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Passion To Lead

Lions clubs, for nearly nine decades, have achieved remarkable success in reaching out to meet needs in their own communities and the world community. It is a record of unparalleled service that can be traced directly to those members who have occupied leadership positions because, I assure you, quality service depends on quality leadership. However, to make this a reality, proper training simply must be in place. Consequently, I have made club and district officer training a priority this year.

Through extensive faculty training, we will be able to disseminate the knowledge and instruction to those Lions who have a passion to lead, who wish to assist their fellow Lions in raising the standards that will still further enhance the image of our emblem in communities the world over. Therefore, I encourage members who know they possess the potential to instruct and who are enthusiastic about leadership to develop their skill levels by participating in leadership development opportunities such as Lions Leadership Institutes, MERL Chairpersons Seminars and the online Lions Learning Center. The result will be better educated leaders who will inspire more focused clubs. The ultimate target of all this training is, quite naturally, greater community service. This is all in keeping with our 2005-2006 theme *Passion To Excel*.

Among the most important responsibilities of leaders at the club level, for example, is to provide effective orientation for new members. It is an unfortunate fact that half of all Lions who drop their membership do so within three years of being inducted into their clubs. When they joined, they were filled with anticipation on all they could contribute as members, but sadly they were not provided the assignments

and did not share in the fellowship that would maintain this energy. Consequently, they chose to forfeit their membership, to the detriment of not only themselves, but to the entire community. It is the duty of the club presidents and all officers to ensure that this does not occur. But to do so requires strong and effective leadership to bring about success in retention, an accomplishment that often determines the extent to which any Lions club will be an influence in its community.

Our passion to lead, and our uncompromising commitment to design and reinforce the tools necessary to develop the highest quality of leadership possible, are two of the primary reasons Lions Clubs International has become the world's largest and most active service club organization. These are the programs that all Lions who desire to rise to leadership positions need to attend ... and club and district officers must make every attempt to help them fulfill their individual leadership potential by making these tools available. If you are a club president, do not doubt for a moment that there are a number of Lions in your club who would welcome opportunities to hone their leadership skills. They are the men and women who will enable your club to set its sights even higher in the years to come, Lions who will help maintain your club's tradition for excelling in everything it sets out to do.

There is yet another responsibility Lions in club and district leadership positions need to assume, an important ingredient because it will provide them with the incentive necessary to carry on giving generously of themselves in community service. The art of recognition should be an important element in the agenda of every Lions club in this association. Members need to know their efforts



and contributions are appreciated and that their peers respect all they have achieved. This recognition can be a special gesture such as an award or even a sincere "thank you." What does matter is that they are acts that will nourish their pride in membership and inspire a deep passion to make *We Serve* an even more intense part of their lives.

Effective leadership demands many skills and numerous applications. It's more than just the spirit of "Follow Me." It means planning, encouragement, setting the proper example, assistance, providing opportunities, recognition and much more. By putting each of these into practice and making them an integral part of the direction in which a club or district is going, our *Passion To Excel* will be enhanced every step of the way.

I encourage you to submit nominations for the 2006 Academy Awards of Lions Clubs International. These will be accepted through December 31, 2005. Select a member, club, district, patron, project or program you believe deserving of the award. Visit the association's Web site for further information and the official form you will need to complete.

From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham



The International Convention in Hong Kong, China is now history. Lion Jean and I would like to once again thank the Lions of MDA for sending us on this fantastic journey. To stand on the stage at an International Convention and give your campaign speech to the convention delegates is quite a thrill. I called it my two minutes of fame. The International Lions parade was held at night because of the extreme heat. To lead our group in the parade was a local high school band, followed by our MDA Governors, then a huge contingent of Canadian flags. It was interesting to have small children on the parade route yelling out "Canada - Canada" as we marched by. One group of small children sang O'Canada as we passed. Our country is truly respected on the International seen.

Special thanks to PDG Dave Hansen, Promotion Committee Chair for Hong Kong and all the MDA Lions for travelling halfway around the world to be at the Convention. Campaign Chair PDG Barry Flanigan put all the Lions to work passing out pens, Canadian flag stick-ons and pamphlets. But all work and no play isn't what a convention is about. The MDA hospitality room was hopping several nights and I understand the heel ender party was great. Thank you all for your support at the convention.

Final International Board of Directors Meeting 2004-2005

The board met prior to the convention and although I was not part of the discussions, I would like to pass on a few of the highlights.

"Amended Article III, Section 4 of the Standard Form District By-Laws to clarify the majority vote requirement for the election of district governors and vice district governors, even when only one candidate is contesting for the office." Your District Constitution should be updated to reflect these changes in the International Constitution.

"Cancelled the charter of 252 clubs (3,380 members)." Unfortunately our numbers keep dropping. I think this will be one of the hardest jobs at the board meeting.

