

District A-3 Newsletter

Message from District Governor Frank Hewitt

Lions, partners, and Leos of District A3,

What a fantastic time of year for Lions. Everyone has started to get into the swing of things, events are happening, fundraising is happening, donations are happening and best of all, at the time of writing this report our District is still growing. Currently we sit as one of the top three Districts in Multiple District A with a positive number of new members. We are back over 1,200 and headed up according to the number of new member kits going out. That is so great to hear!

This past month we made a few changes to the Cabinet meeting that also seem to have been met with a very positive review. To start with, we have decided to hold the pre-cabinet meeting on Thursdays prior to the Cabinet meeting to allow everyone to spend a bit more time with their families while still serving their Clubs. And then we hold the actual Cabinet meetings on the Saturday following the pre-cabinet session beginning at 9:00 AM and running as close to noon as possible to finish. This allows everyone the opportunity to attend and yet still not lose their whole weekend by doing so.

One last change we have made is the addition of live streaming the event so that everyone can attend from anywhere in the district or outside of our area. We were so happy to have 15 people attend our first cabinet meeting and we even had three Lions from elsewhere attend. I was so proud of the Lions that attended. We received many wonderful positive comments from those who streamed it. A huge thank you goes out to the Land O'Lakes Lions club for providing the venue and the wonderful snacks and coffee for all.

Planning is underway for the District A3 convention for next April as well. The committee has already held their first meeting and things are starting to shape up around the event. We will have some interactive events, some learning events and some 'just for laughs' events — and all will be focused on the Lions A.I.D. theme. This group is so eager to provide a different event than some are used to, yet also carry forward some of the traditional functions that Lions are used to. To top it all off, we have worked hard to make it affordable for all to attend. The \$99.00 Early Bird fee is fast catching on and the numbers of tickets being sold is growing each week.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the clubs for everything they are doing. I watch the events happening as they are posted on Facebook, I take time to attend some of them when I can, and I check out MyLion to look at the success of others.

The work that clubs are doing and the pride with which they are doing the events with is phenomenal. It makes a Lion proud to know they represent each and everyone of you each time I am out there.

Gratefully,
DG Lion Frank



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DATES TO REMEMBER

DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

- * February 10th—Bowmanville
- * June 22nd—East Peterborough

MD 'A' CONVENTION

Sharing the Vision
May 31st—June 2nd, 2024
St. Catharines ON

DISTRICT A3 CONVENTION

Celebrating 50 Magical Years
April 12th—14th, 2024
Cobourg ON

LIONS INT'L CONVENTION

June 21st-25th, 2024
Melbourne, Australia

USA/CANADA FORUM

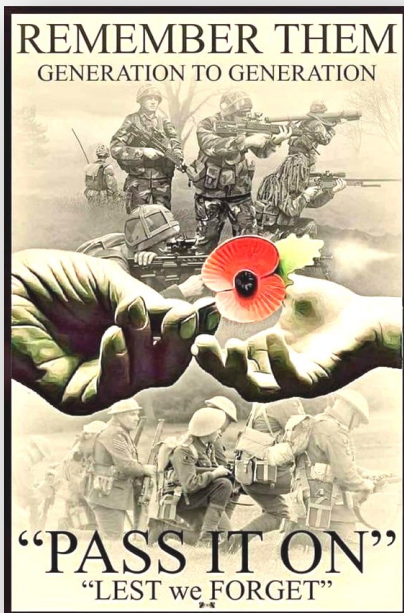
September 5th-7th, 2024
Louisville, Kentucky USA

IN MEMORIUM



Sincere Condolences to the family of
Lion Dave Marshall
Norwood Lions Club

REST IN PEACE



This Remembrance Day, let us unite against war
and bring the world closer with
peace and harmony.

The Ode to Remembrance

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against odds
uncounted, they fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.



District A-3 Convention Celebrating 50 Magical Years

April 12th – 14th, 2024
Best Western, Cobourg

Fellow Lions,

The convention committee is working hard to provide you with an
interesting and informative weekend.

If you register before Thursday, November 30th, 2023, you are eligible to
win one of ten Early Bird prizes. Registration: \$99.00.

Registration cost after November 30th, 2023 is \$110.00.

Forms are available on our District website, or you may email me at
a3convention2024@gmail.com. I will gladly send you a registration form.

