



N-1 Paw Prints



We Serve

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District Governor Message

N 1



District Lions



May, 2021

Thank you for allowing me to be your 2020-2021 District Governor. The Pandemic has challenged us to find new ways to serve in our communities while following the rules of the Public Health Officer. I want to congratulate all Lions in our district for the work you did this year. Our motto is “We Serve’ and we did much to help those in need in our communities. Clubs reported they have assisted with food hampers, foodbanks, and financial donations and with other events in their communities. We may feel disappointed we did not participate with what we normally do, pancake breakfasts and dinners, but most community events were cancelled. Clubs in our District are eager to get back to “Normal” as soon as we are permitted.

My District Governor training started in Chicago in February 2020, since then I have had Zoom after Zoom meetings to complete my training, district and multiple district conventions, Cabinet meetings etc.. My goal was to visit all clubs in our district; however, I was only able to visit the clubs on PEI and three clubs in New Brunswick. I want to thank PCC Susan Sangster for arranging all our District Zoom meetings.

Another goal I had was to have two new clubs formed. This was accomplished. I had the privilege of chartering two new clubs, the Black Rock Pokeshaw Lions Club and Mount Stewart Lions Club, as well a new Branch Club, the Cymbria Lady Lions, was formed. This fall I will present their Charters and I hope our district will be able to welcome and celebrate with them. We did have one club close, the Georgetown Lions Club.

My District Project is for the new Ronald McDonald House. My goal was to raise \$50,000 US\$ and apply for a LCIF matching grant. I am pleased to announce, to date, our district collected over \$90,000.00 with donations still being accepted; maybe we can reach \$100,000. I am waiting to hear back from International on the grant approval.

Our district planted 10,000 trees, in support of the Canadian Lions Centennial celebrations, and we supported Portage and every youth client attending Portage received a gift at Christmas.

My term as District Governor is coming to an end. I want to thank Cabinet Secretary Lion Beverly Semple for all her guidance and correspondence to clubs and assisting me this year. As well thanks to PCC Susan Sangster, as she organized District Zoom meetings, District training and much more. A Great mentor!

Another thank you goes out to Dispute Resolution Chair PDG Larry Barton, PCC Susan Sangster and Lions Kathy and Jim Belliveau for helping to rebuild a club, and for their continued support.

Thank you to my Executive Team, Vice District Governors, Lion John Bettle and Lion Dawn Penton, Cabinet Treasurer Carlos Vicente and my GAT team GLT PDG Lion Susan Sangster, GST PCC Lion Paul Cousins, and GMT Lion Ed Evans. Great job, thank you for your support.

Congratulations to the incoming N 1 Executive: District Governor Lion John Bettle, VDGs Lions Dawn Penton and Lion Susan Stennick, Cabinet Secretary PCC Lion Bev Semple and Cabinet Treasurer Lion Carlos Vicente.

Congratulations to MDN Council Chair Lion Michael Foote and all incoming MDN District Governors.

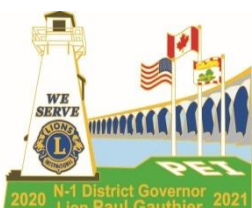
Thank you to outgoing Council Chair PDG Lloyd Soucie, District Governor's N 2 Jayne, N 3 Brad, N 4 Michael, it was a pleasure serving with you as the Multiple District N Council of Governors

To all Lions in District N 1, thank you for the opportunity to have served as your District Governor and for your continued support to our Lions Mission and Vision Statements.

N 1 District Governor

Lion Paul Gauthier

2020-2021





I am excited at the prospects of serving District N 1 Lions as your next District Governor. I congratulate First Vice DG Dawn Hobbs-Penton and Second Vice DG Susan Stennick on their successful election results. They will serve your District well. I would like to thank DG Paul Gauthier on successfully leading us through this pandemic. I will share the specifics my goals in July, but I certainly have goals to increase membership through adding members and engaging more of our members to keep them active. DG Paul supported the new Ronald MacDonald House and I hope to see a new building for LFC Guide Dogs.

