

District N-1 Newsletter

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#### Hello Fellow Lions.

Wow!!! We are already in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of this Lionistic year. We have put on many Kilometers (57,500 to date) and some yet left to do. We have met many new and old Lions, Lioness and Leos. We have visited 74 Clubs to date and have returned to a lot for Charter Night, functions,

etc..

Even after a few hurdles we had to deal with this year, just like our International President said we would come across, as we climb those Mountains. I can honestly say every Lion has treated us with respect and the warm greetings from all, have been unbelievable.

We have been invited to many different functions and locations, and have been asked to participate in their way of Lionism, it may or may not have been what we are used to over the years, but it works for them. The most recent event being quite different to us: we were asked to attend a club meeting aboard a fishing boat and to induct 6 new members for them. This is where this club meets throughout the summer months and we can hardly wait to attend this location, as to me this is very unique and following LCI's teachings of Your Club Your Way.

Our membership is hovering up and down around a positive mark at this time, but it can change in an instant, let's work hard on Retention and don't be shy to ask your friends and neighbours to join our world of service and become a Lion.

We have a new Branch club in the Moncton Central West End area and they have adopted the name: "Moncton Resurgo Branch Club" at this point. They started out with 5 members a few short weeks ago and are sitting now with 12 members. Their Goal and drive is to be a Chartered Club and dropping the word Branch from their name before year's end. Let's all help them and welcome them into our District.

I am Pleased to see a lot of clubs have their elections completed and PU101's being entered. There are still a few left to summit, so please let's get them recorded into International.

Our GLT Leader and his team have been on the road training, with more scheduled, please participate when it comes to your area, as it is saddening when all the work, efforts, money, time, traveling and what have you, is put into these training events and only a few show.

Our District Legacy Project "Quilts for Portage" has been a wonderful success and all of you that assisted in this project are to be Thanked for the success.

There will be a small presentation where the Quilts are brought to Portage and given to the facility on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 14:00... (2 PM) and all are welcome to attend. If you are planning on attending, please out of respect let me know, as Portage is asking for a head count.

Also, if anyone attending would like a tour of the facility and see just where these quilts will be used, this can be arranged, but again please!!! Let me know ASAP so they can prepare. Portage will have their training planned so all boys and girls are available to hear our short speak, as they are presented and given a little of the reasons why we all took on this Legacy project.

They are a few Quilts left to come and if you are attending, please bring them with you. They also can be brought to the MDN Convention in Fredericton, where Lion Cindi and I will make sure they get to Portage.

Our N1 Convention is now behind us and from all the responses I am hearing, it was a big success. A Great Big Thank You goes out to the organizing committee and the Riverview Lions Club for hosting such a great event.

There will be one more newsletter coming out in June to wrap up the year, so until then. Please " $\mathcal{HELP}$  ONE"

DG Brennan

"A Thousand Words Will Not Leave So Deep an Impression as One Deed"

Hello Lions,

As I write this, we are preparing for a very busy time for all Lions -- it is Convention time and Election time, with our District Convention April 7, 8 and 9 and then right after is the MD N Convention May 19, 20 and 21. I look forward to seeing a good turnout at both Conventions, I hope to see a large attendance of Lions at our District Convention in Riverview-Moncton next weekend it looks like it should be a fun weekend as Convention Chair Lion Jerry Kirkpatrick and his team have put together a good program. I, as 1st VDG, will need support from the District Lions to be voted in as your next District Governor, Also let's not forget our present DG Lion Brennan, he also needs your support to complete his year, so let's all get together and have a great weekend. Also I would like to have more people step forward for next year's District Cabinet Chairs -- if you think you might be interested now is the time to come forward. **Thank you in advance for your continued support**.