"The board approved the final budget for the 2005-06 International Program, which projects a surplus." The board is keeping expenses in line with revenue.

"Approved US\$40,000 pilot Core 4 board directed grant for SODIS clean water and hygiene initiatives in Latin America." I was interested in this grant as it is one of the issues that fall under Service Activities, one of the committees I will be sitting on this year. More on this later in the year.

"Approved 62 Standard, International Assistance Grants and Core 4 grants totalling US\$2,886,337." With the number of LCIF grants coming into our Districts, we should keep promoting donations to our Foundation.

As a reminder, at the International Convention a resolution was passed to increase the Life Membership to

US\$500.00 from US\$300.00. I hope this will help clarify any confusion about the cost when your club honours a deserving Lions.

I continue to receive speaking engagements in Canada and the United States. Our first official duty will be to attend the USA/CANADA forum in Peoria. Lion Jean and I hope to see Lions from across MDA and Canada there. It truly is a great learning experience.

Once again, thank you for this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to serving the Lions of MDA, Canada and the world.

Yours in Lionism
Lion Terry Graham ID

Effective Speaking

This letter, pretty much sums up what all Lions heard from all the contestants.

Dear Members of the Lions Clubs International MDA Effective Speaking Committee,

I want to thank you very much for the generous prize money I received as a finalist in the Junior English Effective Speaking Contest in Kitchener in May.

The Whole competition was a wonderful experience for me. I enjoyed everything including the hotel accommodations, banquet and evening pizza party. Of course the best part was meeting so many great kids from across Ontario and Quebec and hearing their awesome speeches.

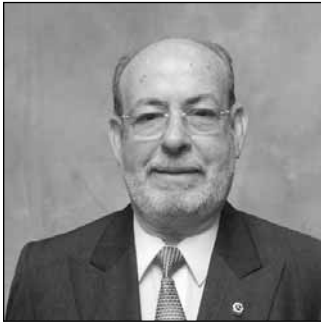
Thanks again for organizing such a well-run competition. I hope to make it back next year.

Sincerely,
Alyna Poremba, Brantford
(sponsored by the Paris Lions Club),

Congratulations committee. ed.



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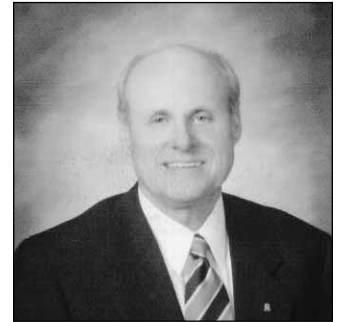
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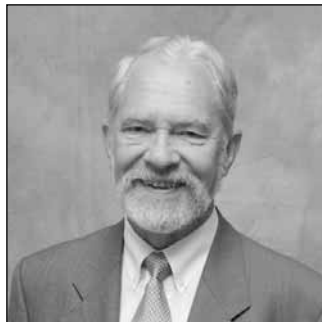
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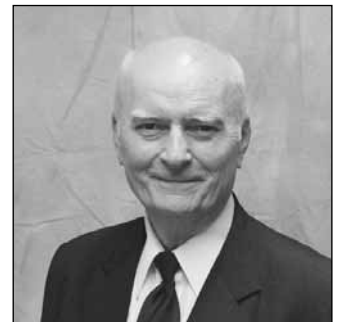
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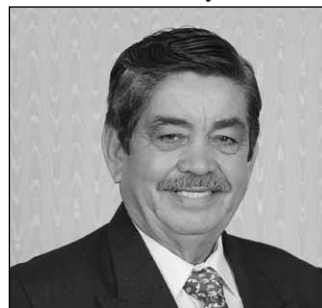
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Dr. Ashok Mehta

International President

Dr. Ashok Mehta of Mumbai, India, was elected to serve as 2005-2006 international president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 88th International Convention held in Hong Kong, China. He is the second Indian to come into the office of president of the world's largest service club organization.

President Mehta is the chairperson and managing director of a company in India and is actively associated in various capacities with more than a dozen major medical, education, welfare, social and cultural institutions.

Lion Mehta joined the association in 1963. He is a visionary with unfaltering focus. He organized more than 30 eye camps throughout India and Africa, and has presented papers on sight conservation and other topical issues at Lions international forums and conventions. He served on the Campaign SightFirst International Committee from 1990 to 1994 which witnessed the campaign exceeding its goal and raising US\$143 million for SightFirst projects.

President Mehta's contributions and leadership qualities have been outstanding. He has earned distinction by having presidents of Lions Clubs International confer the coveted President's Medallion upon him for the past 22 years, was declared "Man of the Year" by the Jaycees of Mumbai in 1986, was nominated by the government of Maharashtra to the senate of Mumbai University for a five-year term in 2000, has been appointed by the government to several committees for Awareness and Prevention and appointed by the Maharashtra government as Sheriff of Mumbai in 2001 for a one-year term.