We hope to reach more grassroots Lions for training, create more service projects and increase our reporting. You also need to hear the stories of where our LCIF money goes and the good it does.

With Covid 19, and safety first we were limited in hosting conventions and club meetings in person. Raising funds was tough and we did well to keep our clubs alive. With nearing the end of this pandemic we are hoping to have clubs meet regular, zone meetings happening and Cabinet meetings filling up with our Lions. I encourage all Lions to come to these meetings and meet new friends while conversing with your ole friends. We have a great opportunity to get together on September 18th at Riverview Lions Club for a Double Awards evening This will be for CC Lloyd Soucie and DG Paul Gauthier. This will be open to all Lions, great time at the awards and then you can tell your fishing stories later. This should be one great big party! Then on Sunday, 19th we will have our Cabinet meeting. This will be a great time to talk with your cabinet members and learn what is happening in your District.

For those who are reading this newsletter, great, but then remind your friends to read as well. Lion Bill ODonnell is our editor and would love to publish your clubs success stories and any major events. Let's use our newsletter and we will know what is happening in our district.

I am looking forward to our Montreal Virtual Convention as this years District Governors are called pioneers as we are the first group to have all training virtually. This should be an exciting event and I believe we will take our Oath on the fourth day. This is the chance of a lifetime as you can attend an International Convention for little money when you would normally have a cost in excess of \$3,500.

I first ran as 2nd VDG with the slogan of " The Power of We" and I still believe the same. We can achieve more when we work with others instead of doing it alone.

I look forward to serving you in 2021-22.

DGE John Bettle



BREAKING NEWS !! GREAT NEWS from Lions Clubs International !!

Dear Club Leader,

Due to the ongoing challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada.

The ongoing travel and health advisories, and the size and complexity of our convention, led to this difficult decision. The board of directors also agreed to host a future convention in the beautiful city of New Delhi in a mutually-agreed upon year.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time COVID-19 has required our organization to make adjustments for the health and safety of our Lions, staff, vendors and local communities. In 2020, the board of directors voted to cancel the Singapore convention due to the government of Singapore restricting entry to the country. In January 2021, the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention was transformed from an in-person event in Montréal, Canada to the organization's first virtual convention in response to the ongoing global pandemic.

We would like to recognize our Lions in India who are such an important part of our Lion family. They have been dealing with a very challenging moment in their country, like so many others around the world. We know that Lions are working there to safely serve their communities, and everywhere we serve. While COVID-19 has forced us to change the way we live, work and serve, we will continue to meet this challenge together.

We will be working to move ahead with planning our 2022 international convention in Montréal, which will take place from June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate them to the Lions of the world.

I thank you all for your perseverance through these unprecedented times.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

District News ...

Parade of Cheques

Each year, in recent years, the District Governor has designated a special "District Project" during his year, sets a goal for the District, and encourages all clubs to contribute in the way and to the extent that they are able.

For 2020-2021, DG Paul designated the RMHC Atlantic "More Room for Love" capital campaign, and he set a goal of reaching \$US 50,000, and goal which would allow the District to qualify for an LCIF matching grant.

As noted in his opening remarks, DG Paul is thrilled to report that, as of this writing, the clubs of District N 1 have donated over \$CDN 90,000 (and counting!!) !!!

The funds generated by this project, combined with other fund-raising efforts by RMHC Atlantic, will allow the construction of a new, much larger Ronald McDonald House Atlantic in Halifax, to support families who accompany their children under-going treatment at IWK....a facility that serves ALL areas of MDN !! There will also be renovations completed at the smaller RMH unit in Moncton.

It isn't too late to support this worthy campaign. See the DG's message, below.

To All District N 1 Clubs

Reminder

We are still accepting donations for our District fundraiser for

Ronald McDonald House Charities

I thank all clubs who have participated and sent in their check.