Lion Albert Munneke
District Convention Chair

UPDATE ... YOU MAY REGISTER FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION BY E-TRANSFER

Send E-transfer to: a3convention2024@gmail.com
Your registration form is required via regular mail or email. Mail
to: Lion Albert Munneke, 1 Hazel Crescent, Keene ON K9J 6X7

SAVE THE DATE



THE CHEMUNG LAKE DISTRICT LIONS ARE
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE ... MAY 25, 2024

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Free Webinar - Lions Quest 101!

Would you like to know more about Lions Quest? Join us
on Thursday November 2 at 2 pm EDT. Specifically
geared for Lions & Leos, you will learn about our work and
how to bring Lions Quest to your community. If you can't
attend at that time, please register to receive the
recording.

Go to: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6024265324780574301>

NEXT DISTRICT A-3 NEWSLETTER

Distribution Date: **DECEMBER 21st or 22nd**
Deadline for Submissions: **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th**

Thank you. Lion Karen, Newsletter Editor
Email: kcchristopher@emailx.ca

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA DOG GUIDES

6+THE DIFFERENCE CAMPAIGN

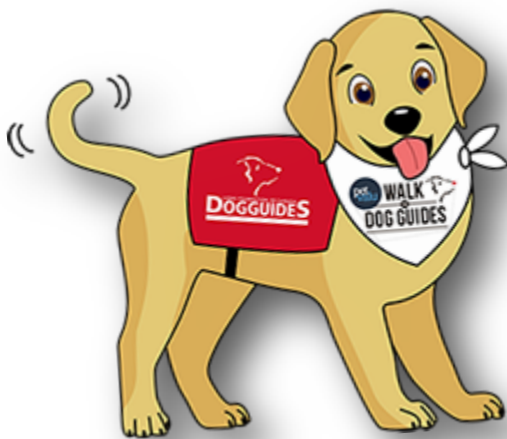
Lions across the world are making differences in their communities every day. Forty years ago, a group of Canadian Lions decided that together we could make a difference for people who are blind or visually impaired by establishing the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Over the years, 5 more roles for certified dog guides and one program for facility dogs have been added.

Now 40 years after starting LFCDG in an old elementary school in Oakville, Lions across Canada are being asked to make a difference again. The success of each of the programs has meant that the demand for our dogs is at an all-time high. BUT there is no more room at the current facility to expand any of the programs.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is hoping that Lions across Canada will step up again and ensure that the funds needed will be donated or pledged to make a purpose built, state of the art facility on land owned by LFCDG a reality. The groundbreaking is set to happen later this fall and within the next 30 months or so a new building designed and built to the highest standards of accessibility will be ready to welcome more clients.



Please consider helping to make this happen. Your Club or Zone or Region, or our District can help this happen. You can pledge an amount over the next 5 years and then work on specific fundraising activities to fulfill the pledge. Already over half the funds that are needed from Lions have been donated or pledged. Personal donations from Lions are also most welcome.



If you or your Lions Club would like more information or to have a presentation either by zoom or in person, please contact me.

Together we can make another DIFFERENCE for Canadians with disabilities who would benefit from receiving a fully trained service dog from one of our programs at no cost.

LFCDG Chair for A3 and Team Ontario Chair
for The Difference Campaign,

Janet Marissen: 613-970-1831
jgmarissen@gmail.com

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

NAPANEE LIONS LIONESS CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023

10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
DOOR PRIZES
WISH TREE (GIFT CARDS RAFFLE)

NAPANEE LION'S HALL
57 CTY RD. #8
CENTRE STREET SOUTH
NAPANEE, ONTARIO

ADMISSION \$2.00 OR
NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM OF EQUAL VALUE

"ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT"

ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS -
PLEASE CONTACT MARIE AT 613-478-5472

happy happy happy **HOLIDAYS**

NAPANEE LIONESS RAFFLE 2023

1ST PRIZE: \$1,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER WITH
MARITIME TRAVEL

2ND PRIZE: \$500 CASH
Licence #: M831081

DRAW TO BE HELD NOV. 5, 2023 AT
NAPANEE LION'S HALL

TICKETS \$20 EACH

ONLY 250 TICKETS AVAILABLE
DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

CALL 613-893-1516 FOR YOUR TICKETS
OR EMAIL
NAPANEELIONESS@GMAIL.COM

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS



NAPANEE LIONESS ANNUAL POT PIE FUNDRAISER

FRESH MADE
READY TO COOK OR FREEZE

YOUR CHOICE OF 5" BEEF OR TURKEY
WITH PEAS, CARROTS, CORN AND GRAVY

\$6.00 EACH

PERFECT FOR GIFT GIVING, IF YOU DON'T EAT THEM ALL FIRST!

