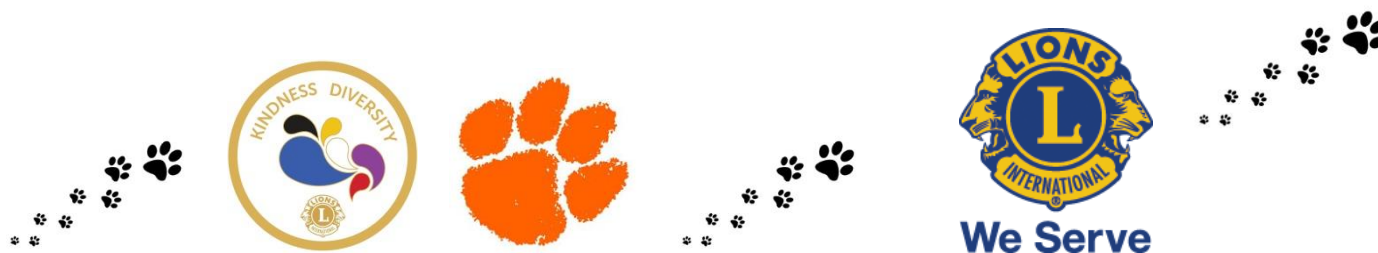




N-1 Paw Prints



District N-1 Newsletter

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District N1 Lions,

We have faced challenging times during the first half of this Lions year. The Covid pandemic has caused all kinds of issues for our clubs. Most are now meeting under the guidelines of Public Health in their province. However, some clubs are still unable to meet because their hall is in a community hall or school. I encourage clubs to try to meet virtual and keep in touch with their members.

The pandemic has made us change how we do things within our club and raise funds to support our community. The pancake breakfasts and Seniors Christmas dinners have become take-out meals or cancelled in most communities. Our Bingo halls closed or reduced patrons.

Our motto is "We Serve" and there are citizens and organizations in the community your club could assist by helping at food banks, or help a senior prepare their property for winter.

The travel restrictions caused by the pandemic may cause some neighbors or senior's families not getting home to visit them at Christmas, maybe you can reach out, visit or send greetings.

My District goals and objectives were to grow and strengthen District N-1 Lions Clubs throughout New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and our 3 border clubs in Maine. We now have 2 new charter clubs, Mount Stewart Lions Club and Pokeshaw Black Rock Club and a Branch club is being formed in Cymbria. As well, there are several clubs reporting new members. Congratulations to the new clubs and welcome all new lions.

My goal is to visit all clubs in our District, however I will have to wait until the travel rules lift before resuming my New Brunswick Club visits.

I want to thank all clubs who supported Portage with Christmas gifts for the youth and with finances for their facility/program.

As we enter this Christmas Season we should all give thanks for our health and how

fortunate we are to live here in the Maritimes and thanks to all our family and friends for their love and support.

From my family to yours
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Lion Paul Gauthier
N1 District Governor 2020-2021



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Lions and their families of District N 1

From VDG John and Lion Jayne Bettle.

With the Christmas season upon us, I wish that all Lions have the opportunity to see their families and loved ones. With Covid providing limitations on us seeing families, having meetings and causing hardships to fundraise, we are Lions and will overcome. With love and kindness we will always beat the odds. Communicate with your members and keep them active.

VDG N 1

Lion John Bettle



From CC Lloyd Soucie:

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 Happy and Merry Christmas! I hope that you all find the Joy, Peace and Love we seek with ourselves and loved ones.

As I travel virtually 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!"

