

#### Fellow Lions of District N 1

I wish to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Kappy and Merry Christmas! I hope that you all find the Joy. Peace and Love we seek with ourselves and loved ones.

As I travel the miles separating us, I can only see the joy in the good that we do in our communities and as to how it is greatly appreciated by those receiving. It is with hope that we enjoy being able to give than to receive!

"Wishing you all a world of peace and happiness now and throughout all of the seasons of the coming New Year!"











# LIONS DISTRICT N 1 2019-2020

#### From the Desk of the District Governor:

As I go through the District with single or multi club visitations, I have had the honor of being asked to induct new members into our Clubs, District and International rosters. It is always a pleasure for any of our District officers to step in and help out in these solemn ceremonies. When I think of it, I add our little flavor of Fort Kent Lions Club's traditional coup de grace of 'Roaring' in any New Member to our Pride and Den.

At this point I will try to be brief in my statement and offer a challenge to all clubs in N 1. Challenge is simple and will be to the point!

I ask all clubs to step up to the plate, ask people, diverse in nature and may not fit the club's mold, into the true meaning of Lionism.

To date, the Winsloe Lions Club leads the pride with 7 inducted members with one still waiting in the den, Fort Kent with 4 members with a couple more potentials in the wings as well, Zone 13 Lions with all but 2 clubs showing increases.

Which club will take up the challenge and try to come up with at least 1 or even better, try to match one of the above mentioned. ANY growth would be greatly appreciated. Current N 1 Membership is at 1772; 59 added and 76 drops -17 members. Let's shoot for a net growth, not loss!

On the flip side, we must do a better job at retaining what we do have. These are resources that many clubs need. A message being relayed in my message: "Remember, we do not always have to agree with what others may have for input, but we do have to respect their right to voice their ideas." As I state in my message, why not do it Nike's way, Just do it or Just try it!

To date, I have had the pleasure of meeting with many members in my visits. Out of our 78 clubs within the District, I have come in touch/contact with 53 clubs already, with 1 more scheduled prior to Christmas. Light schedule until Christmas as I intentionally have scheduled my medical appointments and Christmas schedule prior. Remember - FAMILY FIRST!

Of those remaining, VDG Paul Gauthier will act on my behalf with the remaining PEI clubs who were unable to come to the Zone level visitations when there in Sept. and recently after the Cabinet meeting held in East Royalty.

I have also had the pleasure of attending an emotional moment at the Portage Atlantic Recognition Day, rewarding success with these youth seeking to refresh their lives. If you have never attended either the recognition or their Christmas party, I encourage you to do so.

As we approach the Christmas Season, let us all remind ourselves of our motto, 'We Serve' those in need and want. Do not forget that our families are also in the mix and should always be first in our thoughts. As we promote our service projects, please report such to LCI and let them know that things are happening in N 1. If in need of help in reporting, contact us and we will gladly put you in touch with people who can help you.

I wish all in District N 1 a very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year! THANK YOU ALL FOR WORKING WITH ME, AS YOU ARE MY BOSS!



#### DG Lloyd

As we celebrate this Christmas Season, as well as Hanukkah and other important festivals, remember..... Let the Light of Lionism help bring greater Peace and

Comfort into this World.

May the message of Christmas fill your life with joy and peace. Best wishes to you & your family during this holiday season.

Merry Christmas

Wishing our Friends and Family a Joyous Holiday filled with Peace, Love, and Prosperity. Best Wishes for a Healthy New Year! Merry Christmas Wishing all District N 1 Lions and their families Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

VDG Paul and Lion Mabel

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, to the Lions of District N 1 and their Families. From 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG John and Lion Jayne Bettle. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE We Serve Through Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

# **Dear Lion**,

In my home, South Korea, nobody misses the traditional meal of the holiday season, rice cake soup. In every community, neighbors come together to share and support one another so that everyone can be part of the celebration. The holiday season is so special because we think of others first.

You have already shown so much kindness to your community, but I ask you to consider a project to help those living with hunger or make a donation to LCIF— your foundation. Your generosity can help all families celebrate this season. And together, our service can deliver new hope throughout a new year.

Regards, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi International President





It is with heavy heart that we need to inform the sad news the passing Judge Haynes Townsend, First Vice International President of Lions Clubs International. Please Lion Donna Lord Townsend and the Townsend Family in your prayers.