Lion Mehta has participated in 24 international conventions; 14 USA-Canada Forums; 25 India, South Asia, Africa & Middle East Forums; and five Lions conferences in Far Eastern countries. Ten international presidents chose to appoint him as a member of the faculty at District Governors-Elect seminars. President Mehta was appointed chairperson of the District Governors Orientation Program at the 75th International Convention in Hong Kong and, since 1990, has been chosen 12 times as a Group Leader.

Lion Mehta's theme to motivate Lions around the world for greater impact upon humanitarian services and fellowship is "Passion to Excel." A Doctoral Degree in Humanities has been bestowed on him from World University and he has also been serving for a number of years as the Managing Trustee of Diwaliben Mohanlal Mehta Charitable Trust. Lion Mehta has also been instrumental in mobilizing international support in times of major catastrophes, including earthquakes and super cyclones in various parts of the country. His name is synonymous with sympathy and support for those who need it the most during times of illness and serious health problems. He has played a pivotal role for more than 15 years in coordinating cardiac care treatment for "Blue Babies" from Africa at hospitals in India. His Peace Mission to Pakistan promoted by the Lions of the two nations added to the spirit of building bridges between people of both countries.

President Mehta, along with his wife, Kokila, and daughter, Shital, are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

International President Ashok Mehta represents the caring Lions' heart, with a professional expertise and acumen which our association needs in the 21st Century.



Mahendra Amarasuriya

Second Vice President

Mahendra Amarasuriya, of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is the second vice president. He is a member of the Lions Club of Galle and served as an international director in 1991-1993. He has been a 100% District Governor, has recorded 15 years of perfect attendance and is presently a trustee of the Eye Donation Society of Sri Lanka and chairperson of his nation's International Chamber of Commerce.

Second Vice President Amarasuriya has received the Master Key, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Leadership Award, six International President's awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his association activities, Second Vice President Amarasuriya chairs several organizations, among them the Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd., United Motors Lanka Ltd. and the National Agribusiness Council of Sri Lanka. He is also a board member of several companies throughout Sri Lanka, a past chairperson of the Employers Federation of Ceylon and a past member of the Employees Trust Fund Board.

Second Vice President Amarasuriya resides with his wife, Kushlani.



Dr. Clement F. Kusiak Immediate Past President

Dr. Clement F. Kusiak, of Linthicum, Maryland, is the immediate past president of Lions Clubs International and chairperson of the LCIF Executive Committee. He served as a member of the International Board of Directors in 1988-1990 and has been a member of the Baltimore (Brooklyn), Maryland, Lions Club since 1967. He served as a 100% district governor and council treasurer, was honorary chair of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and has been a moderator and presenter at Lions forums. Immediate Past President Kusiak has been chairperson of the District Governors-elect School, chairperson of the international convention's Rules of Procedure and Elections committees and advisor to the Multiple District 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation.

He is a Key member and has received Extension awards, seven International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. During his year as president, he received an honorary doctorate degree from two colleges-the Pennsylvania School of Optometry and

Immediate Past International President Kusiak has previous experience in businesses owned and operated by his immediate family. He enjoys challenges relating to engineering and construction.

He and his wife, Jeanne, have two sons and two grandchildren.

Jimmy M. Ross First Vice President

Jimmy M. Ross of Quitaque, Texas, is the first vice president. He is a member of the Quitaque Lions Club and served as a district governor, council chairperson, council secretary and, in 1996-1998, as an international director. Among the many positions he has occupied as a Lion, Vice President Ross has been a member of the Multiple District 2 Long-Range Planning Committee and chairperson of his state's Membership and Extension and Convention committees. He has served as his district's McGruff chairperson, director of the Texas Leadership Institute and seminar presenter at seven international conventions and seven USA/Canada Forums. Vice President Ross was involved in organizing more than 400 Lions clubs.

He has received a number of recognitions for his contributions to the association, including numerous District Governor's Appreciation awards, six International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Vice President Ross is a life member of the District 2-T1 Eye Bank, the Texas Lions Camp and Girls Town, and is a Jack Weich Fellow, James T. Coffey Fellow, Helen Keller Fellow and Texas Lions Fellow. He is also a member of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Vice President Ross is a retired judge and businessman. In addition, he has been involved, in a number of community organizations, including his chamber of commerce, the Boy Scouts, the board of directors of Water Control and Improvement and the organizer and chairperson of a county-wide task force for industrial and tourism development. Vice President Ross and his wife, Velda, have three daughters, two sons-in-law and a granddaughter.