PLACE/PAY FOR YOUR ORDER BY NOVEMBER 11, 2023

PIES WILL BE MADE ON DECEMBER 2, 2023, READY FOR
YOU TO PICK UP AT THE LIONS HALL ON CENTRE STREET
BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 1:00 PM
(unless alternate arrangements have been made)

TO ORDER, SIMPLY EMAIL US AT
NAPANEELIONESS@GMAIL.COM OR
CALL 613-893-1516

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER GO DIRECTLY BACK
INTO OUR COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

For tickets or more info, contact: Lion Claudette, Secretary

LIONS CLUB OF LAND O' LAKES
Christmas Market Extravaganza

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
10am to 2pm
Lions Community Hall, Northbrook

Ideal venue to shop for unique, handmade items. Favorite items
from home based business vendors.

Take a lunch break at our Lions Canteen

Raffle tickets for Christmas Bags, 50/50 Raffle tickets

Vendors interested in joining this wonderful event
to showcase your wares, please see information below
to receive a vendor package.

Email: Lionsspecialevents@gmail.com
or Debbie at 613-921-3015

DISTRICT A3 LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

...Coles notes version



Photos must be taken in the geographical area of Multiple District A.
They can be in colour or black & white. There are two categories:

- Our Natural Environment - examples...animal life, landscapes - urban or natural, plant life, weather phenomenon. No people allowed in these.
- Lions in Environmental Service - people allowed, highlighting our service work in the environment.

Lions and Leos clubs may submit one print 8"x10" (20.3cm x 25.4cm) of each category. Please include the category, the photographer's name and club, and a photo title.

The last date for both digital and hard copies is Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024. Judging will take place at our District Convention, Cobourg (April 12th—14th).

Please send photos before deadline date to:

Lion Deb Brown
Box 56, 435 West Front Street, Stirling ON K0K 3E0
Email for digital photos: dmfb52@gmail.com

Full guidelines are available through your club secretary and are also on the District Directory online.

Submitted by Lion Deb Brown, District Environment Chair

Norwood Lions Club

Mark Your Calendars
Breakfast Returns
Sunday, November 26th
Watch for details

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

SERVICE CLUBS RALLY TO SUPPORT PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY PATIENTS AT KHSC

Longtime supporters to Kingston Hospital, the local Lions Clubs and Kinsmen Clubs have been longtime supporters to Kingston Hospital and recently donated new chairs that will be used for chemotherapy treatments at KHSC's Pediatric Oncology Department. The following clubs helped support this extraordinary gift: Lions Clubs of Loyalist Township - Amherstview Lions Club, Bath & District Lions Club, Odessa Lions Club, Gananoque Lions Club, Tamworth & District Lions Club, Land O'Lakes Lions Club, and the Kinsmen Club of Napanee.

The Lions Clubs of Loyalist Township have worked together in the past on supporting worthwhile projects. Last year they together supported the Children of Ukraine and this year the Odessa Lions Clubs challenged the Bath and Amherstview Clubs to match donations, enabling the three clubs to support the purchase of one chemotherapy chair.

"One of our pillars is children, and children's cancer is one of our pillars that we really deal with," explains Lion Debbie Donaldson, Gananoque Lions Club President.

"In each case the value of this good deed will hopefully improve the quality of life for those who benefit from the donation. The Lions motto is We Serve," says Lion David Shane, Odessa Lions Club.

The above excerpt (condensed) is from a Press Release from University Hospitals Kingston Foundation, dated October 2nd, 2023... the complete press release and pictures were sent by Jennifer Butchart, Associate Director Planned Giving University Hospitals Kingston Foundation, at the request of Lion David Shane from the Odessa Lions Club.



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

STIRLING AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Early Morning Breakfast... Our Club has been hosting a breakfast on the last Friday of each month. Cost is by donation and participation has been growing as word has spread.

While we took a break for the summer, we had the opportunity to thank Jenny of Jenny's Country Lane in Stirling. Her retirement and closure of her restaurant left a big hole in the communities heart and gave us the idea to start our monthly breakfast.

Pictured with Jenny is President Hugh Hoard.

Submitted by Alana Bancroft



AMHERSTVIEW LIONS CLUB

“A GIANT PUMPKIN IN AMHERSTVIEW”



On a chilly dark October morning, Amherstview Lion Randy Evans rose from his bed beginning his mission to obtain a pumpkin in Prince Edward County. This was no ordinary pumpkin! It was a thousand pound pumpkin and in Lion Randy's eyes it was a glorious vision, the pumpkin of his dreams!

