

Life is too short, so relax and have a little fun.
lesson from a lion.



DISTRICT A-3 NEWSLETTER



October 2015

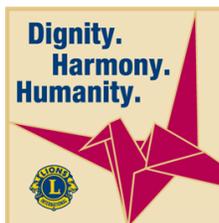
DIGNITY. HARMONY. HUMANITY.

Our International President has given us three words to live by this year. **Dignity, Harmony, Humanity.** I cannot imagine words that are more powerful in their potential to provide direction to our world of Lionism.

The dictionary that I checked defined "**Dignity**" as "respect, self-respect, self-control, self-worth". That one word could be the key to making our District and our Clubs stronger and more successful. If each of us took that word to heart and decided to filter all our thoughts, words, actions and deeds through the lens of respect, we might be able to discover what it really means for us to think, speak and act with **Dignity.**

Dignity does not tell us what to think, but it does give us a guide as to how to act or speak. It provides a guideline for ensuring that we are honest in our words and deeds, and sincere in our desires. If we combine the word **dignity** with our purposes as Lions and our code of ethics, we will act and speak in the best interests of our members and our clubs. Maybe the best place to start might be to do a little reflection in our clubs and make

sure members of our club all have a similar vision of what "**Dignity**" would look like, sound like and feel like if it were ever present in our dealings with one another and our community.



I am very humbled by the position that the Lions of District A-3 have chosen me to assume this year. It is a far bigger and more complex position than I had ever imagined. Some of the tasks that I need to do match what I might have thought are my skills. Others are very much out of my comfort zone. I pledge to you that I will carry out my duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

If you have any suggestions/ideas/concerns or issues, please share them with me in the spirit of mutual support and together our district will grow and have fun together in service.

Janet

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

June 24-28, 2016
Fukuoka, Japan

A-3 DISTRICT CONVENTION

April 15-17, 2016
Kingston, Ontario

MDA CONVENTION

May 26-29, 2016
North Bay, Ontario

LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES

November 13-16, 2015
Faculty Development Institute
Chicago, Illinois

November 14-16, 2015
Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
Chicago, Illinois

March 26-28, 2016
Emerging Lions Leadership Institute
Denver, Colorado



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP EVENINGS ARE COMING!

Last year our District Governor, Linda Duffie started a new format for meeting with the over 1,300 Lions in our District. Instead of visiting every club, she set up District Governor Evenings in each zone. Like all new ideas, there were those who did not appreciate the change. Others felt it was a great evening to meet and hear about the theme of the International President and some district projects. Change is never accomplished in one time trial. Thus, this year your leadership team of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor have decided to build on the framework that PDG Linda began last year.

There will be a **District Leadership Evening** in each zone this fall. In that way, before Christmas all of the clubs will have had a chance to find out about the theme of Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, our International President, "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity". All club members within the zone are invited to attend the District Leadership Evening in their zone. It is designed to be fun and informative and an opportunity to meet your District Leadership team members. Working together we want to provide the best support that we can to you and your club. Please consider attending the Leadership night in your zone.

While there are no set "Official Visits" of the District Governor in this format, District Governor Janet, 1st VDG John and 2nd VDG Bill will each be making visits to clubs in our District. **All clubs** will be visited by a member of the District Leadership Team at least once before the Convention in April. If your club would like to have a specific visit from a Leadership team member, please just ask. We will make every effort to attend activities or meetings that you would like to have us attend. We will show up to work or chat.

District Governor Janet

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP EVENINGS

Zone 11 East

September 30, 2015—Sydenham

Zone 43 East

October 7, 2015—Foxboro

Zone 11 West

October 21, 2015—Land O' Lakes

Zone 10 North

October 29, 2015—Bancroft

Zone 10 South

November 23, 2015—Bowmanville

Zone 43 West

November 5, 2015—Norwood

Zone 43 South

November 30, 2015—Colborne

Zone 10 Centre

December 2, 2015—Kendal



BANCROFT LIONS

On July 25, Santa Claus and other Lions put on a "Christmas in July" yard sale at Jack's Meats to raise money for our Christmas programs.