Rest In Peace Judge Haynes.

Haynes Henton Townsend, 64, of Dalton went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

He was the son of the late Clifford and Evelyn Townsend and was also preceded in death by his uncle, Emmett Henton.

Haynes had a servant heart and a love for community. He started working at Fraker Hardware at age 15 and later served as Chief Magistrate Judge for Whitfield County for 22 years. He was the current vice president of Lions Club International and was to be named president at the international convention in June. He was an outstanding friend, loved photography and loved his family deeply. He loved to read and had an incredible sense of knowledge. Haynes believed kindness matters and was an example of how kindness can change the world.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Donna Lord Townsend; daughter and her fiancé, Morgan Townsend and Travis Vitali; daughter and son-in-law, Madison and Kenneth Rutledge, Jr.; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Henry and Becky Lord; aunt, Geneva "Nene" Henton; cousins, Brian and Teresa Henton and Debra and Chuck Harris.

A memorial service will be held at 3 PM on Sunday at Dalton First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Harris officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1 until 3 in the atrium.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Lions Club International Foundation, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523.

The Members and Leadership of LCI District N 1 send sincere condolences to the family, as well as to International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, and members of the International Executive and Board of Directors, for the loss of your friend and colleague.

Loss is difficult at any time, but is particularly saddening as the Christmas Season approaches.

Our sympathy.

District Activities District Activities



Lion Orville Willis receiving the Diabetes Award at the O'Leary Lions Club presented by PCC Lion Paul Cousins.

#### **Ronald Mcdonald House**

Ronald McDonald House in Halifax has been a homeaway-from-home for more than 20,000 Maritime families with sick children since we opened our doors in 1982. This is thanks to the incredible support we have received from the community, including many Lions Clubs from throughout the region. The donations you have made, the gifts in-kind you have provided, and the volunteer hours you have contributed mean so much to us.

We are very proud of the difference we make, but we continue to face growing wait lists. Last year alone we turned away 300 families who called on us for help - the financial burden these families experience by staying in hotels and having to eat out can be debilitating. We need to do better, so we are embarking on our most critical project ever.

After much consultation with key stakeholders, we have decided that it is time to build a new Ronald McDonald House that will double our capacity to support Maritime families. A more modern facility will also improve the quality of experience for our guests by providing a fully-accessible House, spaces designed to meet our families' needs, as well as rooms for children with compromised immune systems (who we cannot currently accommodate).

The *More Room For Love* campaign has a goal of raising \$10 million from the community. We will also be receiving funds from government to help with the cost of building the new House.

We look forward to exploring how the Lions clubs throughout the Maritimes might like to join us in making this vision a reality.

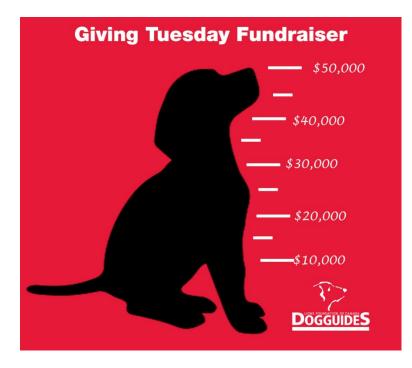
If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Lori Barker at <u>lori@rmhcatlantic.ca</u> or 902-222-5559.



DG Lloyd and VDG Paul invited Lori Baker, of RMH Atlantic, to make a presentation at the Cabinet Meeting in East Royalty.

Together, they are asking ALL Clubs in District N 1....and this great Multiple District of ours....to consider the good works and comfort provided by RMH when planning your giving. Greetings,

It's **#ThankYouThursday** and today is dedicated to all the people across Canada who support Dog Guides.



Two days ago, on Giving Tuesday, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides set out to fundraise \$25,000 between 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on December 3rd. This would allow us to provide one Dog Guide to someone in need.

# Thanks to the generosity of the public,

## we DOUBLED our goal!

With your help, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides had incredible Giving Tuesday results! A total of **\$53,055** was donated to provide not one, but two Dog Guides at absolutely no cost to two people on our waiting list.

