



The Pride of Newcastle



Lions Club of Newcastle Monthly Newsletter

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CLUB MEETINGS

Wed. Sept. 7

Directors Meeting 7:00PM in the den

Wed. Sept. 14

General Meeting in the den 7:00PM

Social at 6:30

Review of 2011-2012 Budget, with committee reports

Wed. Sept. 28

General Meeting in the den 7:00PM

Social at 6:30

Approval of 2011-2012 Budget

Please contact Lion Linda Bray (905-446-0360) or Lion Gus (905-987-3747) if you will be absent.

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Member Birthdays

Warren Tait	Sept. 20
Carl Good	Sept. 22
Corey Barr	Sept. 29



Member Anniversaries

Ron & Betty Lou	Sept. 03
Dave & Theresia	Sept. 12
Murray & Marjorie	Sept. 17



Lions International Motto:

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

Club Events to Remember:

- Wed. Aug. 24– Our annual corn roast
 - Sept.18– Terry Fox Walk for Cancer Research
 - Oct. 1– Walk for Dog Guides, Newcastle Fall Festival
 - Oct. date tba– Memorial Forest Dedication
 - Nov. 18– Our annual Millionaire’s night
 - Dec. 31– New Years Eve Dance
 - May 6, 2012—Our annual Chicken BBQ
 - Wed. May 23- our 65th Charter Anniversary
 - June 3– Greek Night
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Community and District A-3 Events to Remember:

- Aug. 28, 1pm- Cabinet meeting at Peterborough Lions Club, Burnham St., lunch at noon, RSVP by Aug. 24 to 705-740-2288
- Sept. 24– Batawa Lions Club Charter Evening, tickets available
- Sept. 22-25, 2011– 35th USA-Canada Forum in Anchorage, Alaska
- Sept. 30– Kendal Lions “Size Matters” Pumpkin judging
- Oct. 1– Sharbot Lake Lions Club 60th Anniversary, call Coleen Richter, 613-279-2429
- Oct. 15, 2011– Peterborough Lions’ 75th Anniversary, at Trent Winds Convention Centre, 705-740-2288
- Oct. 22, 2011– Kingston Lions’ 75th Anniversary, 613-544-1413
- Oct. 28– Amhurstview Swing Dance
- Nov.17-20– Senior Lions Leadership Inst. Oak Brook, Il. Ap, deadline is Sept. 7 Contact IPDG Gord for info

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- Jan. 14– Keene Lions Club 60th Anniversary
- Mar.9-12– Faculty Dev. Inst. Ottawa ON, ap. Deadline is Dec. 30 Contact IPDG Gord for info
- May 31-June 3– MDA Convention in Niagara Falls
- June 22-26– Lions International Convention in Bosan, Korea
- Sept. 2012– 36th USA-Canada Forum in Tampa Bay, Florida

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- July 5-9--96th Lions International Convention in Hamburg German

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- July 4-8– 97th Lions International Convention in Toronto Canada
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Fellow Lions,

I Hope everyone is having a great summer!

It was nice to see everyone at the summer BBQ. Thank you to the program committee for a job well done. Food was excellent and everyone enjoyed meeting new Lions and reminiscing with friends.

The Memorial Forest Committee put together a clean up day at the forest. There were over 20 volunteers and their families. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and pop after the job was done. We have had many compliments on the forest this year. I guess we are doing it right. JOB WELL DONE!

On Aug.18th the Bowmanville Lions and the Newcastle Lions played baseball. Bowmanville fell a little behind in the game but came back to win. And of course there were Lions out to cheer on their team. There may have been some sore bodies the next day – but they will probably be back again next year.

We have 2 new members joining our club this year – Doug & Jackie Danter. Some of you may have met them at our BBQ. Welcome Doug & Jackie. Remember my goal for this year – 65 members for our 65 Charter Anniversary. The Membership Committee is planning an orientation meeting on Wednesday October 19th. Information on our club, history of our club and information on Lions in general will be presented. Everyone is welcome. Further information will be coming from our Membership Chair, Masood.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Corn Roast on Wednesday the 24th

Remember – Lions are special people – unpaid, yes – not because we are worthless, but because we are priceless.