An Evening of Stars

With the help of a little magic from Simon Ma Magic, outgoing president Clement Kusiak appeared mysteriously out of thin air to kick off the second Academy Awards presented by Lions Clubs International at the International Convention in Hong Kong. The Club of the Year award in Canada went to the Beaver Valley Lions Club, 19-E5, British Columbia, Canada.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HONG KONG, CHINA JUNE 22-26, 2005

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. Denied vice district governor election complaint in District 315-A2 (Bangladesh), and declared Lion Sk. Mohiuddin as vice district governor of District 315-A2 for the 2005-06 term.
2. Denied vice district governor election complaint in District 315-B3 (Bangladesh), and declared Lion M.A. Matin as vice district governor of District 315-B3 for the 2005-06 term.
3. Denied vice district governor election complaint filed by Lion Mohd. Kabir Uddin Bhuiyan in District 315-B4 (Bangladesh), upheld the vice district governor election complaint filed by Lion Sri Prakash Biswas in District 315-B4, and declared Lion Sri Prakash Biswas as vice district governor of District 315-B4 for the 2005-06 term.
4. Upheld the vice district governor election complaint in District B-3 (Mexico), declared the vice district governor election in District B-3 for the 2005-06 fiscal year as null and void and of no force and effect, and declared that there exists a vacancy in the office of vice district governor for the 2005-06 fiscal year.
5. Revised the District Governor and Vice District Governor Election Complaints Procedure in the Board Policy Manual.
6. Revised the Area Forums section of the Board Policy Manual regarding the authority and responsibilities of the director appointed to the Forum Planning Committee.
7. Amended Article III, Section 4 of the Standard Form District By-Laws to clarify the majority vote requirement for the election of district governors and vice district governors, even when only one candidate is contesting for the office.

CONVENTION

1. Increased the minimum square footage requirement for the convention exhibit hall to 170,000 square feet.
2. Revised the bid requirement for guest rooms to 6,000 acceptable rooms, of which 75% are within a 10 mile radius and the remaining 25% are

within a 15 mile radius of convention venues.

3. Approved refunds of hotel deposits for individual room reservations until two weeks prior to the first day of convention week.
4. Established May 1 deadline date for refunds of hotel deposits for group room blocks consisting of ten or more rooms.
5. Authorized the Convention Committee to limit the number of convention bids accepted each year.
6. Authorized the Convention Committee to include bid city recommendations on the comparative evaluation.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE

1. Cancelled the charter of 252 clubs (3,380 members) with regret.
2. Rescinded previous charter cancellations of 19 clubs.
3. Adopted election results of 2005-06 district governors, and appointed other 2005-06 district governors, who were not elected but recommended by home districts for the board's appointment.
4. Appointed Lion Federico Steinhaus, Past Council Chairperson, Multiple District 108, Italy, to serve as Coordinating Lion for the undistricted clubs in the northern part of Cyprus.
5. Appointed Lion Peter Hupperten, Past Council Chairperson, Multiple District 49, Alaska, to serve as Coordinating Lion for the undistricted clubs in the far eastern part of Russia.
6. Changed the due date to October 2005 for the District and Club Service Committee to finalize its plan to reduce the number of transitional districts.
7. Approved a time limit of six months for a former Lions club, the charter of which was canceled previously, to request the board to rescind its charter cancellation.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION

1. The board approved the fiscal year 2004-05 4th Quarter full year forecast which projects a surplus.

2. The board approved the final budget for the 2005-06 International Program which projects a surplus.
3. Minor revision to past international director travel rules.
4. Minor housekeeping items in the Finance chapter of the Board Policy Manual were approved.
5. Minor housekeeping items in International Office and Staff chapter of the Board Policy Manual were approved.
6. Approved a minimum 14 day advance reservation for air travel.
7. Appointed Phil Writer as fiscal agent in India
8. Approved Maryellen Skerik to assume the responsibilities of treasurer.

LCIF

1. Authorized Acting LCIF Division Manager and LCI Treasurer to transfer LCIF bank account in Tanzania to a new bank.
2. Renewed SLS contract to provide outside consulting services to the LCIF Lions-Quest Department.
3. Set the membership for the LY2005-06 Lions-Quest Advisory Committee.
4. Extended Core 4 photoscreening and diabetes programs for one year, until June 30, 2006.
5. Extended Core 4 low vision program for two years, until June 30, 2007.
6. Approved US\$40,000 pilot Core 4 board directed grant for SODIS clean water and hygiene initiatives in Latin America.
7. Approved 62 Standard, International Assistance Grants and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,886,337.
8. Tabled three grant applications and denied one other.
9. Authorized use of the Grant Reserve Budget to fund projects not covered by the LY2004-05 Unrestricted Grants Award Budget.
10. Authorized the development of a LCIF Seed Grant program.
11. Approved the move of the Campaign SightFirst II Travel Guidelines and Rules of Audit within the LCIF Policy and Operations Manual.