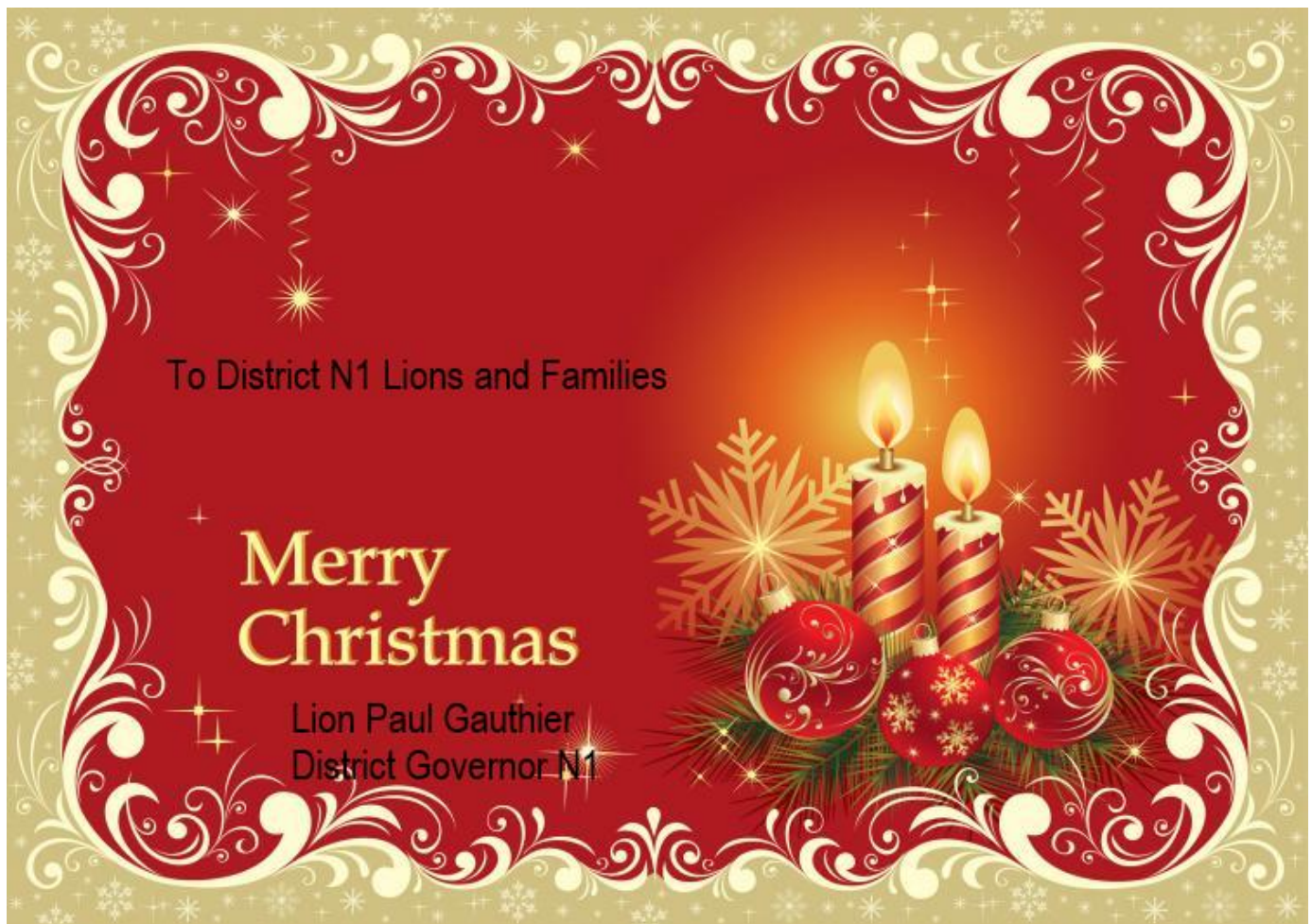
Stay Healthy, Safe, and Home, or at least close to it!



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2020.....A Challenge

The Year 2020, without question, has been one of the most challenging years in recent memory. In March, the Covid-19 pandemic made abrupt changes in the lives of people around the world. And Lions have been no different.....their world and their activities have been impacted, too.

But, Lions around the world have continued to answer the call, to step up and step in, perhaps when others wouldn't....or couldn't.

That statement is, in no way, intended to take away from First Responders or Essential Workers, around the globe. We THANK them for their dedication, their commitment, and their service. But, among many other things, Lions have found ways to support those Heroes, and to help share the load.

Lions have had to find new ways to serve their communities. Many have seen their "normal" fund-raising activities sidelined. But they have imagined new ways to survive and to support.

The Lions of District N 1 have answered these challenges well.

The format of this edition of N 1 Paw Prints is also different. Apologies from the Editor for the late schedule. This is our first edition, so we have some "catching up" to do. Several stories in the following pages will show how clubs in our District have responded. Enjoy !!

....The Editor

Summer / Fall

Although 2020 has been notable as a Pandemic Year, to Lions in Canada, it marks 100 Years of Service in Canada.

In 1920, Lions Clubs International truly became "international" with the chartering of the first Lions Club in Canada, in Windsor Ontario.

As one of the projects to commemorate this milestone, Lions Clubs across Canada agreed to plant 100,000 trees. The clubs of District N 1 made a commitment to plant 10 thousand trees towards that goal.