Any club wishing to donate to our District Project please contact me

gauthierple@hotmail.com

I am keeping a list of all clubs who donate, regardless the amount, in order to acknowledge the participating clubs.

Send check to Cabinet Treasurer Carlos Vicente
payable to **District N 1 Lions**

Thank you

Lion Paul Gauthier
N1 District Governor
2020-2021

Necrology Service 2021

One of the most solemn activities during the annual District N 1 Convention each year is the annual Necrology Service, which recognizes the passing of colleagues throughout the District. The ceremony includes a memorial service, and is highlighted by the announcement of the name of each departed Lion, followed by the sounding of the gong.

Here are the Lions who were celebrated at the 2021 Necrology Service:

A Time of Remembrance

Names of Deceased Lions Read by: District Governor Lion Paul

(List of the Deceased Names and Club)

District N 1

2020 - 2021

Deceased Members

Club

Lion Levi Merchant	Calais Lions Club
Lion Al Smith	Calais Lions Club
Lion Vernon Richards	Charlottetown Lions Club
Lion Dwight Gauthier	Cymbria Lions Club
Warren Folkins	(Charter Member) Dorchester Lions Club
Lion Andrew Robb	East Royalty Lions Club
Lion Ralph Shears PDG	Fredericton Lions Club
Lion Dale Theriault	Fort Kent Lions Club
Lion Paul Von Richter	Hampton Lions Club
Lion Dale Dickinson	Humphrey Lewisville Sunny Brae LC
Lion Ronald Hudson	Humphrey Lewisville Sunny Brae LC
Lion Fred Holland	Kennebecasis Lions Club
Lion Chester Paynter	Kensington Lions Club
Lion Wanda Stewart	Kensington Lions Club
Lion Paul Black	Magnetic Hill Lions Club

Lion David Barker	McAdam Lions Club
Lion Delbert Dale Johnson	Moncton Lions Club
Lion Elwood Tracy	Nackawic Lions Club
Lion Michael O'Shea	North & South Esk Lions Club
Lion Stan Amirault	Quispamsis Island View Lions Club
Lion Linda Jean Symes	Rexton Lions Club
Lion Larry D. Hicks	Riverview Lions Club
Lion Wayne Snider	Riverview Lions Club
Lion Harry Twigger	Riverview Lions Club
Lion Bernard Tousevard	Riverview Lions Club
Lion Rejean Gascon	Shippagan Lions Club
Lion Roger Noel	Shippagan Lions Club
Lion Vince Daley	Stratford & Area Lions Club
Lioness Vivian MacLean	St. Eleanors Lioness Club
Lion Richard Jacques Clairoux	St. Stephen Milltown Lions Club
Lion James Campbell	Souris Lions Club
Lion G Lloyd Schmidt	Tobique Lions Club
Lion Rick MacDonald	Douglastown
Lion Wilber MacDonald	Vernon River Lions Club
Lion John D MacKinnon	Vernon River Lions Club



Service Shorts

This section is a regular feature of each issue of ***N 1 Paw Prints***.

This section provides an opportunity for every club in District N 1 to “blow their own horn”, to exercise their bragging rights and promote their activities, either beforehand or after-the-fact.

The problem recently is that the Editor is receiving fewer and fewer submissions from clubs. You are missing the chance to tell your story, and it is making a greater challenge for the editor to put together an interesting and informative publication.

N 1 Paw Prints is a little bit “Old School”, in that it is a printed publication, but it is also a “hybrid” because it is distributed electronically....so you can share it far and wide, you can file e-copies for as long as you like. You can't line the kitty litter box.....unless you print a copy.

Bragging in ***N 1 Paw Prints*** is easy !! You don't even have to write your own story – just send some facts, figures and a bit of background info, and your Editor can create the story. Send a picture – ACTION photos of Lions and friends actually doing things are more interesting – and a few words for a caption. Please avoid “formatting” information too much – the Editor reserves the right to manipulate placements and word-counts to allow for available space.

