



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

TAMWORTH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



On Saturday June 1st, the Tamworth and District Lions Club honoured four members who passed away in recent years.

Lions Al Gordon, Deb Thompson, Wayne Rice and Robert Gaffney had over 50 years of service in Lions. Their families were invited to Beaver Lake Lions Park Memorial Garden where the Club held a memorial service honoring the late members. The memorial service included the Lions Grace, readings and personal acknowledgements of the contributions the late members made to the Club, and to our entire community. At the end of the service, family members were invited to unveil a plaque which had been updated with the late members names, date of joining Lions and date of passing.



After the service the Club hosted a light luncheon for approximately 75 people, where friends and family had an opportunity to share stories and reminisce. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day, and the event was well received by all in attendance.

Submitted by Lisa Stienburg

NORWOOD LIONS CLUB

May was a busy month for the Norwood Lions Club... Tree Sale, Rain Barrel Sale, Annual Yard Sale, BBQ & Blue Whale Races for cash prizes as well as a Local Talent Show. Norwood Lions planted 5 large plants at the Mapleview Retirement Home for the enjoyment of the residents. Hosted a concert for the Norwood Hospice with two bands over \$3,000 raised. All events well received by the community.

Submitted by Lion Barry



Norwood Ontario Lions Club's posts



Thank yo to everyone who came out and supported Norwood Lions Club wacky water weekend. We hope you enjoyed the yard sale BBQ.

The winning Blue Whales were as follows:

- \$1000-Joe Crowley- 1st place
- \$200-Irving Rumboldt-2nd place
- \$100-James Walst-3rd place
- \$50-Patty Hall-10th place
- \$25-Sherry Strutt-20th place... See more



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

LIONS CLUB OF LAND O' LAKES

Dog Guide Walk ~ The Lions Club of Land O'Lakes held its 2nd Annual Dog Guide Walk on Sunday, May 26th. It was a perfect day for a walk. Participants walked to our Pine Meadows Nursing Home where they were treated with lemonade, muffins and some cold water for the doggies. The residents were thrilled to visit with the furry friends. This year we even had some feathered friends participating as well! The event raised \$2,500 for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Our fence was decorated with small dogs that the local school painted for the whole community to enjoy.

Canada Day Human Flag ~ This year our Canadian Flag is 60 years old. On July 1st, the Lions Club of Land O'Lakes is planning to create a Human Maple Leaf to recognize that. Meet us at 10 a.m. wearing red and celebrate Canada Day. A drone will photograph our creation. Everyone can also enjoy homemade strawberry shortcake and punch. Together we can make this a day to remember. Lions, we are waiting for you at Land O'Lakes.



Lions Club of Land O'Lakes

Submitted by Lion Lynn Lowe



KEENE LIONS CLUB

Keene Lions Club held several environmental events this spring.

Twice each year, members pick up garbage from the side of the road and this spring was no different. Keene Lions Club collected approximately 15 bags of garbage.

On May 4th, the Club held a Community Breakfast and distributed 200 saplings to members of the community at no charge. On the same day, the Club held a Yard Sale -keeping many items from the landfill. Luckily we were able to take our Yard Sale leftovers to another organization for their upcoming Yard Sale.



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

NAPANEE LIONESS LIONS CLUB

Napanee Lioness hosted their 9th Annual New To You Yard Sale, on May 26th. Weather cooperated and this was our best year ever, fundraising a whopping \$2,026.35. Leftover items were donated to the John M Parrott Centre for Aged to use in their upcoming sale. It was a busy event, but well worth it to support our community.



Submitted by Claudette Jefferson, Secretary



We are evolving our digital tools

MyLion, MyLCI, Insights and other tools and functionality will all be rolled into a cohesive and consistent experience in the coming months.

GET THE NEWS



Millbrook Classic Car Show
JULY 6, 2024
 8 AM TO 2 PM
 RAIN OR SHINE

\$10.00 Entry fee - Registration closes at 11 am

Dash Plaques for First 100 Vehicles Limited to Vehicles 25 Years & Older

• DOOR PRIZES • AWARDS at 1 PM
 • WORK IN PROGRESS AWARD • TOP 5 PLAQUES



• Classic Sales and Specials at Downtown Stores
 • Music • Food & Beverages on Site
 • Discount Coupons for Breakfast and Lunch at the Legion

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CHEMUNG LAKE DISTRICT LIONS CLUB PRESENT
 CRUISE NIGHT EVERY MONDAY NIGHT
 STARTING MAY 27 UNTIL SEPT 23, 2024
 FROM 4:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
 PAUL J. ENGLISH LIONS PARK BRIDGENORTH



FEATURING THE MISFITS VOCAL BAND ON THE FOLLOWING DATES - JULY 8, AUG 12 & SEPT 16
 ADMISSION IS FREE

DONATIONS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

DISTRICT A-3 CABINET MEETING

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS
JUNE 22ND, 2024

East Peterborough Lions Club ~ Host Club



Storrington Lions accepting the Banner Patch for CNIB Club of the year for District A3, presented by District A3 Vision Screening Chair Lion Nancy Lane



\$10,000 Donation to Lions Foundation of Canada Difference Campaign by District A3 Lions
Governor Frank presents cheque to ZC 43 South Gail Lynch



Madoc Lions were honored for their Service to Hunger by serving 48,974 people. Presented by District A3 Hunger Chair Lion Kirby Park

International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation



Chemung & District Lions Club
Lion Keith, Lion Lydia and Lion Paul.



Frankford Lions Club Accepted by District A3
Service Chair Lion Angie Perrier



Odessa Lions Club Accepted by Lion Dave Baker and Lion Denise Babcock