Lion Paul Cousins, 1st VDG District N-1





#### **Lion Jim Aucoin**

Candidate for First Vice District Governor

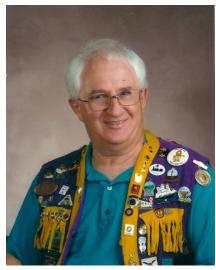
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Lion Jim joined the Red Lake District Lions Club in Multiple District 5M10 in 1984. When he finished his 36 year teaching career in 2003, he and his wife Linda moved to Fredericton in 2004. He transferred to the Nashwaaksis Lions Club when he arrived. Lion Jim has held every office in Lions and he was honored to serve 5 terms as President.

He has held various positions at the District N-1 and Multiple District N levels including Constitution & By-Laws Committee, Peace Poster Contest, Zone chair and NB 2016 Cavalcade for Diabetes chair.

Lion Jim has received recognition for his 33 years of service in Lions including:

- Melvin Jones Fellow in 2004
- District N-1 Outstanding Club President in 2011
- Multiple District N Best President in 2011
- District N-1 Lion of the Year in 2012
- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship in 2013
- District Governor N-1 Appreciation Award in 2014
- District N-1 Best District Chair in 2015 2016
- 2016 USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha, NB
- District N-1 Zone Chair Liaison in 2016 2017



VDG2 Jim Aucoin (cont's)

He has attended one International Convention in Toronto and two Multiple District N Conventions in Fredericton, NB and St. John's, NF.

He attends District N-1 Cabinet / Fall Rally meetings and Annual Conventions.

Lion Jim has received Certificates of Appreciation from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Blood Services and the Nashwaaksis Lions Club.

He has been a facilitator for the Ontario Teachers' Federation, a volleyball official in his 50<sup>th</sup> year, a Knight of Columbus and a community activist.

Lion Jim has been married to Linda for 37 years and they have three children.

#### Editor's Note:

Apologies to the membership of District N-1 for the extended delay between edition publications. We regret any communication issues this may have created.

Lion Bill Editor

### **Convention Corner...**

The District N-1 Annual Convention wrapped up during the weekend of April 7-9.

A heartfelt and hearty THANK YOU to Lion Jerry Kirkpatrick and ALL of his committees and volunteers, and to the Riverview Lions Club, for an excellent job!!

The conference events, centered at the Crowne Plaza in Moncton and the Riverview Lions Club, attracted almost 200 Lions. There were special activities and special events to mark our Centennial Celebration. Lion Jerry's organizing team included a special display to recognize and celebrate Centennial Legacy Projects that various clubs throughout the District have completed (or have in progress) to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lions Clubs International.

The conference events included multiple social events (in fact, some of the traditional events that are more business-oriented – like the Officers' Schools – were taken right out of the weekend schedule.....to allow for MORE social activity!!), including Meet & Greet, annual Banquet, and well....just socializing!!

For those who were there.....I'm sure you enjoyed it!! For those who didn't make it there.....I'm sorry you missed it !!!!

There's just too much information to reproduce here, especially when the hosts have put together such a complete and impressive "final report" (with LOTS of pictures!!).

Visit http://www.riverviewlionsclub.ca/images/newsletter/convention2017.pdf to see what you missed.

Again -- THANKS !!! DG Brennan

## District Activities District Activities

#### 2016-17 Peace Poster Competition



Nashwaaksis Lion and District N-1 VDG-2 Jim Aucoin presents
Fallon Thornton with her first prize for the Peace Poster
Competition at Nashwaaksis Middle School. Fallon went on to win
the MD-N competition as well. CONGRATULATIONS, Fallon.



Kensington student Mallory Clark, centre, receives award for being the local winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, A Celebration of Peace 2016-2017 from PCC Lion Bev Semple, left. On right, Education Committee member Lion Wanda MacMurdo.



#### 2016-17 Essay Competition



2016-17 Essay Contest Award presentation to Ethan Morehouse from District N-1 at Keswick Valley Memorial School yesterday in Burtts Corner!Left to right –Lion Susan Booker, Ethan Morehouse, Lion Anna Mae Basque and Lion Jim Aucoin.



#### Charlottetown Lions Club....



**Mother's Day Fund-raiser** -- Monarch Lion Don Spence with a Foodland employee who was drawing the winning ticket for the Mother's Day basket fundraiser. All proceeds go back into the community.