Send your information to Editor, Lion Bill O'Donnell (odonnebk@rogers.com). Submission deadlines will be sent out periodically by the CS.

So, take advantage of your District Newsletter. Help us make it the best little paper in the East. And, now, some sample submissions follow, for you to enjoy:

Warm Hands Warm Hearts

The “Warm Hands, Warm Hearts” project was started by the Pickwauket Lions Club in 2006. We have volunteers that knit or crochet many hats, mitts, and headbands for the kids in the Hampton area. Our Lions Club buys some of the yarn, and a lot more yarn is donated.

Lion Debbie Asbridge is the Chairperson for this much appreciated project. Since 2006 the Pickwauket Lions Club has donated close to 4000 handmade items. This year, 2021, is the biggest -- we have donated with over 600 items. Lion Debbie says nothing gives her more pleasure than making these much needed items and giving them out to the children in the schools. Lion Debbie states, “This makes my heart feel pretty good when I can do this.” Lion Debbie and the Pickwauket Lions will continue this project for a long time.



PEI Clubs Join Forces

Five clubs in PEI joined forces in recent weeks, to create and deliver a raffle / lottery, with the proceeds designated to support the RMHC Atlantic "More Room for Love" capital campaign. The project generated \$5,590, which was delivered to DG Paul Gauthier.



Some Other Examples

Club submissions may be short and sweet. Or, they can also be a "Feature Article", especially if your club is marking a special charter anniversary, or if you are working on (or have completed) a major project. Perhaps it is to commemorate a special charter, or a joint project with other community organizations.

Space in N1Paw Prints is virtually unlimited, so send things along.

What follows could be classed as an "essay report" from each of two regular contributors. The Editor hopes these will give you some ideas for future contributions.

Fort Kent Lions Club vs. COVID-19

The COVID 19 pandemic hit Fort Kent, Maine, population 4,000, like most other small rural towns. State mandated regulations placed schools, and non-essential business, like restaurants, hair dressing salons etc. under strict restrictions or forced them to close their doors. People did not know the impacts of this dangerous virus or how long the economic and social impacts were going to last. Workers were having hours cut back or being laid off. Students, parents and teachers were struggling with the difficulties of remote learning. It was a very uncertain time.

The Fort Kent Lions Club, made up of 120 members, was impacted as well. They could no longer have their biweekly meetings to plan service projects for the communities they serve, as well as fund raising events. The Lions Club Board of directors quickly adapted and held a number of board meeting via Zoom. During these meetings that it was decided that with the Club's long history of serving the Fort Kent community, they had to step up and play a positive role in helping to get through this unprecedented pandemic.

The first order of business was to instill some hope and optimism among all the doom and gloom. The club had several motivational banners made to lift the spirits of the community. Early one morning, 2 Lions, who are also on the Town of Fort Kent public works crew, put up the banners at prominent intersections in town. As town folks and kids went about their daily routines, they were up lifted by banners that read "No Matter How Bad Things Seem, Better Things Are Yet To Come, So Smile and Don't Lose Hope!". (Fort Kent Lions Club)

Next on the table was helping address the shortage of hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizing was now becoming a new routine for everyone, product was in short supply, to the point that some of the essential businesses and schools were struggling to operate due to lack of supply. The Lions Club was fortunate to have a pharmacist, as a member, who stepped up and said "I can make hand sanitizer." So with support of the Club and several Member volunteers, 500 bottles of hand sanitizer were manufactured. These were distributed to local business and school employees who were

struggling to get supplies. The product was a Godsend for some of community businesses and spared them additional expenses for PPEs.