Commitment to Growth

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Authorized that, for the benefit of continuity, beginning in 2007-08 international annual programs shall not include one year, stand-alone membership initiatives separate from association longer term membership programs.
2. Approved the Republic of Sudan and the United Arab Emirates as approved countries of LCI eligible for extension of new Lions clubs.
3. Authorized the "Urban Market Membership Development Project", a grant initiative providing up to US\$20,000 each for major membership growth campaigns by Lions districts in at least five major metropolitan urban areas in 2005-06.
4. Approved a semi-annual electronic membership attitude and tracking survey program.
5. Amended the New Club Charter Verification Procedures.
6. Approved US\$15,000 to support a major Lions identity and membership promotion advertising campaign in MD 101 (Sweden).
7. Approved a revamp of the Year-Round-Growth Program that will have the new member sponsors recognized immediately by the president, feature new year-end awards, and provide a recommended year-round member invitation strategy for clubs and districts to use as an optional planning tool.
8. Adopted policies governing Multiple District and District MERL teams for inclusion in Board Policy.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Mission 30 leaders were placed in the Order of Precedence in the Official Protocol, and the paragraph identified with *** was deleted.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Created awards to recognize club and individual Leo achievement in the International Leo Project "Leo Spotlight on Children."
2. Named the Leos of the Year for 2004-05.
3. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the (U.S.) National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP).
4. Created a banner patch award to recognize successful Lions club - Leo club collaboration.

Mahendra Amarasuriya
Second International Vice President

As Lions, we have many responsibilities to our club and community. Among the most crucial is to do all we can to strengthen the capabilities of our individual clubs to better answer growing human needs. To accomplish this requires a commitment to membership growth by taking every opportunity to invite men and women of quality into our clubs. It is an objective we must take seriously if Lions Clubs International is to remain the world's largest and most active service club organization.

This year, International President Ashok Mehta has introduced a Plus One initiative, meaning that every club should experience a net gain of at least one new member and each district should charter one new club. To achieve this, however, necessitates the participation of every Lion in this association, and by doing so we will demonstrate in a very concrete way our support of the president's theme, *Passion To Excel*.

I urge Lions to personally make every effort to seek out people in their communities whom they believe have the potential to give of themselves in community service, tell them about the work of their own club and of Lions worldwide, and formally offer them an invitation to become members. Furthermore, at the district level, those in leadership positions should investigate if Lions clubs can be established in communities where none exist or where an additional club would be welcomed. If all Lions determine to become involved in strengthening the status our emblem has earned, there is no question that Plus One will become a reality.

Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation 50/50 Draw Report July 9, 2005

Total tickets sold 2265 @\$10.00		\$22,650.00
Expenses		
postage		\$644.98
tickets	\$407.16	
envelopes		\$127.50
mailing labels MDALions/Lioness	\$55.00	
photocopying	\$50.00	
return mailing labels	\$25.00	
early bird draw	\$500.00	
promotion		\$35.00
Total expense \$1,844.64 rounded to		(\$1,840.00)
Net proceeds		\$20,810.00
divided by 2		
Prize		\$10,405.00
Camp Kirk		\$10,405.00

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation, I want to thank all the individual lions and lioness, as well as the lions and lioness clubs that purchased tickets for the draw. I also want to thank the clubs that made a straight donation, rather than purchasing tickets (\$1,300.00). I am pleased to announce that the winning ticket was ticket #04831, purchased by the Chemong Lake Lions Club. Congratulations!

Report submitted by Paul Brand, PDG and Promotion Chair,
Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation.

Thanks to LCIF Special Olympics is More Special Than Ever

by Jay Copp

Many of the 90 Special Olympics athletes who filed into a hall in June at the international convention in Hong Kong had never had their vision screened. They came to the right place. Lions and other volunteers checked their eyes for vision problems and disease. The two dozen or so who needed glasses received them not long after the screening.

The screening represented the first time a service project was completed on the convention floor; however Lions/LCIF and Special Olympics have been collaborating on the Opening Eyes eye health program since 2001. Since then, the two organizations have screened 66,198 Special Olympics athletes and provided 29,424 pairs of free eyeglasses.

LCIF began its partnership with Special Olympics because those with mental retardation, for a variety of reasons, often do not get their eyes checked. The screenings have not only led to better vision for many but also detected eye disease in early stages and prevented blindness.

"We are proud of the work that this partnership has achieved, and we look forward to sharing more successes with Special Olympics athletes worldwide," said then-International President Clement Kusiak. Added Dicken Yung, Special Olympics East Asian president, "Looking at all the people who have benefited from the work of Lions clubs worldwide gives you countless reasons to be proud of your work as Lions clubs members. What a way to say, We Serve."