WARSAW & DISTRICT LIONS

Cheque presentation to 5 year old Dori Parkhurst and from our Benefit Night which was held on August 5, 2015 at the Lions Park in Warsaw. Dori is in a battle with cancer and with help will defeat this disease. This was not just a Lions event but a community event with help from everyone in the community.



PDG EARL OLIVER, 1ST VDG JOHN WHYTE & PCC HARRY MARISSIN

Enjoying a serious learning opportunity at the International District Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2015.



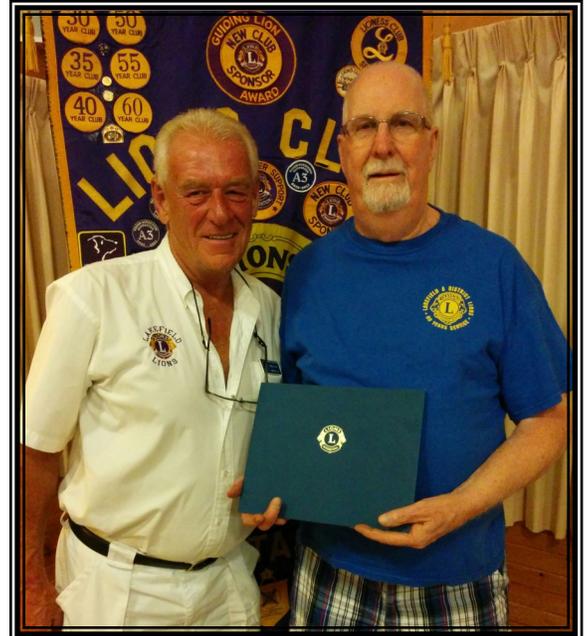
COLBORNE & DISTRICT LIONS

The Colborne and District Lions assisted the Castleton Sports Club and held a corn roast/fundraiser for them on August 23rd. They shut down the main street and were able to raise \$592.00 to assist with a picnic shelter they've built in their sports field.



WELLINGTON DISTRICT LIONS

On Saturday, August 8th, the Wellington District Lions Club held their 9th Annual Dragonboat Festival. This event is a yearly major fundraiser for the Club with revenues generated through team entry fees and local race sponsors. This year was our best year yet raising \$5,893.71 to go back into the community!



LAKEFIELD & DISTRICT LIONS

Lakefield & District Lions Club proudly presented Life Membership to a member we call 'Mr. Lion', Lion Jerry Lane. Lion Jerry joined the club in 1991 and served as Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, President and Bulletin Editor. He also chaired or worked on just about every committee that Lions have during his 25 years serving the community as a Lion. Left is President Lion Bob Elliot presenting Lion Jerry with Life Membership.



BANCROFT LIONS

In 1945, Albert Ciana, a Swiss stonemason who immigrated to Bancroft, carved two lions for the new town swimming pool at the request of the newly-formed Lions Club, who had helped build the pool. The pool closed, and one of the Lions ended up in Peterborough. But after decades of languishing in the shadows, the lion has been put back in public view in front of the Railway Station info centre.



WELLINGTON DISTRICT LIONS

A very successful first season of Concerts in the Park in July, August and September took place in our new Gazebo. Looking forward to next year's lineup!



MARMORA CROWE VALLEY—Once again, Marmora's Terry Fox Chair Lion Lloyd McCoy, assisted by Lion Wendy McCoy is doing a terrific job in Memorial Park. Also in attendance were Lions Mary Jane and Jeannette Goodchild!



MADOC LIONS —Great night at the Madoc Fair Demolition Derby. Thanks to everyone for supporting the Madoc Lions Canteen. Funds will go towards an Accessibility swing for the park.



MADOC LIONS—A very proud day for the Madoc Lions who adopted the Gauzen Historical Cemetery that was abandoned.



Cherry Valley & District—Dave Francis, President of Cherry Valley and District Lions Club, presented a \$200 cheque to Prince Edward Horse and Pony Club.

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR CLUB IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

PLEASE SEND CONTENT (PHOTOS, UPCOMING EVENTS , SUCCESS STORIES ETC.)

FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS TO:

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BANCROFT LIONS—At Bancroft's Canada Day celebrations, Lions Maureen Cummings and Dan Rajsic collect eyeglass donations and brief the public about the why's and how's of the year-round collection program; later, Lions club members unpack the four boxes of donated eyewear taken in that day.