JD Irving Woodlands generously offered a donation of 10,000 seedlings for the Lions of District N 1, and in August, members of clubs from throughout the District met District Governor Paul Gauthier at the Irving Nursery in Sussex, to pick up the seedlings.

Irving employees provided information and tours of their extensive operations in Sussex, before sending Lions on their way with trays and trays of seedlings.

Over the coming days, clubs made certain to plant their donated seedlings, and in the end, the seedlings that were delivered and planted exceeded the 10,000 tree commitment.

Clubs were aided by community volunteers, as well, including scout leaders and members. Plantings included reforestation sites, trails, and many other types of location.



All in all, this will provide a lasting – and beneficial – recognition of this important milestone for the Lions of Canada.

Thank you to all the clubs who participated.

Harvey Lions Club and Lioness Club



(L-R) Standing: Zone 10 Zone Chair Lion Carl Elson, Lion Steve Ferran, Club President King Lion Larry Hanselbacher Lion (Lioness) Debbie Harris, Lion Richard Phillips, Lion Joey Jones Lion Rick MacDonald, Lion Rayma Bernard, Lion Denzil Bernard.

Sitting: Lioness President Lena McDonough, Lion Joe Connors

Members of the Harvey Station Lions Club recently gathered to dedicate a tree on the club property, in memory of deceased members of the Harvey Station Lions and Lioness Clubs. The names of all deceased members were read and in Lions tradition the gong was rung by the club President and Queen Lioness Lena McDonough.

In April of 2019, we decided as part of the 100th anniversary in Canada, to plant a tree in memory of all deceased members of the club. After much discussion, a Flowering Hawthorn tree was bought and planted.

Once we were able to meet again, we were able to erect a sign and hold a dedication ceremony.

Sneaking Up on Christmas

Many clubs have activities that gear up towards Hallowe'en and Christmas. Several clubs organized "socially distanced" events such as Trunk or Treat.

Some clubs focused on "Pandemic Support", whether it was production / purchase / delivery of PPE - personal protective equipment – or finding ways to recognize First Responders and Medical Workers, or just trying to help their community fend off "cabin fever" and Pandemic boredom and frustration.

Soon, clubs developed operational plans (yes....they have gotten THAT "professional" at delivering events or projects in current conditions) to hold successful fund-raisers, like Drive-Through Dinners, or Yard Sales.




Kensington Lions prep take-out dinners



Summerside Lions hold Indoor Yard Sale



Social media promotions take on a different "focus":



**Riverview Lions Club**
November 19 at 9:26 AM • 🌐

***Update: we will be following the provincial orange guidelines, wearing masks, using lots of sanitizer and limiting contact. The food banks will still need our help! So we will see you tomorrow!! 😊


We have a few dinners still available, call 961-2049 or the number on the poster if you would like to order one for tomorrow night! 😊

Roast Beef Dinner

Friday, November 20th, 2020 - 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Cost \$20, Must pre-order before November 16th



All proceeds going to
Local Food Banks



Dinner Includes: Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, peas, coleslaw, roll and cheesecake. To pre-order call 386-7279

Riverview Lions Club
701 Coverdale Road, Riverview, NB

The safety of our guests is ever-important.

Thanks so much for your support!



The Riverview Lions Club has taken "Drive-thru" to an entirely new level of success, delivering several events in that style during recent months.



Remembrance Day in PEI

Many clubs participated in events that form a part of their annual calendar.....but even events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies were different, using live-streamed events or individual visits to the local cenotaph, continuing to honour our fallen veterans, but doing so safely.

Another heartening trend has shown Lions Clubs working together on joint projects or events. For example, the Summerside Lions Club teamed up with the Kensington Lions Club to host the annual Ham and Scallop Dinner – take-out version, of course.

Christmastime

Christmas Season is always a busy season for Lions Clubs....because the needs just seem to become more apparent

Lions Clubs have also helped other service organizations to continue their important campaigns. For example:



Summerside Lions members helped staff the Red Cross Kettle Campaign location, when volunteers were in short supply for that organization.



Winsloe Lions Club supported their local “Christmas Angel” campaign with a generous donation. They raised their funds through a unique “Pint Draw” elimination. Their donation was just over \$2,000.

Not every project was completely cancelled – they could often go ahead, but they required a lot more thought for making things safe.