#### **Kensington Lions Club....**



Kensington LC Welcomes New Member -- Lion Scott
Zimmerman receives his membership certificate from PCC
Lion Bev Semple for being the newest member of the
Kensington Lions Club, with Lion Scott the Kensington
Lions membership now stands at 25 with room for lots more
members.



#### **New Maryland Lions 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Charter Celebration:** Guests mingle – and munch – during the celebration of New Maryland Lions' 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary, held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at their "home", New Maryland Centre. Friends and neighbours from near and far(-ish) gathered to help the members celebrate

Members and guests gathered at New Maryland Centre to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary for New Maryland Lions Club. The club chose to "experiment" with a levy-style Open House event to



mark their milestone.

Invitations were sent to District N-1 dignitaries, and to nearby Lions Clubs (especially to members of the Nashwaaksis Lions Club, who sponsored the club and applied to Lions Clubs International for the Charter, on our behalf). But the "special" part of the evening was that members also issued invitations to "People who we have helped, and people who help us", organizations and individuals who NM Lions have supported, and also organizations and individuals who answer the call when we seek help with any of our major events.

The evening was a resounding success (at least from OUR perspective)!!

The format included several display stations, each highlighting an important relationship or activity in the life-story for NML. Stations included a "Schools" table, "Village of New Maryland and NM Fire Dept", "Portage", "Our Signature Event – the Annual Food & Toy Drive", and of course a special table for our "Legacy Project – the NMES Playground Renewal Project" !!

We were visited by a significant number of guests in the groups helped or helping, including all members of New Maryland Council, and Chief Harry Farrell and a few of his volunteers representing our constant volunteer companions, NMFD.

District Governor Brennan Beaumont, with his wife Lion Cindi, joined us, bringing service recognition for several members, as well as Centennial patches for club achievements.

The evening was primarily a meet-and-greet opportunity, allowing members and guests to circulate and meet sponsors, beneficiaries and Lions and municipal and provincial representatives.

Hot and cold hors d'ouevres and sweets were

available throughout the evening, and a Charter Cake was also served to mark the event.

# District II-1...Convention Highlights

The District N-1 "Governor's Convention", was held (with great success) in Moncton, from April 7 – 9, 2017, as reported earlier in this issue. A full report, and full sense of the variety of activities, can be reviewed by visiting the website: <a href="http://www.riverviewlionsclub.ca/images/newsletter/convention2017.pdf">http://www.riverviewlionsclub.ca/images/newsletter/convention2017.pdf</a>. Here are a few highlights:

### PDG Bob Kirkpatrick and Wife Mollie, Honoured for 100 Years of Combined Service to Lionism and Community

Past District Governor Bob Kirkpatrick was presented with his 50-Year Chevron by ID Rod Wright, along with four personalized letters of congratulations, recognizing a husband and wife team who, together, have provided 100 years of service to Lions and their community.

Letters of commendation were delivered by local MP, the Hon. Ginette Petitpas, and on behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The letter from International President Chancellor Bob Corlew was presented by International Director Howard Hudson, the International Guest Speaker for the convention. Sandy Turney, the Executive Director of Lions Foundation of Canada, sent her letter of congratulations, along with a Certificate of Appreciation for PDG Bob's instrumental role in the formation of the LFC, and for serving on the Board over the years.

#### Special "Guest", With District N-1 "Connection"

The District N-1 Convention was proud to have had a special visitor, although it is an inanimate object — "The Harry A. Newman Gong"

For Lions who do not recognize that name, Harry A. Newman was the first Canadian to be International President of Lions Clubs International, serving as President in 1924-25. PP Harry passed away in 1976.

Lions Clubs International was originally formed in 1917, but became truly "international" in 1920, with the forming of the first Lions Club in Canada in Windsor Ont (followed quickly by ones in Toronto and Hamilton that same year).