DENBIGH-GRIFFITH LIONS—Lion President Gail Haultzhauer presents People's Choice First Place Award at the Eight Annual Show & Shine Classic Car Show held on August 29th, sponsored by the Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club.



BANCROFT LIONS—Past President Laverne Stapley (a long-time dog guide foster parent) presents Lions Project Pride flags and certificates to North Hastings School Trustee Lucille Kyle and York River Public School A/Principal Debbie Speck, for distribution to their Grade One students.



AMHERSTVIEW, BATH, ODESSA and PITTSBURGH LIONS CLUBS—You can't help but smile when you meet a group of Lion's Club members because you know there's a lot of good work being done for the benefit of our communities! UHKF met with representatives from four Lions Clubs - three from Loyalist Township (Amherstview, Bath & Odessa) and the Pittsburgh Township Club. The Loyalist Clubs joined together to host their 1st annual Loyalist Lions Clubs Charity Golf Tournament, raising \$7,500 for the MRI. The Amherstview Club donated a further \$6,000 - proceeds from a number of fundraising initiatives. UHKF thanked the Lions, their sponsors and supporters! You're making a difference in care for the people of Southeastern Ontario! Work is underway on the second MRI, which they expect will be operating in about 18 months' time - a year ahead of schedule!



SHARBOT LAKE LIONS — John and Colleen from Sharbot Lake Lions Club attend the Canada/USA Leadership Forum.



COBOURG LIONS—The Cobourg Lions came out to barbecue for the United Way of Northumberland during the annual Dragonboat festival. The club has done this for 4 consecutive years, serving up peameal, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken burgers, muffins, cookies, coffee etc. To their surprise District A-3 Governor Janet Marissen showed up with a number of Wellington Lions, as members of the Wellington Dragonboat Club. Tough being an athlete, according to President Al Grundy of Cobourg, but they must eat and somebody has to feed them.

Back row L-R: Kevin Kimmerly, Jacques Thiffault, Carol Drumm, Kathy Marchen, Ron Wiebe, Brenda Sherwin, Al Grundy, Bob Knox, Cindy Watson, Norm LeBlanc, Vicky Davis, Marshal Davis

Front Row L-R: Dave Cunningham, Janet Marissen, Rolf Hagen



TRENT CAMPUS LIONS
 Congratulations to the Trent Campus Lions on their booth at the Clubs and Groups Day at Trent University. Trent President Elizabeth always shares her smile with Region Chair Frank Hewitt when he comes to see them.



USA/Canada

Lions Leadership Forum 2015

Grand Rapids, Michigan

September 17 -19, 2015 saw 1,950 Lions from across Canada and the USA gather in Grand Rapids, Michigan for the 39th USA/Canada Forum. Among them were 18 Lions from District A3, and many more from MD-A. In fact MD-A was awarded the plaque for the highest number of participants.

The Forum started with a Strides Walk in aid of diabetes. Following that, attendees had over 100 different sessions/workshops, covering a huge variety of topics, to choose from – some of which were facilitated by Lions from our own District.

The Lions University had its inaugural graduation ceremony with 260 Lions graduating from the Bachelor Program and 60 from the Masters Program. All graduates were congratulated by, and had their photograph taken with, International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.

This was a fantastic learning experience, as well as an opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Next year, the 40th USA/Canada Forum will be held in Omaha, Nebraska and will include a half day major activity that will contribute towards one of the Centennial Service Challenges.



1st VDG John Whyte receives a Lions Bachelors certificate from International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.



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You're Invited to celebrate the Amherstview Lions Club's 40th Anniversary



