



*Lions Club International
District N2
Nova Scotia Canada*
THE NOVA SCOTIA LION



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Our Guest Speaker for the Spring Convention



**JUDGE BRIAN STEVENSON
PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Judge Brian Stevenson, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve as president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 70th International Convention, held in Taipei, Taiwan in July 1987.

A Lion since 1966 and member of the Calgary Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club, Past President Stevenson has held numerous offices in the association, including district governor, council chairperson (1974-1975), member of the association's board of directors (1977-1979), and presidential appointee to the international board on four occasions (1979-1980, 1980-1981, 1998-1999 and 2002-2003). From 1984 to 1987, he served as international third, second and first vice president. In the year following his presidency, he served as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

From 1991 to 1994, Judge Stevenson served as the chairperson of Campaign Sight-First, which at the time was the largest and most successful fundraising campaign in the history of Lions Clubs International.

In recognition of his many contributions, Past President Stevenson received the 100% District Governor Award, the Senior Master Key, 32 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, as is his wife, Lion Patricia. They are also Second City Ambassadors.

During his many years at the association's international leadership level, Judge Stevenson has served as Canada's Constitutional Area leader on the Global Membership Team, as the Canadian Advisor on the LCIF Development Advisory Committee and as Canada's representative on the association's Centennial Committee. He currently represents Canada on the Vice Presidential Candidates Evaluation Committee.

In addition to his service as a Lion, Past President Stevenson was a partner in a Calgary law firm and served as a special prosecutor of narcotic offences for the Canadian Department of Justice. He has been a trial judge in the Criminal Division of the Provincial Court of Alberta since 1974. He continues to serve as a supernumerary judge of that court.

Judge Stevenson has served as an advisor to Calgary's United Way, as president of the Calgary Social Planning Council and as a member of the City of Calgary Social Services Committee. He has also served as president of the Alberta Provincial Judges' Association and as chair of the International Year of Disabled Persons for the Province of Alberta.

In 1996, the City of Calgary recognized his many voluntary contributions by awarding him the Grant MacEwen Lifetime Achievement Award of Merit. In 2002, Judge Stevenson was honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with her Golden Jubilee Medal, and, in 2005, he received the Alberta Centennial Medal for his service to Alberta.

He and Patricia have four daughters, six granddaughters, five grandsons and three great-grandsons.

**"In Memory of Deceased Lion's District N2"
2024-2025**

Bedford
Lion Raymond Fredericks
PDG Alex Hancox

Berwick & District
Lion Mike VanDenhoff

Deep Brook/Waldec
Lion Sharon Gordon

Kingston
Lion Ron Osmond

Preston
Lion Lesley Hinds-Colley

Sackville
Lion John Campbell

Stellarton
Lion Mark McIntyre

Sheet Harbour
Lion Josephine Farris

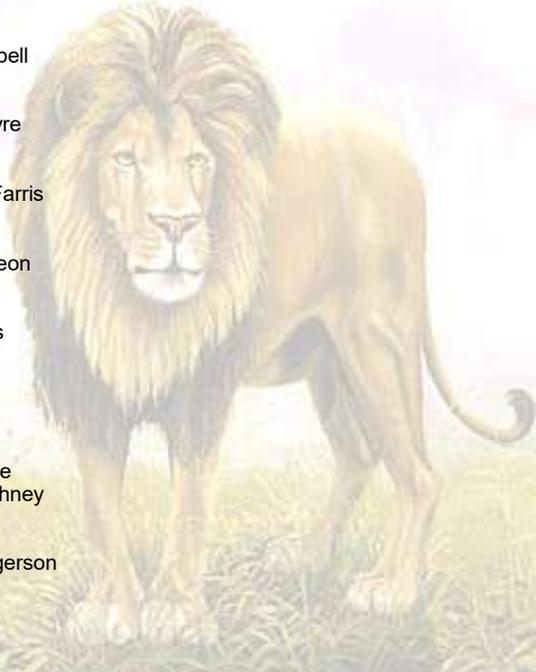
Shelburne
Gary Leigh Hemeon

Shubenacadie
Lion Betty James

Sydney
Lion Patsy Smith

Truro
Lion John Semple
Lion Sadie Dauphney

Yarmouth
Lion Bobby Rodgeron



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MDN Spring Convention 2025

Welcome Lions & Guest to St. John/s from 30 May to 1 June.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Lion Lloyd at 709-589-4368 or email lloydherbert@icloud.com

Dartmouth



Zone Chair Lion Paul presenting Lion Ray with 10 year Chevron Award. Congratulations Lion Ray!