Lions at the screening agreed that the screenings exemplified what Lions are all about. "This represents why Lions from around the world do more than talk. The project is truly a metaphor of how we walk the walk," said Juan "John" Ochoco of the East Kauai Club in Hawaii.

LCIF has provided US\$9.14 million to fund Opening Eyes. The latest grant, for US\$3.85 million in October 2004, extended the



A Special Olympics athlete is screened at the international convention in Hong Kong.

partnership through the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China, in August 2007.

The latest grant will fund 270 Opening Eyes screening events with volunteer support from several thousand Lions clubs. (More than 5,000 Lions so far have volunteered at the screenings.) An estimated 64,320 additional athletes with mental retardation will be screened, of which an estimated 24,468 will be given free eyeglasses.

The new funding also means further expansion of Opening Eyes in East Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, and other regions. Costs per screening will be lowered significantly because of increased local funding.

Finally, the additional grant will allow the implementation of a global training curriculum in optometric schools and eye care training institutes worldwide. The curriculum will address health concerns, eye and otherwise, common among those with mental retardation.

Opening Eyes benefits from the expertise of some of the world's foremost vision care professionals. At a recent screening in Ghana, Dr. Paul Berman, the founder and senior global clinical director of Opening Eyes, received the Optometrist of the Year Award from the World Council of Optometry. "The work that Lions Clubs International has done to advance sight and sight preservation is simply incredible, and I am honored to do my small part to ensure that all are afforded this opportunity," said Dr. Berman.

The LCIF grants for the Opening Eyes program are Core 4 grants. Core 4 grants serve one of four program areas: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health or serving youth.

Founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968, Special Olympics offers sports training and competition for individuals with mental retardation.

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Writing the Next Chapter...

The long history of Lions battling against blindness has many exciting and poignant chapters.

The story started with Helen Keller's dramatic appeal to Lions to become "Knights of the Blind." Pioneering the white cane as a symbol of independence for blind people was an early highlight. Establishing camps for blind children, regional eye banks and supporting dog guide schools enriched the story.

But all that was prologue to the establishment of SightFirst in 1990. That bold initiative took Lions service to the blind to heights unimaginable just years before. (See timeline below.)

Today, Lions are writing the next chapter in the fight against blindness. Campaign SightFirst II will raise a minimum of US\$150 million to fund the next generation of SightFirst programs, which have the potential to save as many as 37 million people from a life of darkness.

Campaign SightFirst II has come a long way in a short time. Even before its official launch at the 2005 International Convention in Hong Kong, 24 extraordinarily generous and committed Lions stepped forward to give Lead Gifts of US\$100,000 or more (see list). At the convention, Lions assembled from around the world and reaffirmed their commitment as Knights of the Blind and expressed the will to make Campaign SightFirst II a success by once again answering, "Yes!" to a reenactment of Helen Keller's famous request.



To ensure that Campaign SightFirst II reaches every club and that every Lion has the opportunity to participate in this important initiative, a campaign "organization within an organization" is being built. There are already hundreds of Lion leaders at work organizing and educating their fellow Lions. Eventually, the worldwide Campaign SightFirst II leadership team will include more than 8,000 Lions.

What drives these dedicated volunteers to give of their time and energy? It is the knowledge that...

...on average, every US\$6 raised enables SightFirst to save or restore the sight of one person somewhere in the world.

... it is possible to eliminate river blindness in Latin America by 2010.

... a pair of eyeglasses can make the difference between a child who grows and learns normally and one who has little hope for the future.

...95 percent of those with low vision do not receive adaptive equipment or appropriate education, making their condition little better than those who are fully blind.

The next passage to be written calls for clubs to conduct one additional fundraising event with proceeds dedicated to Campaign SightFirst II, to prepare for intensive club fundraising in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

How will this chapter end? That's up to you and the thousands of dedicated Lions clubs around the world.

These Lions are leading the way in Campaign Sight First II with gifts of US\$100,000 or more.

PIP Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, CSFII Chairperson, Republic of Korea
ID Kee-Jung Woo, Republic of Korea
ID Somsakdi "Lo" Lovisuth, Thailand
PID Masanori Fukui, Japan
PID Dr. Gen Okubo, Japan
PID Dr. Wing-Kun Tam, Hong Kong
PID Vuthi Boonnikornvoravith, Thailand
PID Jung-Yul Choi, Republic of Korea
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PDG Charlie Chan, Singapore
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Lions Appreciation Day at the CNIB Lake Joseph Center

About 120 Lions and Lionesses gathered at the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre for its annual Lions Appreciation Day this past August. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for swimming, cruising on the lake, paddle boat races and a tasty barbecue. The event, which has been running for more than a decade, was created to recognize the special partnership between the Lions and Lionesses of MDA and the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre.