Lion President Jean



2011-2012 International President—Embrace Members Like Family

In July, Wing-Kun Tam became Lions Clubs International's 95th international president and its first from China. Born in Guangzhou, China, Tam was educated in Hong Kong where he began his international cargo company and raised his family. His Chinese background is an integral part of his identity, but his story is universal. His life decisions shaped him and led him to Lions' highest office.

When Tam was 20, his company sent him to the United States to learn the business. He continued his education in San Francisco. After several years he returned to Hong Kong. "In one year, I made the three most important decisions of my life," says Tam.

Decision #1

In 1981, he started his own business. "For me being a Hong Kong person, we are born with entrepreneurship in our blood. If you really want to make some good money, you have to start your own business," he said. Today, Tam's transportation company has 200 employees in 20 offices worldwide.

Decision #2

In 1981, Tam also decided to marry his wife Irene. "She was very pretty, a very kind heart," said Tam. "We became good friends." Together they had three children – Alvin, Tiffany and Andrew. Tam's devotion to his family didn't diminish his attachment to his job – or later to the Lions.

Decision #3

In 1981, Tam noticed a pin with the letter L on the lapel of a business associate. "What's that?" Tam asked. "If you join Lions, you elevate your status," the associate told him. Tam decided to join. Tam was the youngest member of his club; the president was 94. The president gave him his first assignment – providing gifts for senior citizens the club was taking on a cruise. Tam brought the seniors candies and other small gifts. "You wouldn't believe their reaction," recalls Tam, who told the president about their joy. "He said it wasn't the value of the gifts that meant a lot to them. It was the love and care I brought them."

According to Tam, it was then that he "started to understand the spirit of Lions. I understood and believed we are to help the needy and share our happiness with others. My club treated me like a family member. As a new Lion I was like a baby and my club took care of me until I could stand on my own and be the one to nurture others. Our clubs need to treat our members like family," he says. Soon, Tam took on bigger projects, including the largest project ever undertaken by Hong Kong Lions. Under his leadership, Lions raised more than US\$2 million for a Nature Education Center. With each success, Tam and the Lions developed bigger plans.

Getting authorities to approve a Lions Clubs international convention with a parade of thousands was not easy. "When Tam came to me with the proposal to host the Lions convention and parade I was concerned because we've never done anything like it before," said Benny Ng, then a top official with the Hong Kong police. "Tam was confident Hong Kong could do it. I believed in him and everybody placed their faith in him. Events proved him right." Tam was just getting warmed up. Millions of Chinese were blind because of cataract. Tam and other Lions began meeting with Chinese officials to request that they allow Lions to initiate a cataract campaign. Soon a pilot project was approved and funded by Lions, followed by SightFirst China Action, which helped 5.2 million people recover their eyesight.

While Tam recorded many successes in business and in developing Lions projects, his family's happy life was changed dramatically when they learned Irene had cancer. For 15 years Tam comforted his wife, took her to the doctors and helped her believe that she could conquer the disease. In many ways, cancer brought them closer together. But in time, Irene lost her battle. After Irene died, Tam lay on the couch day after day, disconsolate and drained, watching the news. Then a devastating earthquake struck China's Sichuan Province in 2008, killing 70,000. The televised images of the shattered families galvanized Tam, who called Lions' headquarters and asked for assistance. Tam reached out to Lions in China too. Teams of Chinese Lions drove hours to aid victims. LCIF approved a US\$500,000 catastrophe grant.

"I lost my wife and it was so sad. But I believed I could help," says Tam. "He fought for funds and supplies," says Andrew, his son. "I could see in his eyes a spark I had not seen after my mom passed away." Tam believed in the power of Irene's fighting spirit and he believed in his ability to overcome past obstacles.