St. Margaret's Bay



KL Blaine reclaims our club gong on a recent visit to the Spryfield Lions Club. Shown in the photo L to R K/L Blaine and K/L Wally.

New Germany



New Germany Lions recently donated \$2000.00 to the South Shore Regional Hospital Foundation Radiothon in support of new technology for breast cancer treatment. Shown are Lions Marie, Betty Ann, President Donnie and Bernice.

Musquodoboit Valley



The Musquodoboit Valley Lions Club welcomes Baby Lion Mary to the Club, Sponsor Lion Stephen.



Yarmouth



The Yarmouth Lions Club held another free meal for the community. We served chicken wings, potato salad, desert and tea or coffee which 73 community



The Yarmouth Lions Club bought a AED defibrillator for the club in case of emergencies. There was a training course with Lions members and members of the public attending.

Whycocomagh



The Whycocomagh & Area Lions Club continued their support of the breakfast program at Whycocomagh Education Center by making a donation of \$1000 to the program. In the picture, left to right- Lion Fred, Lion Danie, Melanie, Principal, KL Allan Matheson and Lion Dougald.

Too Many Meetings = Too Many Missed Opportunities

Younger people want to make a difference, not just attend meetings. If clubs are demanding too much of their time with endless requirements, they'll walk away before they even get started.

- ◆ People today have busy lives — they need flexible ways to serve.
- ◆ Long meetings don't inspire action — impact does.
- ◆ If clubs don't respect people's time, they won't stick around.

It's time to rethink how we engage new members. Less time in meetings, more time making a difference. That's how we build a future for Lions!

Canso



Canso Lions Highlight Fishing Heritage and Those Lost at Sea.

The former Town of Canso celebrated its 75 Anniversary in 1976. The Canso Lions Club wanted to mark this important event and to highlight the history of the fishing history for the Canso area. A community committee was formed to help research the names for fishermen who lost their lives while they were engaged in the fishery. Project Chair Lion Ray worked with the community to design the Seamen's Memorial. In 1989 Lion Ray approached the province to declare the second Sunday in August as Provincial Seamen's Memorial Day. The Canso Lions host the Provincial Service and welcome elected officials and the families of lost fishermen and women to lay a wreath during the Seamen's Memorial service community groups including Lions Clubs are welcome to participate.

The Canso Lions maintain the Memorial site and coordinate the annual Interfaith Service. Fund raising projects for the Memorial are carried on by the Canso Lions Club with strong community support. Lion Ray has been involved in the Service since 1976 and is assisted by Secretary Lion Catherine and members of the Canso Lions Club. The Memorial Service is held on the second Sunday in August and on the third Sunday in August the wreaths are taken to sea for a final blessing.

Lion Ray, Seamen's Memorial Chair

GST Report for March 2025

I have reviewed all the Clubs in District N2 for outstanding statements to LCI as well as for activities entered LCI.

We currently have 67 Clubs in District N2 and out of these clubs we have 3 Clubs that are either not active which are Dalhousie University Campus and Lockport. Cole Harbour is now showing no membership.

Regarding activities being entered into LCI we currently have 38 Clubs that have not entered anything for March 2025. I have sent out emails to each one of the Secretaries/Club Administrators each month, however, no entries have been done.

Lion Cheryl
Amherst



Pubnico



Lion Tami presented a cheque on behalf of the Pubnico Lions to DG Jane for the "Sew to Give Guild".



KL Emerson presented a cheque to Nakile Home for Special Care, Larry (Admin), Pauline, resident and KL Emerson



KL Emerson presented a cheque to Kaye Nickerson Centre, in the photo are Amy, Alan, Leanne (Exec Director), KL Emerson and Christina.



KL Emerson presented a cheque to Ruth from Juniper House, Yarmouth.

URGENT!

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN! TIME TO REPORT YOUR 2025-2026 LIONS CLUBS OFFICER.

Reporting newly elected club officers is extremely important to ensure that the new officers receive the information and material they will need in preparation for the coming year.

The deadline to update new officers is May 15.

Changes in club officers during the fiscal year should be entered in the new Lion Portal.

Amherst



On 6 March, during Thursday Night Bingo, The Amherst Lions Club presented Honorary Lion Carol, for her many years of dedication and support, with the highest award a Lions Club can give, the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Presenting Carol the award is Lion Frank. Carol has been running our canteen and supporting our projects for many years now. Great work Carol.



The Amherst Lions Club recently held a breakfast in support of the ARHS/ EB Chandler Band Parent Assoc. Here Lion Jean presents the cheque to band members Adelynn and Grace.