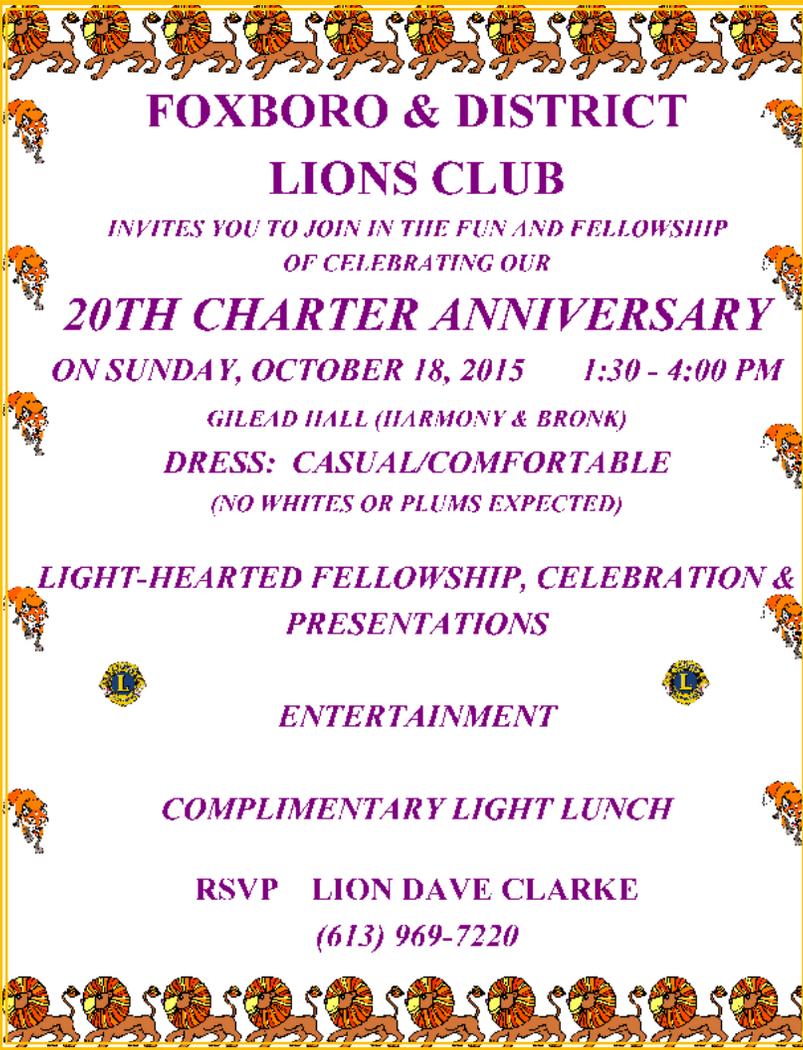
Sunday, October 4th at 10:30 AM

To honour this special anniversary the Amherstview Lions Club has purchased a commemorative bench for the Playground at Willie Pratt Sports Field. The bench will be unveiled and dedicated at the anniversary celebration. Join us at the Amherstview Community Hall after the dedication for a coffee and cake reception.

 **Recreation Services Department**
Building a Healthy, Engaged Community

108 Amherst Drive





**FOXBORO & DISTRICT
LIONS CLUB**

*INVITES YOU TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
OF CELEBRATING OUR*

20TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015 1:30 - 4:00 PM

GILEAD HALL (HARMONY & BRONK)

DRESS: CASUAL/COMFORTABLE
(NO WHITES OR PLUMS EXPECTED)

**LIGHT-HEARTED FELLOWSHIP, CELEBRATION &
PRESENTATIONS**

ENTERTAINMENT

COMPLIMENTARY LIGHT LUNCH

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KENDAL LIONS CLUB

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 4th, 2015
9 am – 12 noon

Kendal Lions invites you to join us for Breakfast
Everyone welcome – Bring your friends & family

Kendal Community Centre

Come taste our yummy
Pancakes and Sausages,
served with
Home-Baked Goodies & Fruit,
Coffee, Tea or Juice



Adults - \$7.00
Children age 6 to 12 - \$4.00
Age 5 & under - Free

Everyone Welcome ... Please pay at door

THIS FUNDRAISER IS IN AID OF
NORTH HOPE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Millbrook and District Lions Club

starting their monthly Sunday breakfasts

Sunday, September 27th

8:30 to 12:00.

Breakfast is in support of

Lions Vision Screening

fundraiser to purchase new vision
screeners for the district Lions



NOTICE

The Grand Old Enterprise Jamboree Has Changed

The name is now the Classic Country Music Festival.

The monthly festival will MOVE from the Enterprise Hall to the Newburgh Hall, 2 Factory Street, Newburgh.