PP Harry is acknowledged for inviting Helen Keller to the 1925 International Convention, where she famously – and successfully – challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness". That challenge was taken up, and Sight continues to be a primary concern for Lions Clubs International.

The Harry A. Newman Gong, PP Harry's "personal" gong, was given to an uncle of Andrea Barton, who in turn gave it to her. She is married to PDG Larry Barton, of the Hampton Lions Club.

The Harry A. Newman Gong will also be displayed at the MD-N Convention in Fredericton, May 19-21, before going to the 100<sup>th</sup> annual International Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago in June.

This gong is special for several reasons – it was the personal gong of the First Canadian International President of Lions Clubs International; it has a connection to Helen Keller through PP Harry; and, it has a connection to District N-1.

Following the International Convention, the gong will return and be loaned to the Canadian Lions Museum, in London Ontario.

#### **Necrology Service**

One of the more somber, yet poignant, events that takes place each year at the District Convention is the Annual Necrology Service, during which Lions gather to remember colleagues who have moved on to greater service. This year, nearly 170 Lions gathered for breakfast, then took part in the service to memorialize the following Lions, who have passed away during the 2016-17 Lions Year:

Alberton Lions Club - Robert Leard

Barkers Point Northside Lions Club – Margaret Lynn White

Bouctouche Lions Club - Alberta Cormier

Burtt's Corner Lions Club - Dale C. Bird and Laurel Brewer

Calais Lions Club – Daniel L. Lacasse

Campbellton Lions Club - Shane Barton

Cymbria Lions Club – Alyre Doucette and Eric Doucette

Dalhousie Lions Club – Burton Roberts

Fredericton Lions Club – Ralph William Turnbull

Hampton Lions Club – James Simpkins

Havelock Lions Club – *Robert Templeton* 

Humphry Lewisville Sunnybrae Lions Club – *Edward Smith* 

Jacquet River Lions Club – Frederick Firlotte

Kensington Lions Club – Archibald S. MacEwen

Magnetic Hill Lions Club - John Frederick Morrow

McAdam Lions Club – Mitchell Hickey

River Valley Lions Club -- Barbara Phillips

Riverview Lions Club – *Sterling F. Jardine* 

Salisbury Lions Club – *Fred Douthwright and David Prosser* 

St. Eleanors Lions Club - Kenneth L. Cornish

Sussex Lions Club – Lloyd Ravn

Tobique Lions Club – Julie Goodine and Douglas J. Mulherin







District Governor Brennan Beaumont with Howard Hudson, Lions Intl. Director for USA from California - Photo by Debbie Holloway .











Good Morning Lions,

Just back from our Multiple District Convention which was held in Fredericton NB this past weekend. A little of what went on:

It was a good turnout where, among many events, we listened to a wonderful speech from our own Canadian canidate for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President, Dr. Patti Hill. Lion Patti was our MDN International Speaker for the convention.

Lion Patti was very inspirational as she spoke on the future of Lions around the World. She gave a detailed explanation that the grass roots Lion could understand, explaining all the processes she is to follow in putting her name forward for the position of 3<sup>rd</sup> International VP.

Convention chair PDG Jan Philips with help from her husband Lion Fred and others, put on a wonderful convention as always. There was a silent auction, raffles, skits, fashion show and much more, where all that attended enjoyed themselves.

As always the Speak-out was again a wonderful touch, Chaired by our District N1 Speak Out Chair Person Lion Kathy Belliveau and, as at our recent Convention, did a tremoundous job. The overall winner for the Multiple this year was from the Rexton club, here in District N1.

The overall Secretary & Tresurers' Award went to N2 and the Rookie of the year went to N4.

The only Election needed held was for Council Chair and I was successful in that, now designated as CC=Elect.

Necrology Service was very nice this year where we heard a couple of Hymns from the Beautiful voice of Lion Dale Carter, the Last Post from the Bag Pipes of PDG Sonny. But was also very sad as the names were read and you heard the four pages ofnames from our Lions' family, that are now gone from this place we call Earth. We thank them for their service.

#### DG Lion Brennan