Lake Jo, as it is affectionately known, is a Muskoka camp dedicated to people of all ages who are visually impaired, blind or deafblind, offering a unique blend of summer fun and rehabilitative activity in a safe and accessible environment. It provides a wonderful experience and sense of inclusiveness that cannot be found at any other facility in Ontario. It was built by the CNIB and the Lions Clubs of Ontario in 1961. It is managed by the CNIB and supported largely through the generosity and dedication of the Lions and Lionesses of Ontario.

In addition to honouring this long-standing relationship, there was another reason to gather and celebrate at Lake Jo this year: the dedication of the Medical Centre. The Medical Centre is the second building completed as part of Lake Jo's extensive \$6 million redevelopment project. The purpose of this project is to ensure that all the buildings at the camp are not only physically and structurally sound, but also open and accessible to campers of all abilities.

Lion Dave Hewitt, Past District Governor of District A-12, spearheaded the fundraising campaign to rebuild the Medical Centre during his term as District Governor in 2002/03. By the end of his term, District A-12 club members had raised enough money to cover the costs of the Medical Centre's physical construction – an incredible accomplishment – but still more money was needed to complete the important project.



Lion Kathy Daoust, who took over as District Governor for A-12 in 2003/04, accepted the challenge. Under her guidance and leadership, Lions and Lionesses continued their remarkable fundraising efforts. The result of this hard work is the fully furnished Medical Centre that stands at Lake Jo today.

Through the concerted efforts of District A-12 club members – as well as a matching gift of \$75,000 US from the Lions Club International – a total of \$217,000 was raised. "Pretty fantastic numbers for a pretty fantastic District," was the enthusiastic reaction of Ryan Chin, Lake Jo's Program Manager.

While working to raise the funds for the building of the Medical Centre, District A-12 club members continued to support the overall Lake Jo redevelopment campaign, as well as general maintenance and operating costs associated with the camp. The outstanding support for the Medical Centre went above and beyond their regular commitment!

During this year's Appreciation Day, guests had the opportunity to walk through the Medical Centre and observe first-hand the new facility they were so instrumental in bringing about. Lion Kathy said she was "very, very proud" of the Medical Centre and the work of District A-12, adding that the project was another great example of the wonderful partnership between the Lions and the CNIB. And the future of this partnership looks just as promising.

A new joint initiative – Lions Low Vision Clinics (LLVC) – has recently been launched to acknowledge this relationship. Together with Lake Jo, LLVCs are the primary focus of Lions' involvement with CNIB. In addition to bringing vision rehabilitation services to about 100 communities across Ontario, these clinics will also provide an excellent opportunity for Lions and Lionesses who want to volunteer to help out and to gain a new awareness and appreciation of the needs of people in their community who are visually impaired or blind.

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Ever since accepting Helen Keller's challenge in 1925, Lions have been tirelessly working to help people living with vision loss lead more fulfilling, independent lives. Each year the CNIB recognizes this commitment and honours an individual Lion who demonstrates outstanding service and dedication on behalf of the visually impaired, blind, and deafblind.

This year the CNIB is proud to recognize the service of Lion Harry Marissen, of the Wellington and District Lions Club, who is the latest recipient of the prestigious Edwin A. Baker Founder Award, established in 1998 by the Knights of the Blind/CNIB Partnership Program. The Award was presented to Lion Harry at the 2005 MD"A" convention in Kingston. It is an honour he shares with seven other remarkable Lions from across Ontario.

Lion Harry has been serving his community ever since he first began his career in Lionism in 1982 as a member of the Aylmer Lions Club. He held several positions at the Lions Club of Belleville, including President, before moving to the Wellington and District Lions Club. He also assumed leadership posts for the Lions Club District A-3. Additionally, from 2002- 2003, Lion Harry acted as Council Chair for the MD"A". He currently works as a key member of the Multiple District Research and Long Range Planning Committee and is Chair of Constitution and Bylaws for District A-3.

In his more than 20 years of service, Lion Harry has been a long-time champion of the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre and CNIB Low Vision Clinics, recently renamed Lions Low Vision Clinics to honour the 50-year history between the CNIB and the Lions Clubs of MD"A". This exciting new partnership would not have been possible without Lion Harry's tireless behind the scenes negotiating. "His skills of diplomacy and his attention to detail ... enabled both parties to come together for the benefit of all visually impaired and blind people. He is the quiet doer behind the scenes," said Lion Louise McGilly, former CNIB District Manager for Kingston, Hastings and Prince Edward.