Three young ladies showed up at the Amherst Lions Club recently to accept a donation for Aerials Gymnastics. Here they receive their cheque from Lion Rose.



Sgt. Jason, with the Amherst town Police accepts a cheque from Lion Jean of the Amherst Lions Club in support of Dreams Take Flight (Atlantic) where he is a volunteer.



The Amherst Lions Club recently made a donation to the YMCA in support of their Give the Gift of Camp program which helps send children to camp. Here Lion Rose Bennett presents the cheque to Beth Doucette, the Y's Manager of Development.

Sackville

Held our 50/55th Charter Night 29 March
(Combined 50th & 55th Charter Night)



KL Dale and Colleen, DG Jane and Lion Wendy.



KL Dale presenting Secretary, Lion Jan with flowers.



PDG Susan presenting PID Jim with a Presidential Medal from PIP Patti.



Guest Speaker, Councilor Jean and his wife, Angela.

Congratulations!

KL Dale presenting four Chartered Lioness with flowers.



Lioness Bev



Lioness Cathy



Lioness Ann



Lioness Jean



KL Dale presenting Chartered Member Lion Kelly with a token for his dedication and service for the last 55 years.



Barrington



The Barrington Area Lions Club donated \$5000 to the Bay Side Home van fund.



The Barrington Area Lions Club donated the use of their hall and attended their local 4H Club's speaking competitions. 4H members showed their public speaking skills with speeches and demonstrations. (March 15, 2025)

Truro

Pancake breakfast was held earlier this month. Great attendance, great food and fun was had by all.



1VDG Kim in Chicago



1VDG Kim in Oak Brook



Lion Kevin from Manitoba with 1VDG Kim.



Lion Panos with 1VDG Kim.



Hello Lions of District N2

I'm a big fan of "better late than never". After several years of leading your Long-Range Planning Committee (LRP) and developing a strategic plan - N2 Forward – I realize I have not done a good job communicating with Lions across our District. While LRP has reported regularly to Cabinet, information does not always flow seamlessly to the Club level. N2 Forward was circulated widely across the District but I expect our thirty page novel did not hit the best seller list. For Convention in Yarmouth LRP asked to present two changes to our N2 Policy Manual. With the ongoing amendments to the Constitution and By Laws it was apparent that our Policy Manual needs significant update and LRP was asked to hold these proposals to be included in that update. In this NS Lion issue, I want to touch on one of those proposals which touches on Inclusion and Diversity, that being an alternative to our Memorial service.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization on planet Earth. There are Lions Clubs in over 200 Countries and Territories with over 46,000 Clubs. We are united in Humanitarian Service with no regard to race, colour or creed. One of the most important of our Lions Clubs Objects is: "TO CREATE and FOSTER a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." In recent years changes have occurred to our Districts social culture and demographics from increased population growth and immigration. If we are to be relevant to this new demographic, we need to provide an alternative to our traditional ceremonies. We propose as a possible non - Christian alternative to honour those Lions whose service should so deservedly be recognized but whose beliefs do not mesh with Christian traditions.

Below is an alternative service suggestion for Lions of different cultural and religious backgrounds and can be used at the discretion of the Club.

Your feedback is always welcome at smackdeb@bellaliant.net .
In Lions Service
Lion Scott, Chair, LRP

SUGGESTED LIONS MEMORIAL SERVICE

LEADER - OPENING INVOCATION

May we be open to others' ideas and beliefs, and respectful of our differences. May we grow in understanding of ourselves and others. May we be patient and kind as we talk. May we find common ground and shared purpose as we seek to strengthen our District and Club. May we see clearly what unites us as Lions – the desire to serve.

We are here today to pay our respects to our (sister/brother) Lion _____. Their service to mankind will endure forever.

When a loved one or a friend passes, we feel a profound sense of loss, an emptiness we know can never again be filled. We are saddened, and we grieve for the departed, but we are heartened by the cherished memories they leave — that in knowing them we may become better human beings ourselves.

So, it is with our fellow Lions who have passed from us. We mourn them and will miss them dearly, but they have left something very precious behind; their legacy of unswerving commitment to the ideals of Lionism, unselfish service to people in need and loyal and devoted fellowship with all other members of the Lions family.

I will now ask Lion _____ to read the history and achievements of our late fellow Lion.

1st Assistant (Lions Details history and achievements)

Leader

Thank you, Lion _____, we shall all truly miss LION _____ who has contributed so unselfishly to their family, their community, our Lions Club and Lions Clubs International. We must resolve to give a bit more of ourselves to fill the gap created by their passing in dedication to those not as fortunate as we who stand here today.

