

#### Youth

I'm pleased to announce that the Youth Network is going to be taken over by the incoming Second Vice District Governor each year. My hope is that they use this platform to bring in new, younger-at-heart members to keep-Lions going for the next 100 years.

We all want to be young again and, with the help from new members, we can. We also must continue to have fun with everything we do in Lionism. It is how we represent ourselves to the public and each other, to have them want to join us in what we do! What we need is members from all walks of life to pass on the knowledge from one generation to the next.

There will be a lot of changes in the next several years with technology and so on and we need to keep on top to move forward. Things change and we need to change with the change.

#### **April Newsletter**

#### **Hear Me Roar!!**

In time of Covid I send great thanks to Lion Kim Stewart and her wonderful team for hosting this year's Spring Convention. It brought tears to my eyes to see and hear everyone stand and Roar!!! I have been waiting along time to hear that!

We had lot of good fun, good food and good fellowship. We handed out awards for Secretary of the year. By you submitting all your reports one the new Activity Reports it made our lives so much easier and interesting as we read each and everyone.

The only real sad part was knowing we had to say goodbye to 43 of our members who have passed. Let's not forget!







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#### **Clubs Visited in February**

- Wolfville
- Spring Convention

#### **Wolfville and District**

What a wonderful evening I had at the Wolfville and District Lions Club. Lion Frank assisted me in handing out chevrons for years of service. It is nice to see how devoted Lions are. We give without thought and we give with empathy. I look forward to being at the Charter of Lion Kim's new Cyber Club. She has worked passionately to get this club off the ground and if you look at all the things her club has already achieved it is very impressive.



For those of you who are interested, I have attached a copy of my speech that 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Bill Bruhm graciously read on my behalf.

What makes a volunteer – someone who is compassionate and is willing to give time and effort. Volunteers are not paid – not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

I started as a Lion volunteering 19 years ago. When I started, I had no idea what today would look like. Like most of you I started out with a small picture of what Lions really do. I just knew I wanted to help and support my community.

19 years later I stand before you as District Governor. I see things now through a different lens. I can help support, guide, and influence those from around the world. We as Lions do this everyday! You all do this!!! We are proud to support you in your endeavors.

As Lions we show civility towards others. We must stop and think about what we say before we say it. We need to say to ourselves, is it true? Is it Kind? Is it necessary? And is it helpful? We must support one another in order to make Lionism work.

We are all here today for a reason.....to support one another!! Remember this little quote!! My daughter uses it with her children. B.S.K.I. Remember you are smart, always be kind, remember you are important and always show up!

What she means by show up is just because you are afraid or uncomfortable or even lack the confidence, we are here to build you up. If you show up it can change your mind set for the better.

Value others' opinions even if you have heard it before, as a Lion listening and supporting helps to build strong relationships. Lead by example

I want to say a special thanks to my team for all their support. They have come through for me in times of illness, in times of grief and in times of friendships. Bill without you I would not have made it through all my training. You were the rock that helped to shape our year. I hope to be just as supportive for you in your coming year as I know you will be an excellent District Governor.

Joyce, I want to thank you for taking on a new project that will hopefully be carried on throughout the years. The Youth Network was created to provide a means of contribution to the team and to the district. I appreciate all your efforts and all that you have taught and shared with your team. I look forward to seeing the transition to the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, leaving way for you to train in behind the DG.

Martyn, when you first asked me to be my CST I was green to the position as I was just coming in at the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. I enjoyed seeing you grow, and I appreciate the hard work that you have put into this position. You managed to keep me on track, ensuring our finances were in order and being the secretary.

Our team executive meetings helped to keep us all on track and in the know. I read a quote once that said "We are not a team because we work together, we are a team because we respect, trust and care for each other.

I want to thank PDG Frank Hartman and his wife Sarah. When I needed them the most to help sort things out, pass things along or just to get advice from, they were both there.

Guiding Lions, Lion Sharon Dykeman and Lion John Staddard you both deserve a big thank you as well for coming to our aid to help with a club in distress. Moving forward with you help this club in question will grow stronger and continue to love and support their community.

Jamie Harper, what can I say? You have been there for me through all my cabinet meetings, your tech support helped us to not have to cancel and allowed us to showcase the work the district has achieved. You all know how I feel about Zoom!!! So glad that is over!!

Kim and here team here in Wolfville, we all want to thank you for pulling today together. Lions have needed to come together to see one another and have face to face interactions. Thank you for making this happen today!! As District Governor, I'm truly thankful to every Lion who has volunteered their time, their passion, their generosity to help others. I can tell you every person here is committed to helping to keep Lionism strong. And let's not forget the Lions who have passed away this year. Let's give a moment of silence to honour them for the serve they done. Struggles are real. Due to covid clues have had to sit still, one club closed. Members are scared. We need to encourage young people to become Lions to keep Lionism alive. We must also remember that we are not just the club we reside in we are International. We are an organization that is working together for world peace. As Lions we do what we do because we care. My voice has temporarily left me, but my spirit is not. I want to hear you "ROAR". Show your pride to yourself, to those you serve and the fellow Lions that stand before you. "ROAR!!!!!"



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