He believes in Lions and our dream of service.



We had a great turnout, a great dinner, and a great time at our Annual Steak BBQ in July!

Welcome to Lion Dave and Theresia who are back living in their Os-hawa home. And welcome to the exchange students who are now back to their homes!





Newcastle Lions vs Bowmanville Lions: The baseball game was held last Thurs. Aug. 18 at the Memorial Park in Bowmanville. Bowmanville team won the game. Congratulations to all players, for playing their best!



BRIGHTON LIONS CLUB - CORN MAZE

Fellow Lions Family Members,

If you are looking for something to do for a day or if you're on your way through our area, there is a farm on Cty. Rd. #2, just west of Brighton, that has for several years set up a corn maze. It's called Cricklewood Farm. This year, the maze is in the shape of two Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, one standing & one lying, & it takes up about 6 acres, with over 3 km of paths. You'll also see our Club name in there. A percentage of the money raised will come to the Club and we have designated L.F.C. as the receiver of the funds. There are also some L.F.C. items for sale at the farm. They have made figures in the form of a trainer, a vet, a blind client, a foster parent and a breeder. It would be a great place to bring children or grandchildren, and if they're not around, bring yourselves & your friends. It should be a fun-time for all ages. The Siwicki's have made up a crossword puzzle and other activities, based on Brighton Lions and L.F.C. history and other Lions info. made available to them. As you navigate through the maze, you can work on the puzzle. It should take about 1 to 1.5 hours. A great deal of work was put into this maze and the other items by the Siwicki's.

**Admission is as follows: Adults - \$6.95 + Tax Youths 13 - 15 - \$5.95
+ Tax Children 12 & under - \$4.25 + Tax Children 5 & under - Free
Family Rate - \$24.50 + Tax Add'l. Child under 12 - \$4.00 + Tax**

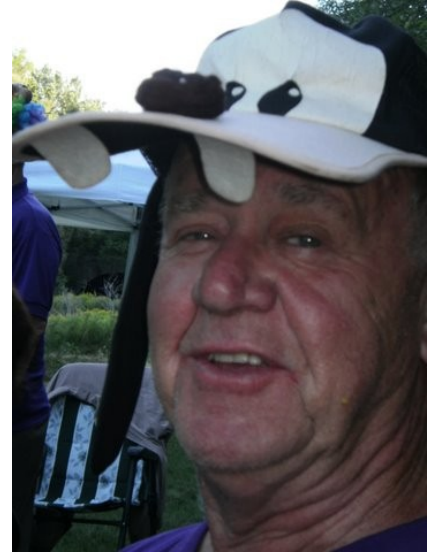
It's open 7 days a week, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on all days except Saturdays, when the hours are 9:30 to 6:00 p.m. , and it will run until at least the end of October and possibly into early November, rain or shine. While there you may want to buy some farm products.

On the Saturday of the Labour Day weekend, our Club will be on the site organizing and running a B.B.Q., from 11:00 to 3:00. We hope to have at least one staff member from L.F.C. and one Foster Puppy or Dog Guide. I hope you can make it and I look forward to seeing you, if not on that day, then certainly on one of the other days until the end of October. If you need further info, let me know.

**Lion P.D.G. Harvey Moore, Immediate Past Chairperson, Lions Foundation of Canada
President, Lions Club of Brighton, 2011-2012**



Annual Corn Roast at Brenton & Jean Rickards



Crazy Zany Hat's



Candid Shots

APHORISM:

A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE THAT EXPRESSES A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH.

1. The nicest thing about the future is . . . that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important . . . because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a cat . . . and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. - like, it could be the right number.
13. No one ever says "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.
15. Be careful about reading the fine print . . . There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos in strange places? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than in a Yugo.
19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.
20. Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind . . . and the ones that mind don't matter.
21. Life isn't tied with a bow . . . but it's still a gift.