The memory of this Lion who walked with us in service, fills us with an inner contentment, bringing about a peace which affects every sector of our lives. They have also provided us with a challenge to continue our high standards and dedication to the needs of others.

Through their commitment, courage, and perseverance they have shown us the way. Let us continue along this noble path.

Leader

To LION _____'s family and his/her fellow members, we pledge he/she shall not be forgotten and together we will continue the good work they believed and worked so devotedly for. Our commitment to community service shall be strengthened by their love and compassion for others. Our sincere sympathy is expressed by this gathering to his/her wife/husband/companion and her/his family. We further pledge our support, both spiritually and morally, and we want you to know our close association will continue. Please call on us any time and we will be proud to offer our services. Let us now take a moment to reflect, each in their own way to the remembrance of this fine Lion.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Thank you – may you depart in peace.”

**FRIENDSHIP NIGHT
DISTRICT N-2
Hosted by the CANNING & WOLFVILLE LIONS CLUBS
Friday May 2, 2025**

CALVACADE FOR DIABETES RECEPTION WOLFVILLE LIONS' HALL

36 Elm Street, Wolfville, NS

Social – 2-3pm

Decorate Vehicles – 3-4pm (Prize for Best Decorated Vehicle)

Leave Hall – 4:30pm (Lead by Fire Trucks)

Arrive Canning Lions Hall – 5:30pm

Rules for decorations – Environment friendly (No balloons)



FRIENDSHIP NIGHT 2025 CANNING LIONS' HALL

1000 Seminary Avenue, Canning NS

Doors open at 5:30pm

Everyone seated by 6:30pm

Meal at 6:45pm

Draws will be done throughout the evening, along with a surprise events and a parade of cheques for Camp Lion Maxwell/Diabetes Canada.

Spouses are welcome to attend!



“Excuse me, what was that you said?”

“Excuse me, what was that you said?” “ Could you repeat that again.” To the Dr., “did you say four pills twice a day, No, said the Dr., one pill once a day.” “Could you turn the TV volume up please.” To my children, “sorry I did not hear the phone ringing.” “ No, I won’t be going to the restaurant with the group tonight, I don’t hear well in crowded spaces”. These and more are what seniors and hard of hearing people deal with daily.

How can we help? “Service Project” to give others the ability to hear.

District N2 has a program know as “Hearing for All” which is now known as “Hear @ Dal”. This program was started by Lion David Hunter a member of the Chezzetcook and District Lions Club 15 years ago, along with Dr. Atkins and Lion David’s own initial fund raising took in \$68,000.00 to start up the hearing program with Dalhousie University for those who cannot afford to purchase hearing aids.

This program with Dalhousie University is the only program across Canada and World Wide that has a University with an Audiology Program that we are aware of, who work to refurbish the used hearing aids. They do this to help make them available to people who meet Dalhousie requirements, that cannot otherwise afford hearing aids.

At present, one Doctor comes to Dalhousie University every Monday to deal with priority patients, recalls, test and repair and distribute hearing aids if available.

We do have the ability to purchase new hearing aids at a cost to the Lions, but extra funding is required to make this possible.

At the moment the base cost to run this program with Dalhousie University is \$5,000.00 per year. In addition to the base amount there are always unforeseen costs. Recipients of hearing device or assistance occasionally run into financial constraint not foreseen in the original plans.

We have not been able to maintain funding levels in order to fund the initial cost of the program let alone provide assistance when unforeseen expenses arise. Funds to maintain a small supply of hearing aid inventory needs to be addressed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sackville Lions for their generous donation of \$300.00 per year. Also to thank Chezzetcook and District Sociable Cupcakes Lions Club Branch, who provide fundraising through their bake sale to Hear @ Dal which has raised \$4,800.00 in the past two years.

The continued success of this program which has been operating for 18 years is in the generosity of our fellow Lions. Your assistance now and in the future will continue to provide hearing to those in need. This program belongs to Lions of Nova Scotia and we want to take this chance to thank all those Lions who have assisted us in making this program a success. Can we work together to make this program through the next 100 years. Feel free to reach out to me and I can visit your club to talk about the program and its importance to all.