As Lion Randy had been in hospital recently, his friends came to his aid. By using a winch, they carefully placed the pumpkin in Lion Randy's truck, and truck and pumpkin was then transported by ferry across Lake Ontario. On the ferry people gathered around the pumpkin, talking excitedly and taking photos. They actually touched the pumpkin in reverence.

When the truck arrived at Foodland in Amherstview, a crowd enthusiastically greeted Lion Randy and the pumpkin. Photos were taken as a forklift gingerly maneuvered the pumpkin to its final resting place in front of Foodland. Lion Randy brought bales of hay, reminiscent of a farmer's field. In Lion Randy's mind, it was mission accomplished!

Submitted by Lion Barb Johnson, Club Secretary

STIRLING AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

On Tuesday, August 15th, the Stirling Lions were dinner hosts to a couple from Australia. Zone Chair Lion Shirley and Past Zone Chair Lion Steve Menz were visiting from Australia. They are with the Merino-Digby Lions Club – District 201 V2, in Victoria State.

We enjoyed a great evening of camaraderie, with BBQed goodies, and sharing of information... what fundraising projects we each do for our communities, as well as how we help and serve others in and around our districts. After a couple of months emailing each other, it was great to finally put faces to the names. Isn't the Lions family great!



Left – Right: RC Dave McKellar, FVDG Kevin Kimmerly, ZC Shirley Menz, District Environment Chair Deb Brown, Lion Connie Kelso, PCC Mark Kelso, and PZC Steve Menz

Submitted by Lion Deb Brown, District Environment Chair

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

These are exciting times for your Leader Dogs committee. On September 16th, Lion Barb Robinson, Leader Dog Casey, and I went to Pet Supply Warehouse in Peterborough for a Leader Dog Event. It went extremely well.

We had chocolate almonds and chocolate bars for sale and tickets on a gift bag from Leader Dogs for The Blind. We sold all but nine of the chocolate bars and lots of almonds. Lion Barb sold two hats and half the proceeds goes to Leader Dogs, and all the chocolate money does and gift bag ticket sales as well. We handed out Leader Dog bookmarks, placemats, flyers, pens, and pencils and received a lot of donations. Ted, the store owner, said that 10% of his sales for the day would go to Leader Dogs. I was pleased to hear afterwards that he brought in \$522.33. With his donation, he is sponsoring a puppy, whose name is Rusty.

A NEW WAY TO DONATE... On the Leader Dogs website you can make a personal donation, or a club can donate. If you do wish to donate personally, please remember to put either your Lions club name if you want them to be soft credited or put District A3. Remember, if you are sponsoring a puppy or buying a tribute brick, you can send all cheques in Canadian funds. Even if it is a donation send in Canadian funds. Also, please drop me an email or give me a call about your donation so I can follow up on it for you.

Thank you so much to the clubs that have donated, and I hope you will be able to support us again. We welcome new clubs to support and donate whatever you can, as every dollar counts. For more information about Leader Dogs for The Blind, please contact me.

John Morris, Chair with Leader Dog Casey
District A-3 Leader Dogs for The Blind

Leader Dog Website: www.leaderdog.org
Phone (705) 876-1905 Email john.morris1998@gmail.com
Address: 300 Hedonics Road, Apt. 1010, Peterborough ON K9J 7T1.



KEENE LIONS CLUB

Over the last 6 months, the Keene Lions Club has been working with the parents of students at Northshore School to raise funds to replace their playground equipment. The Lions have held a euchre tournament, a toll road and a chicken fry to support the group. So far, almost \$7,000 has been donated to the cause.

Photo: Keene Lions working at the Chicken Fry Fundraiser, Northshore School



HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

MILLBROOK AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

Submitted by David Goode, Club Secretary



WELCOME — NEW LION

District Governor Lion Frank Hewitt (left) inducts new member, Lion Joe Parish (right), into the Millbrook and District Lions Club. Sponsor Lion Steve Paul (middle).



President Lion John French of the Millbrook and District Lions Club passes the gavel to incoming President Lion Janet Kennedy for the 2023/2024 year.

Certified Guiding Lion Program



Looking to make a difference in your Club?
How about in your Region or Zone?
Then how about in your District?

***This program can help with these needs and many more!
Free to all who attend.***

Why not take advantage of this opportunity provided by your District A3 Global Action Team?