The monthly festival will MOVE from the 2nd Sunday of the month to the 4th Sunday of the month starting in October so please disregard previously scheduled dates. The festival will run from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Open Mic.

MONTHLY FESTIVAL DATES for 2015-2016:

Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 27, April 24

All entertainers are invited, including young performers.

General Admission: \$8.00 Entertainers: No Charge

All funds raised are used for the benefit of the communities we serve.

For more information please contact Lion Ralph Boomhower (613-354-6528) or Lion Vic Smith (613-379-9972) of the Newburgh-Camden Lions Club.

DISTRICT A-3 IS BUILDING A VAN!



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YOUR DONATIONS WILL HELP US GET CANDIANS WITH DIABILITIES AND THEIR DOG GUIDES WHERE THEY NEED TO GO.



 Engine - \$5,000	 Spark Plugs - \$1,000ea	 Floor Mats - \$200ea	 Seats - \$1,000ea	 Battery - \$1,000
 Windows - \$750ea	 Brake/Headlights - \$500ea	 Tiedowns - \$500ea	 Doors - \$2,000ea	 Brakes - \$4,000ea
 Exhaust - \$1,500	 Tires - \$500ea	<p style="text-align: center;"> www.dogguides.com 1-800-768-3030 Info@dogguides.com CANINE VISION • HEARING EAR • SERVICE • SEIZURE RESPONSE • AUTISM ASSISTANCE • DIABETIC ALERT </p> 		

As you know, our District A3 took on a project last year to provide a much needed van to transport clients with their equipment, dogs and other things that need moving, generally assisting in the training of a projected 200 dogs graduating per year. Our goal was a total of \$60,000 spread over, up to 3 years. Due to your generosity 1/3rd of that was raised last year in addition to other donations. District Governor Janet Marissen and the current cabinet have agreed to continue the van as a district project this year. Remember that these client-dog teams live from coast-to-coast and that includes communities of our District A3. Lives of individuals and families are improved all across Canada. I ask that every club in A3 will consider putting a generous item in this years budget to pay off as much as possible of our district project and make this DogGuide van a reality very soon. Please make cheques payable to "District A3, Lions Foundation of Canada". In the memo space, write "Van Project". Mail to "District A3 Treasurer, PDG Albert Munneke, 805 Hwy 7A, Cavan, ON, L0A 1C0". You may contact me at 705-639-5619 or revilo@bell.net. Wishing everyone the best in Lionism in the coming year.

PDG Earl Oliver

The Water Closet

In the days when you couldn't count on a public facility to have indoor plumbing, an English woman was planning a trip to Germany. She was registered to stay in a small guesthouse owned by the local schoolmaster. She was concerned as to whether the guesthouse contained a WC. In England, a bathroom is commonly called a WC, which stands for water closet.

She wrote the schoolmaster inquiring about the location of the nearest WC. The schoolmaster, not fluent in English, asked the local priest if he knew the meaning of WC. Together they pondered possible meanings of the letters and concluded that the lady wanted to know if there was a "Wayside Chapel" near the house. A bathroom never entered their minds. So the schoolmaster wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam,

I take great pleasure in informing you that the WC is located 9 miles from the house. It is located in the middle of a grove of pine trees, surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 229 people and is open on Sundays and Thursdays. As there are many people expected in the summer months, I suggest you arrive early. There is, however, plenty of standing room. This is an unfortunate situation especially if you are in the habit of going regularly.



It may be of some interest to you that my daughter was married in the WC, as it was there that she met her husband. It was a wonderful event. There were 10 people in every seat. It was wonderful to see the expressions on their faces. My wife, sadly, has been ill and unable to go recently. It has been almost a year since she went last, which pains her greatly.

You will be pleased to know that many people bring their lunch and make a day of it. Others prefer to wait till the last minute and arrive just in time! I would recommend your ladyship plan to go on a Thursday, as there is an organ accompaniment. The acoustics are excellent and even the most delicate sounds can be heard everywhere. The newest addition is a bell that rings every time a person enters. We are holding a bazaar to provide plush seats for all since many feel it is long needed.

I look forward to escorting you there myself and seating you in a place where you can be seen by all.