David L. Hunter
Past District Governor &
Hearing and Speech Director, N2
902-827-4645

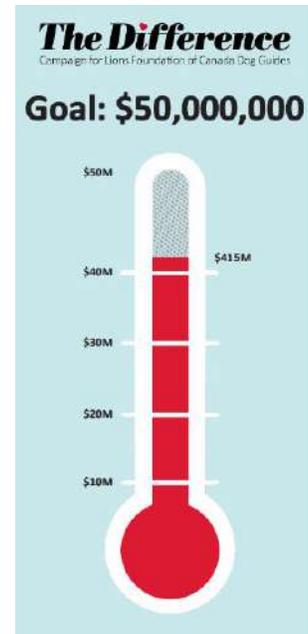
Sharon A. Guitard
Co-Chair Hearing and Speech



Campaign Update

The Difference Campaign continues to make progress, with \$41.5 million secured toward the \$50 million goal for LFCDG's national Dog Guide training school. Lions Clubs have played a vital role in this success, with 523 clubs contributing an incredible \$4.1 million to support this life-changing initiative. There is still work to be done, and we're looking for continued support to help us reach our goal. Naming opportunities remain available, offering Lions Clubs a chance to leave [a lasting legacy](#) by marking their support for the new building for years to come.

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs for your dedication—together, we're making a difference!



Construction Update

Meanwhile, construction is moving ahead smoothly, thanks to the incredible work of **Turner Construction**. They continue to ensure the new building meets all necessary requirements while making adjustments to prioritize the safety and comfort of our Dog Guides and clients. On 28 February, staff were treated to a tour of the site, where they explored the underground parking area and saw firsthand the impressive scale of this project. The new training school remains on track to open in **spring 2026**.





TRURO & DISTRICT LIONS
1100 Prince St

2nd Fri - Dinner Mtg 7pm
4th Fri - Business Mtg 7pm

Pres: Howard Horne
902-893-1146

Port Williams & Dist Lions Club
1st Wed. - Business 7:00pm
3rd Wed. - Supper 7:00pm
72 hrs Notice Required
Lions Den - Community Centre
1045 Main St. (Hwy 358)

Lion Randy Conrad
902-698-8695

 **BEDFORD LIONS CLUB**
NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA



1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7PM
36 Holland Ave, Bedford
secretary@bedfordlions.ca

Barrington Area Lions Club
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday
both Dinner Meetings 7:00pm (72hrs notice)



President: Alvin Nickerson **Secretary: Greg Waybret**
902-635-1104 902-745-3208

CANSO LIONS CLUB
1st Wednesday Dinner 6:30pm
3rd Wednesday Business
6:30pm

KL Barry Lumsden
902-366-2396
Sec Lion Catherine DeRabbie
902-366-2721

SHEET HARBOUR LIONS CLUB
Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month,
7pm
Sheet Harbour Lions Centre
Apr to Dec
Eastern Shore Memorial
Hospital Board Room Jan-Mar
sheetharbourlionsclub@gmail.com
Pres: Denise Logan
902-809-5739

Eastern Passage Cow Bay
1st Monday Business Meeting - 7pm
3rd Monday Dinner Meeting - 7pm

 **65 Hornes Road, Eastern Passage**



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8004 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke
Meetings are 2nd & 4th(meal)
Thursday 7pm
902-522-2949
Pres: Debbie Findlay
Sec: Nancy Chaston
Treas: Heather Laybolt

LIVERPOOL LIONS CLUB
Lions Hall 108 College St
Meetings are 2nd & 4th Mondays for
10 months 6:30pm
Jul & Aug meetings decided at the
Jun meeting.
KL: Gordon O'Hearn
Sec: Hughina Grant
liverpoolionsclub@hotmail.com

Beaver Bank- Kinsac Lions Club
40 Sandy Lake Road, Beaver Bank, NS
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3rd Tuesday - General Meeting - 7pm

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**CHESTER BASIN-NEW ROSS-
CHESTER LIONS CLUB**
Meeting: 1st Monday of the month,
except for statutory holidays and then
meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday
of the month
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Chester Basin
Legion 25, Hwy #12 Chester Basin

PUBNICO & AREA LIONS
2562 Hwy3, Pubnico Head
2nd Thursday - Dinner Meeting
6:00pm
4th Thursday - Business Meeting
6:30pm
President: Emerson McCullough
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**WHYCOCOMAGH &
AREA LIONS CLUB**
Meetings
1st Wednesday each month
7:00pm
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BADDECK LIONS CLUB
Meetings
2nd Thursday each month
6:00pm
Location TBD
KL Dave Baker
1-902-371-0140

**MUSQUODOBIT VALLEY
LIONS CLUB**
2nd and 4th Wednesday 7:00pm
4th Wednesday Dinner Meeting

 **72 Hours Notice**

Bicentennial Theatre **King Lion Ralph Matheson**
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