Location: Colborne Lions Hall – (Royal Canadian Legion)
92 King Street East Colborne ON K0K 1S0

Date: Sunday, November 26th, 2023

Time: 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Lunch provided – By donation
Instructor Past Council Chair Lion John Whyte
Organizer – Global Leadership Team Coordinator, &
First Vice District Governor, Kevin Kimmerly

To register, contact 1stVDG Kevin Kimmerly at
kckimmerly@gmail.com by November 22nd

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
PANCAKES AND SAUSAGES
FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA
8AM - 12PM
SATURDAY DEC 16
\$10
Per Adult
Children \$5
Grace United Church
581 Howden Street | Peterborough
PH: 705 868 - 8916 | hbrothers10@hotmail.com

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

KENDAL LIONS CLUB

Our 4th Annual Sunflower Contest & Harvest Table held in September was another great day and success! Thanks to all who came out to participate and support our fundraiser. Hats off to our musicians for entertaining us and making the day even more special. And we can't say it enough... thanks to the Bewdley Lions who joined us once again with their chip truck and kept everyone well fed... yes indeed, they do have the best fries!

Check out the pictures of the home made preserves, baked goods and vegetables... all generously donated by our very own Kendal Lions. Congratulations to the contest winners and thanks to all entrants for trying their best! We heard a few tales of woe... excuses, excuses!

And last, but not least, THANK YOU Lion Ron, our Sunflower Chair, for the organizing and all the running around.. and our grateful thanks to those who donated the generous prize donations.

Submitted by Lion Karen Christopher, Club Secretary



CHEMUNG LAKE LIONS CLUB

Chemung Lions have kept busy supporting their community... from putting on a BBQ for the public school at the end of June, to holding a fundraising dinner in support of Childhood Cancer, and their continuing support and collection for the Bridgenorth United Church Food Bank.

At their Monday Cruise Nights in August, the Lions collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food, along with monetary donations from car owners and guests. Further, the Lions were happy and pleased when the Misfits Vocal Band generously donated back their entire service fee (\$500.00) to the food bank. Overall, this food drive turned into a great success that will be a wonderful help to many families in need.



Pictured: Cruise Night presentations.

*Submitted by Lion Lydia Elliott
District A3 Chair Childhood Cancer*

NORWOOD LIONS CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported the Norwood Lions Club at the Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Norwood Fair.

Pictured: Norwood's Fair Ambassador, Helen George, drawing winning tickets on the Lions Draw. Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

\$1,000 — Chuck Nash, Bowmanville
\$300 — Hazel Higley, Peterborough
\$100 — Gary Jones, Asphodel Township
\$50 — Dean Barber, Norwood
\$50 — Kim Crawford, Angu



Submitted by Lion Barry, Norwood Lions Club

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR DISTRICT

ORONO'S MEMORIAL PARK (Butternut Hollow) Centennial Anniversary, August, 2023

When the Kendal Lions received a phone call from Orono's BIA asking if it was possible to have Dog Guides at their special event, all it took was a quick call to Lion Janet to see what could be done... and she took it from there!

Special thanks to PDG Janet Marissen, District A-3 Chair for LFC Dog Guides, who so efficiently organized a gathering of foster moms and their puppies to attend the celebrations. What a great way to promote our foundation and the work being done to help enrich the lives of Canadians in need!

Lion Janet said, *"It was a great day! Lots of fun, well organized and lots of volunteer helpers. It is also an amazing park. It was a wonderful opportunity to expose the pups to new experiences."*

Check out these smiling faces and these fabulous puppies!

Photo credit: Photographer Aiden Radway, captured some very special moments with puppies in training!



Submitted by Lion Karen Christopher, Kendal Lions Club Secretary



AMHERSTVIEW LIONS CLUB

You can't ask for more exposure than this! Last June, on behalf of the Amherstview Lions Club, three Amherstview Lions attended the Loyalist Township Seniors Expo located at the WJ Henderson Recreation Centre. The Amherstview Lions made one-on-one presentations to over 100 senior citizens of the over 200 senior citizens present.

Amid flags, a carved Lion and the Amherstview Lions' sign, the Lions gave details about the our Lions Santa Claus Parade, the opening of our Lions Food Bank on June 7th, the Christmas in July for the Stuff the Bus Campaign outside Foodland on July 8th, the Easter Egg Hunt in April, the Fish Fry in May, and the Meals on Wheels for Amherstview seniors every day in the month of June.

The three Amherstview Lions gave out brochures regarding the Amherstview Lions Club. The Seniors had lots of praise for the Amherstview Lions and their service in the community.

Submitted by Barb Johnson, Club Secretary

