**A3 District Governors 1938 to 2019**

**YEAR NAME CLUB**

1938-39\* J Brown Bowmanville

1939-40\* Dr Charles Linton New Toronto

1940-41\* Clifford Cotter Ottawa

1941-42\* George M. Bosnell Toronto

1942-43\* E.W. Crawford Bowmanville

1943-44\* Ernie Houghton Toronto

1944-45\* Dr. Ken H. Rogers Toronto

1945-46\* Charles W.Carter Bowmanville

1946-47\* Dr. R. B. Benard Orillia

1947-48\* Gordon Belyea Toronto

1948-49\* Stanley Darling Peterborough

1949-50\* Roben M. Little Richmond Hill

1950-51\* A.B. Lent Port Hope

1951-52\* J. Ross Burke Kingston

1952-53\* Sigmund Wessman Deseronto

1953-54\* Victor Frederick Peterborough

1954-55\* Larry McCanhy Cobourg

1954-55\* Nostrand Sprague Trenton

1955-56\* Whitney Martin Bancroft

1956-57\* James C. Johns Frankford

1957-58\* Herbert L. Goddard Bowmanville

1958-59\* A. W. Thompson Kingston

1959-60\* Dr. R. E. Jamieson Coboconk

1960-61\* T. James Clarke Campbellford

1961-62\* Brenton Rickard Newcastle

1962-63\* Robert Garden Norwood

1963-64\* J. Ross Oliphant Peterborough

1964-65\* Terry C. Evans Havelock

1965-66\* Herbert Wark Brockville

1966-67\* Hank Tamblyn Lindsay

1967-68\* Herb Visser Whitby

1968-69\* Ronald Wismer Peterborough

1969-70\* Storey Beare Port Perry

1970-71\*. Donald E. Jones Norwood

1971-72\* Robert Reid Trenton

1972-73\* William H. Maguire Cobourg

1973-74 Dr. Doug Galt Brighton

1974-75\* Wes Oakley Ajax

1975-76\* Ed Leslie Bowmanville

1976-77 Dave Hansen Sharbot Lake

1977-78\* Graham Law Cobourg

**Past District Governors of District A3 (continued)**

1978-79 Harvey Moore Brighton

1979-60 Sam Camilleri Amhersview

1989-81 John Thompson Trenton

1981-82\* J. Don Marsden Bowmanville

1982-83 Ron Moir Verona

1983-84 Russ Mitchell Marmora

1984-85\* Len Welch East Peterborough

1985-86\* Malcolm MacLean Deseronto

1986-87\* William H. Deyoung Frankford

1987-88\* Earl Digweed Lakefield

1988-89 Erwood Reynolds Napanee

1989-90. Doug Frost Frankford

1990-91\* Bill Shaw East Peterborough

1991-92 Frank Stewart Norwood

1992-93\* Keith Taber Wellington

1993-94\* Ralph Foden Cobourg

1994-95 Bob VanWort Bewdley

1995-96. Richard Cooper Madoc-Tweed

1996-97 Jon Moore Deseronto

1997-98 George Fournier Kingston

1998-99 Graham Lewis Peterborough

1999-00 Bob Taylor Land 0' Lakes

2000-01 Terry Graham Newcastle

2001-02 Harry Marissen Belleville

2002-03 Rick Thibodeau Verona

2003-04 Dan Davis Deseronto

2004-05 Eric Holmden Campbellford

2005-06\* Gayle Hodgson Port Hope

2006-07\* Jim Lemoire Trenton

2007-08 Victor Smith Newburgh-Camden

2008-09 David Bolton Keene

2009-10 Bill Lewis Stirling

2010-11 Gord Taylor Millbrook

2011-12 Earl Oliver Norwood

2012-13 Mary Ann Smith Newburgh-Camden

2013-14 Albert Munneke Millbrook

2014-15 Linda Duffie Bowmanville

2015-16 Janet Marrisen Wellington

2016-17 John Whyte Wellington

2017-18 Bill Zwier Sharbot Lake

2018-19 Frank Hewitt East Peterborough

 **History of A3 LIONS**

The History of Lions District A3 begins with District A711

Our story begins with some of the first Lions Clubs in Canada. The International Association of Lions Clubs first came to Canada by way of the province of Ontario in 1920. The first 3 clubs were organized in Windsor (March), Toronto, (May) and Hamilton (June) all of which have continuous service since that time.

These original Canadian Lions Clubs and a few others that have been lost, appear to have been included in the original Lions District 9 of Michigan and Wisconsin until October of 1920 when District “A” was created for the Province of Ontario.

This was organized in part by our first Canadian International Officer who a few months before had been nominated and elected 2nd International Vice President and appointed to the Executive Committee of Lions Clubs International. Lion Harry Allan Newman 1889-1976 was a lifelong charter member of the Lions Club of Toronto Central who succeeded to International President in 1924. He is considered the prime mover in Lions Clubs International choosing Sight Conservation as one of our principle services through his work with the Juvenile Braille Magazine and inviting Helen Keller to seek our help.

In 1922 District “A” encompassed Ontario and Quebec with the formation of the Lions Club of Montreal and in 1924 District “A” subdivided for the first time into District “A” (Hamilton and everything East) and District “B” (Southwest Ontario) and elected respective District Governors. This arrangement only lasted one year and reverted back to District “A”. District “B” was later assigned to Mexico in 1927.

**On the occasion of our 1st Canadian International Convention at Toronto in 1931, District A was divided into Zones to spread out our administration. In 1938, District A was subdivided into A1, A2 and A3, all of which have covered some part of our current District boundaries**

At our 2nd International Convention in 1942, the first District “A” office and staff were established and located in Toronto. In 1950 District A7 was created to include Metro Toronto, Barrie and points in between. At our 3rd International Convention in 1964, District A11 was created to include Mississauga, Hamilton etc.

Both A7 and A11 were reduced with the formation on Districts A12 (1972), and A15 and A16 (1976). In 1983 the Lions Foundation of Canada was established in Oakville and in 1986 women were invited to become members.

With the merger of Districts A7 and A11 in 2002, our Lions service area identified as District A711 stretches from Blackheath Binbrook in the South to Nobleton in the North and from Lynden in the West to West Hill Highland Creek in the East.

**In 2014 Toronto, District A711, MD”A” and the Lions of Canada hosted another International Convention.**

*For the good of Lionism, Ray Charbonneau*

**Special Guests Attend the 1973 Lions Convention in Cornwall**

**The following has been copied from the Cornwall newspaper.**

***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 are available there and run from 1938 to 2005.

Lion Dr. Doug Galt

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