Like all communities, Fort Kent and surrounding areas, had folks and small businesses who were struggling financially. Restaurants were especially hard hit with restrictions and customers staying away. The Club decided it needed to do something to help those who were being impacted. Since the area has a long rich history of potato farming, what better way to help then to distribute potatoes! Club members devised a plan to obtain and distribute potatoes. Between donations from generous local farmers and purchases by the Fort Kent Lions Club, thousands of pounds were supplied to local restaurants, stores and food pantries to distribute to families in need. The restaurants used these supplies to make discounted /free meals for those customers who they felt could use a helping hand. To go along with the potato donations, the Club also made financial donations to the same establishments. These funds were used to help provide discounted meals to the community.

To get the whole club involved in the project, it was decided to make a "Potato Toss" video. Eighty club members participated in "tossing" a potato to one another. This was an awesome project that really showed the spirit of the club. The video can be viewed at [Potato toss - YouTube](#)

As this crazy COVID Pandemic comes to an end with the availability of life saving vaccines, the Fort Kent Lions Club had an opportunity to contribute to the community once again. A local pharmacist was organizing a vaccination clinic for local senior citizens. Several club members had the honor of volunteering for parking and crowd control. This was an awesome project to see this pandemic come to a much needed end.

This is in addition to our 'regular' activities of providing the lighting of our municipal Christmas tree, our lighting of downtown and gifts for town's kids, small but meaningful, street light pole lights, our Compassion for Christmas which this year provided gifts, toys, food and heating assistance for several families, etc.

We, on the American side of N 1, are alive and glad to start up in person again next week. Let's hope the surge remains in a downswing.

As the Fort Kent Lions would say at our meetings in recognition of a Job Well Done:

ROAR LIONS
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In true Lion Spirit,

"If you See Something,
Say Something,
Better Yet, Do Something,
Be the Difference Maker!"

CC Lloyd

FK Lions Club Administrator



Members of Fort Kent Lions Club load potatoes, to deliver to local restaurants, food banks and families.



New Maryland Lions Club

(Full disclosure: this is the home club of your Editor....so it helps provide "filler" content, or genuine content of interest, when things go really right.)

New Maryland Lions Club is a smaller club, located on the southern outskirts of Frederickton. The community of 4,500 or so boasts an active club of currently 25ish members. But, although small, we consider it Mighty.

The arrival of Covid-19 disrupted "normal operations" here, as well. It took a short while, but the club wheeled to Zoom meetings, and quickly began to look for ways (and activities) that could help the community.

First up was a Canada Day "Reverse Parade". Since most usual activities were cancelled, the club offered prizes for various categories (especially kids, and families), and challenges residents to decorate their yards to show their pride. The initial event was a tremendous success. Prizes were presented in the form of Gift Certificates from local businesses....which the Lions Club purchased, to support the businesses who so often back them!!

The signature event for the club is a Food & Toy Drive that typically supports 200+ families, plus extra supplies for several local shelters, community kitchen and local food banks. The traditional format is a three-evening Santa Claus Parade thru Village streets, gathering food and new toys – THAT wasn't happening in 2020!! So we devised a Drop-off donations process, hoping that the residents would still support the need. Well, we were still able to help 140+ families, and the other organizations!! Our distribution day was converted to a "touchless" process, that also worked very well.

As the weather began to improve, we decided to try a Drive-thru Chili Dinner, an event to replace an annual project with a local high school (it is usually a breakfast, and proceeds support their Nutrition Program). We planned the dinner, with the high school. The school Culinary Arts program grabbed the opportunity to get some

practice, cooking chili (beef and veggie), cornbread muffins and cookies, The event generated an amazing \$3200+ "at the driveway", which NM Lions topped up, allowing a \$2000 contribution to the FHS Nutrition Program, and jointly, FHS and NM Lions donated \$1000 to each of New Maryland Elementary School and Bliss Carman Middle School, for their nutrition needs.



Above: Some of the 140+ food boxes for distribution. **Below:** Food delivered to the Community Kitchen to support their needs.



Lions Clubs everywhere are finding innovative ways to meet the needs of our communities, and beyond.

Tell us about YOUR ways !!!