A small group of Summerside Lions met with some of their Summerside Y's-men counterparts, to select trees for the joint Christmas Tree lot. Masks and hand sanitizer become part of standard equipment.

Summerside Lions also teamed with their Kinsmen colleagues to deliver the annual Food Hamper Project, delivering more than 200 food hampers to needy families.



New Maryland Lions Club (full disclosure: your Editor's Home Club) holds an annual Food & Toy Drive that represents their "signature event".

It usually hinges on a three-evening "Collection Parade" which normally sees Santa and his Elves travel through the streets of the Village, collecting non-perishable food and toys. In the past, as many as 220+ hampers have been provided, along with turkey and vegetables for Christmas dinner.

In 2020, pandemic restrictions convinced members that the "parade" approach could not be used. So members devised a "Contact-less Drop-off" that ran for three days. It was hugely successful, allowing all the support requests that were received to be delivered – also contact-free – as well as providing substantial support to the Community Kitchen and two local food banks.



Faith Baptist Church allowed the Lions to "take over" their gym for a full week, allowing well-spaced sorting and packing.

The contact-free delivery process worked smoothly.



The delivery to the Community Kitchen included cereals, lots of pasta, rice, fresh veggies and several frozen turkeys. Should help for a meal or two!!





On behalf of all those who overcame their
substance abuse problem, a heartfelt thank you.
You contributed in changing their lives.

Sending you our most sincere wishes
for health and happiness.
May 2021 bring better days.

The Portage Family



Portage Atlantic in 2020

Operations at Portage Atlantic have also been heavily impacted by the changes brought to us in 2020 by the Covid-19 pandemic.

After their program initially shut down, operations resumed, but with reduced numbers of clients in the program at any given time. As a residential program, resuming operations meant self-quarantine before individuals could move into their “community bubble”. Even now, new resident arrivals must isolate before integrating into the program, so Portage has been fortunate to be able to use recreational vehicles as “isolation suites”.

Pandemic restrictions have also impacted certain “milestone events” in the annual Portage Atlantic calendar, including the September “Recognition Celebration”, for residents who have completed their program, and of course the Lions’ Christmas Party that normally takes place in early December. It was important that the Christmas Party be able to take place....in a modified format....because isolation requirements (self-isolating for 14 days, ideally at each end) meant that residents could not “go home” this year for the three or four days that many are often able to do – everyone would need to stay “in place” at Portage.

Nevertheless, Lions responded to the call from Lion Lorraine Pollack, stepping in and providing sponsorship for each of the Christmas “adoptions” that takes place – clubs throughout the District apply for and are assigned one (or more) residents to “adopt”, and be their Secret Santa. Each resident provides a “wish list” of needs or interests. This year, although the overall number of residents was reduced, the self-quarantine process that has been introduced has led to some additional supply wishes from the school. These provided additional recreational and program materials for residents to use, individually, during their on-boarding process.

Although 2020 has been a very different year for Portage Atlantic, they continue to provide the same levels and styles of caring rehabilitation.....the caring guidance that has helped so many of our Atlantic youth to return – successfully – to a productive life. And Lions throughout District N 1 are proud and pleased to play a small part in that rehabilitation !

To the residents and staff of Portage Atlantic, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and all the best for the New Year in 2021 from the Lions of District N 1 !!

News from “The Other Side” (Maine, that is)



The Fort Kent Lions Club, through this pandemic, is still visible in the community through our acts of kindness. Since we started meeting again face to face, we have been vigilant in our state’s regulations when it comes to masking, distancing and sanitizing. Board of Directors meeting via Zoom when necessary to get things done.

Since last fall here are a few of the ways we have helped our communities:

- Provided a second round of potatoes to restaurants to provide free fries, mashed potatoes to meals being given to those in need. Over 500 lbs. of taters, all provided free to us by one of our members, who chooses to remain anonymous to others, (other than club members, of course, as we only have 1 farmer on board) .
- Purchased 25 turkeys for the United Way Turkey Drive held in Town, Fort Kent blew the other 3 collection locations away. All turkey dinners stayed to be served locally.
- Provided the lights for the Town’s Christmas tree again, decorated by about 10 members on our first day of real cold in November. CC Lloyd provided the coffee!
- Initiated a Light Up the Town Challenge to lift Spirits up around town, we challenged the Town of Fort Kent to decorate and light up the Town Office building, Town Manager then challenged the Univ. of ME at For Kent to do likewise, etc. By end of it, the whole town should be amazing! Unfortunately, we do not own a building to light up.
- We agreed to partner up with the University (UMFK) to light up the Street Light poles on Pleasant Street in Green and Gold lights, school colors, as a way to help them help some of their International students who have

been unable to return home for some time now!