Whether it's a donation of time or money, every gift truly makes a difference. You have heard this from us many times before, but we will say it again and again because it is truly the reason we are able to accomplish our mission at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

# Thank you for believing in our mission and changing lives. We couldn't do it without you!

#### **Using My Lion**

As Editor, I am going to put my "Secretary" hat on for a moment or two. Fellow Club Officers may – like me – be having "challenges" in adapting to the new Reporting Process in My Lion.

Use the following link to reach a great stepby-step, illustrated guide to using the new process. It will make your life SO much easier:

LCI\_GAT\_ReportInstructions\_MyLion\_00bbooklet-new.pdf

Lion Bill

DG Lloyd's Christmas Wish List...

Best Christmas Gift for your District Governor, a filled out application for a new member into your club!

(For your convenience, a copy of the LCI Application Form is attached to the back of this newsletter. Or, you can use this link:

#### https://lionsclubs.org/en/join/membership-form





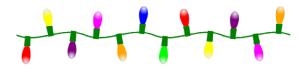


# **Congratulations, Lions!**

Lions, you did it. Together, we helped screen more than one million people around the world for type 2 diabetes!

International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi would like to give you a personal thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this monumental event. And remember, even though our challenge is over, there's still a lot you can do to help. Continue *making your mark* by organizing a diabetes screening in your community and reporting your service to Lions Clubs International.



# Life Membership Honours



DG Lloyd Soucie presents King lion Avery Blaxland, of the Stratford and Area Lions Club, with his lifetime membership.



DG Lloyd and Lions of District N 1

# Stratford and Area Lions Club

Stratford and Area Lions Club had a busy fall season. We held our annual apple pie project in which we made several thousand apple pies. Members contributed roughly 800 volunteer hours to this project . We served 260 roast beef dinners at our Annual Seniors' Dinner at the end of November .

We held a dinner meeting in early November, where we were pleased that DG Lloyd Soucie could attend and present King lion Avery Blaxland with his lifetime membership.

## Summerside Lions Club ....



Students from Three Oaks Senior High School and

Lions Club members and volunteers made the annual Summerside Roast Pork dinner a success. **Geary Lions Club....** 





Geary Lions Club's second annual Trunk or Treat event was moved indoors, due to wind and heavy rain, but was highly successful, nonetheless.



Pictured above, the "Social Butterflies", during the Geary Lions Club's Trunk or Treat event. The picture shows three generations of Lions members, actively involved in club activities.

#### **New Maryland Lions Club**



Despite an already-busy schedule in late November and December, New Maryland Lions decided to try a new event this year, at the suggestion of Lion Fonda, shown with her family. Lion Fonda and several "helper elves" created several background scenes, and invited the public to come take photos. A \$5 donation for each scene (maximum of \$20 charge) allowed families to take photos that could be used for Christmas Greetings.

The event proved to be highly popular, with requests for "next year" already coming in. Rest assured that the event will definitely be on NM Lions' event calendar for 2020.





NML's "Kitchen" scene.

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Food & Toy Drive





New Maryland Lions Club's Food & Toy Drive is an ambitious project, with multiple events and activities that contribute to the outcome. It starts with a Turkey Drive to gather turkeys to accompany the food hampers. It includes a Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the local pub, and a three-day Santa Claus Parade that wends through about 28 km (17.5 miles) of Village streets, collecting non-Operishable food and new toys. The children love to scramble onto anta's lap, for pictures, and to whisper last-minute wishes.

It takes scores of volunteers, and NM Lions could not possibly do it all on their own – it becomes a "community event", with volunteers from the New Maryland Fire Dept, local Girl Guide groups, Boy Scout groups, churches and individuals.

In 2019, about 218 hampers were distributed to families and shelters. Very gratifying. (But tiring!!)







Kensington Lions Club



Kensington PEI Lions Club recently marked their 65th Charter celebration, with 3 of our senior Lions cutting the cake. Lion Don Campbell, Lion Wayne Scott, and Lion Keith Sudsbury were honoured with the task of taking the first slices.

CONGRATULATIONS on your service record !!

#### **Tobique Lions Club**

The Tobique Lions recently celebrated 50 yrs of service in the community of Plaster Rock. We honoured 2 of our charter members with a monetary donation that they could use to help out any group or individual in our community. The 2 charter members that are left in our club are Lions Howard Aiton and Lloyd Schmidt.