With deepest regards,

The Schoolmaster



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"Help The Kids Not Fumble"



LIONS CLUB OFFER 2015

The Toronto Argonauts are pleased to extend an exclusive discount to the Lions Club, family & friends on Friday, October 30th vs. **BC LIONS** KICKOFF at 7:00pm at the Rogers Centre!

Pre-Game Field Tour
lead by Account
Executive
Donnie Bruni
Get onto field level
during warm ups and
watch the players get
ready at 6pm
ENTER GATE 8, on
Bremner Blvd



Lions Quest Canada

The Centre for Positive Youth Development



SECTION 116	YOUR* PRICE (taxes included)	REGULAR* PRICE
BRONZE	\$25.00 +\$10 fundraiser \$35.00	\$51.00

*Prices include HST and are subject to additional online Ticketmaster fees



TO ORDER TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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EMAIL: dbruni@argonauts.ca

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IN MEMORIUM

Because of you...

Someone will have enough to eat tonight.

Someone will have decent clothes to wear.

Someone will have shelter.

Someone will receive medical care.

Someone will learn the skills they need to survive and succeed.

Someone knows there's at least one person in this world who cared.

Rest in Peace

Lioness Frances Heffernan - Norwood Lioness—43W

Lion Ruby Malcolm - Denbigh-Griffith Lions—11W

Lion Shannon Dickie - Sharbot Lake & District—11W

Lion Mona Fournier - Kingston Lions—11E

Lion Conrad Morris - Chemung Lake District Lions—43S

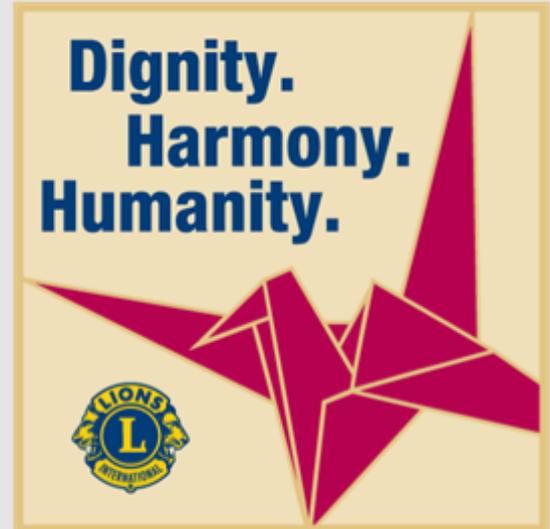
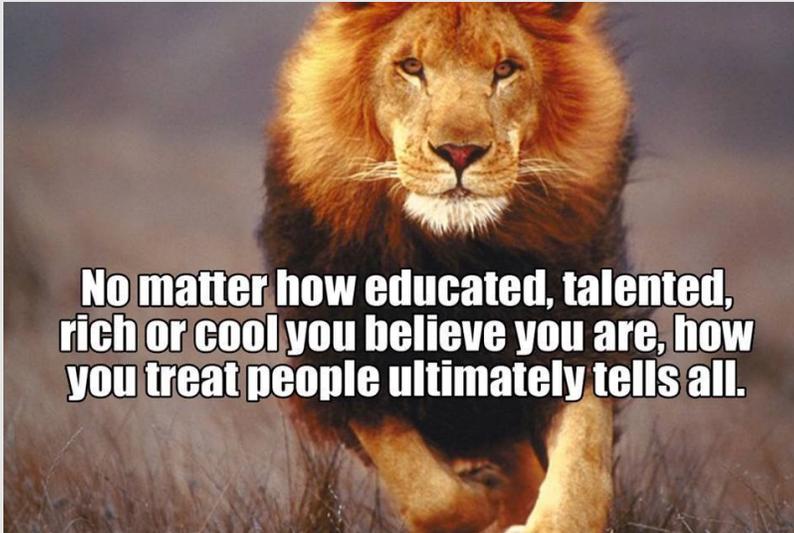
Lion Barb Stevenson - Millbrook & District Lions—10C

PRC Otto Buitenweg - Cobourg Lions—10S

Lion Barb Babcock - Kingston Lions—11E

Lion Amos Langley - Newcastle Lions 10S

Lion Bruce Foster - Wellington District Lions Club



2015-16 A-3 Cabinet

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