- Conducting our Compassion for Christmas, where roughly 2 families will get to have a Christmas which otherwise would be pretty bare under the tree!

Unfortunately, since we have had a surge in cases locally, we are back to not meeting face to face until the New Year, at least. We want to wish all of our Lions "cousins" in Canada a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, hopefully vision 2020 will be hindsight!



Service Recognition

Not all things have been completely sidelined or revamped since the arrival of the pandemic, although even when things take place "normally", there must be the accommodations made for public health.



The Kensington Lions Club recently marked 66 years of service to their community.

During the celebration, several members were also recognized for individual service commitment:

Lion Bev Semple was honored with 25 year chevron, Lion Paul Cousins with 40 year chevron, Lion Keith Sudsbury with 40 year chevron, and Lion Wilfred Gillis with 25 year chevron. All were presented by District Governor Lion Paul Gauthier.

Also, Lion Scott Zimmerman, Lion Theresa Cousins and Lion Wanda MacMurdo were presented with Life Memberships to Lions Foundation of Canada.

Congratulations to all, and Thank You for your service.

Pandemic Assistance

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the Covid-19 restrictions have had huge impact on many clubs' usual fund-raising events.

Financial assistance MAY be available to assist in continuing operations, and to continue providing support to your community.

For more information, visit:

[Community Investment Fund \(CIF\) \(gnb.ca\)](https://www.gnb.ca/cif/)

Feature Article

Lions in Partnership

Meeting Community Needs

In 2021 the Humphrey, Lewisville, Sunny Brae Lions Club will celebrate their 50th Anniversary; over the past fifty years the members of the Club have dedicated themselves to improving and supporting the quality of life in the community they serve. This article is about ingenuity, partnership and thinking outside the box.

In 2012 members of the local Hospice Board attended a meeting with Club members and gave a presentation outlining a request for a monetary donation as they had identified a need in the community and were hoping to build a Hospice home to provide dignified end of life care and family support to those in need.

Members of the Hum-Lew-Sun Land Use Committee immediately saw an opportunity to provide a more valuable donation to this group - the land on which to build their Hospice home. Following joint meetings and Club discussions, in January 2013 a unanimous motion was passed to deed a portion of our lot to Hospice for the sole purpose of building a Hospice for our Community. The value of this donation was \$200,000.00. The official cheque presentation took place in 2019 with members of SENB Hospice and the Club.



In a June 17, 2019 press release Hospice Southeast New Brunswick outlined what the Hospice home will include - 10 private patient rooms, four family rooms, a garden and covered decks, meditation room, commercial kitchen, dining room, large sun room, children's play area, offices for medical and Hospice SENB staff and volunteers, onsite laundry facilities as well as a boardroom. Dennis Cochrane, chair of the board of directors of Hospice SENB, in his remarks, stated that "The 11,700 sq.-ft. hospice will be constructed on 2.2 hectares of land generously donated by the Hum-Lew-Sun Lions Club. The land has a long history of service to the community. Years ago, it served as a ball field for the former Sunnyside School, while more recently it served as the home of the Hum-Lew-Sun Lions Club building. We are very grateful for the Lions' kind donation and will work very hard to ensure that they are proud of what goes there. These selfless community leaders are to be commended for the legacy they are leaving. This new facility will help a lot of people."

As with all partnerships, there are ebbs and flows and 2020 has certainly been a year of uncertainty for all of us, construction was delayed and the original completion date of November 2020 was pushed out into 2021 but we are very pleased to say construction is well underway having begun in October 2020.



Construction
Begins -
Day 1

As the members of the Humphrey, Lewisville, Sunny Brae Lions Club begin their plans to celebrate 50 years of service to the community they also will celebrate the visionary thinking of long term members like Gordon Hicks who has been a member for over forty years and was chair of the land use committee when Hospice made their first presentation in 2012 and has worked tirelessly to see this project come to fruition. "We Serve" is the Lions motto and the members of this Club do so willingly on an ongoing basis year in and year out and to mark a milestone anniversary, partnership and project the 50th Anniversary pin for the Humphrey, Lewisville, Sunny Brae Lions Club will feature the new SENB Hospice Home which will officially open to the public in May, 2021.