We also presented Zone Chair Roy Layte with 5 - 11 L tubs full of pop tabs totalling 40 LBS to take to the next cabinet meeting.



#### Portage Christmas

The visit to Portage Christmas Party always rekindles my spirit as we see our youth who have

struggled, receiving gifts from Santa and then having an opportunity to show their appreciation. The youth are grateful to the Lions for their gifts, making Christmas meaningful and that there truly are people who care.

VDG2 John Bettle



#### Portage Atlantic "Christmas Wish List"

Further to our conversation, I am letting you know about some material needs at Cassidy Lake. As our facility at Cassidy Lake continues its mission of rehabilitating the youth of Atlantic Canada, who have found themselves in a position from which they are unable to free themselves, Portage Atlantic hopes to continue the strong bond we share with the Lions Clubs of District N 1.....and indeed with other clubs within the Multiple District N.

We are fortunate to have enjoyed considerable success in our efforts with the youth. We share that success, in no small measure, with the members and the clubs of District N 1.

Our needs are great, and unfortunately, our funding revenues from other sources do not meet ALL our operational needs. Our short-falls often fall into the "Nice to Have" categories....but in many ways they can be critical to our success, and many of these "luxuries" are the sort which may make the difference between whether a client stays in the program, or leaves. We certainly would not expect any one club to take on these requests, and we realize that it may not be possible to meet all these "Christmas Wishes" even in a combined effort. But we wanted to share our "asks" with you. Your assistance with any of these "Christmas Wishes" will certainly make our days bright!!!

Thank you for all that you do! Carol Tracey

> 1) Funds needed to purchase items for youth: A) running shoes: Often time, youth arrive at Cassidy Lake with no proper foot apparel to participate in fitness activities in the fitness center or go for a walk or a run on the Recovery Trail. For those who do not have the means to purchase running shoes, we would like to have running shoes on hand to "give" those individuals the footwear. These would be set aside and kept at the center and would be gifted on an as

needed basis. Initially we would be looking at purchasing two or three pairs of each of sizes 7,8,9 10,11 and 12 for each community (male and female). B) backpacks: We had backpacks for youth completing the Portage Program who were returning to high school and we would like to resume this activity.

2) Funds needed for 20 classroom chairs: We have had an increase of the number of youth attending Portage. As such, we would benefit from 20 new, stackable and durable school chairs. These many chairs would allow us to have 5 to 10 set aside for future use. The cost is approximately \$100 to \$150 each (depending on brand and if we can get a discount).

3) Funds needed for Shaw Cable TV: In2014 we received a donation from a LionsClub and part of that donation went towards

providing cable tv for the residents at Cassidy Lake. We paid the monthly cost using this donation and the donation lasted until just recently! We would like to be able to continue this service. The residents at Cassidy Lake are not allowed phones and have no internet. The Cable TV allowed them to watch newsworthy events etc. from time to time. The monthly cost varied but, in general, it would be \$83.00 per month.



INVITATION			
Lions Club Name:			I confirm that the board of directors has approved
First Name:	MI: Last Name:	Suffix:	this member for membership in this Lions club. Signature of Club Secretary:
Gender: 🗌 Male 🛛 🗌 Female Occupation:	ou:		
Date of Birth:	Spouse's Name:		
Address:			CHECKLIST:
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Phone:	Email:		Add the member using the My LCI or include the
review qualification criteria and fees	for the following:		member's name and address on the monuny membership report. When the entrance fees and dues have been collected and the new member has have
□ Former Member □ Transfer Member	Member Member Number:	ts@lionsclubs.org)	provided and the networks and the second of the new membership card, turn money over to the club treasurer.
Previous Club Name:	Previous	Previous Club Number:	the club roster and mailing list.
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I accept membership into Lions Clubs International and that the standards are limited to persons of good-moral character and reputation. I recognize the importance of rendering personal service to my community in cooperation with other civic-minded persons. I understand that membership is not valid until approved by the club's board of directors.	mational and that the standards ar the importance of rendering pers sons. I understand that membersh	e limited to persons of good onal service to my community lip is not valid until approved	order such as shirts of personalized badges.
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