Lions Low Vision Clinics are held in communities all across the province and are led by CNIB Vision Rehabilitation Workers (VRWs). These specialists perform vision assessments to determine an individual's level of remaining functional vision and teach adaptations for how to use this residual vision. VRWs provide advice, information, and follow up in the use of low vision aids and non-optical aids with the goal of helping clients maintain their independence and quality of life. VRWs also answer questions about eye disease, and provide referrals to additional, complementary CNIB services such as orientation and mobility and rehabilitation teaching.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of members such as Lion Harry, these services are being made available to an increasing number of clients all across Ontario. The commitment and outstanding service that Lion Harry has demonstrated on behalf of the visually impaired, blind, and deafblind in his community is exceptional and will not be forgotten. Lion Harry has truly earned the title, Knight of the Blind.

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Be Readers and Leaders

Dr. Clement F. Kusiak,
Immediate Past President
Chairperson, LCIF Executive
Committee

Readers are leaders. That's an old adage but it endures because it's true. You can't take charge of situations and make a complete contribution unless you are knowledgeable and informed. Lions are leaders in service. Every Lion should take pride in their willingness and ability to be in the forefront of service projects in their community.

I encourage you to be readers and leaders. Read the LCIF stories in THE LION. There are at least two in every issue. Listed in the table of contents, one is on LCIF in general and the other on SightFirst. Read the foundation's highly informative annual report as well as Profile, the annual newsletter of SightFirst. Both can be downloaded

from our Web site at www.lcif.org. In fact, please take a few minutes to surf the Web site. It's packed with news and valuable information on grants, donor recognition programs and many other topics.

Also, take a look at the publications we send out annually to club presidents. Even more importantly, please read the articles, bulletins and reports we will be issuing on Campaign SightFirst II in THE LION, on the Campaign SightFirst II Web site at www.Lions-CSFII.org and elsewhere. We promise you that we will communicate what the campaign is all about and how it is progressing. Yet, we need Lions to reciprocate, so to speak, by staying updated on the campaign.

If you want to take your knowledge of LCIF one step further, consider ordering the LCIF CD-ROM for 2005-2006. This is resource will help all

Lions understand, promote and support LCIF. The CD-ROM includes a message from myself, the latest LCIF video (titled LCIF: Serving the World Community and Your Community), background on Campaign SightFirst II, information on grants and donations, updates on LCIF projects and accomplishments, brochures, PowerPoint presentations, photos, speeches and more. The CD-ROM is available for US\$4 in the United States and Canada (\$2 for the CD-ROM and \$2 for postage). To order, e-mail LCIF at lcif@lionsclubs.org or call LCIF at 630-571-5466. ext. 508.

Knowledge is power. That's another old adage. We Lions understand the power of service. I urge you to be a faithful reader of all LCIF material and help the foundation continue to be a leader in humanitarian service.

Lions, Johnson & Johnson Bring Sight to Kids

by Joshua Friedman

Lions in Thailand are returning to school in droves. They're not there to learn but to screen for vision problems and to distribute eyeglasses. In three years, teams of Lions, healthcare workers and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care employees have screened nearly 350,000 children for refractive error and other vision problems.

The screenings are part of Sight for Kids, a highly ambitious and successful collaboration of LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care to offer vision screenings and eye health education to children. The company has committed up to US\$835,000 over four years to fund Sight for Kids in Korea, MD300 Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, China and Malaysia as well as Thailand.

Myopia (nearsightedness) causes significant vision impairment in more than 15% of children under age 15 in some Asian countries, according to a U.S. National Eye Institute study. Regrettably, the same study revealed that half of all cases of refractive error in school children remain undetected and uncorrected.

A Sight for Kids event in January at one of the Bangkok Municipal Authority Schools brought together two dozen Lions, several nurses and more than 70 Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Asia-Pacific Management Team members. The volunteers distributed eye glasses to 200 children who had been screened at an earlier date. Approximately 750 additional children were screened for refractive error and other vision problems. Those children would be given glasses and receive any needed hospital care in the near future. On hand as a guest of honor was the Deputy Governor of Bangkok.

Since its inception in October 2002 in Thailand, Sight for Kids has screened 345,373 children in 431 schools in Bangkok. Eyeglasses were prescribed to 6,245 children and an additional 231 children required hospital treatment for conditions such



A screening is done at the international convention in Hong Kong.

as squint, amblyopia and ptosis. The program committee is continuing to provide follow-up in order that all children requiring hospital treatment receive it. The treatment numbers, therefore, may increase in the coming months.

“Nearsightedness causes significant vision impairment in more than 15% of children under age 15 in some Asian countries.”

The screenings have been done by 921 Lions, schoolteachers, and other volunteers who have been trained to conduct these school-based screenings. Helping to coordinate the program is Past International Director Vuthi Boonnikornvoravith, who coordinates the program's

collaborative efforts between Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Lions of Thailand, the Thai Ministry of Public Health and the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration. The program also benefits from the technical expertise and guidance of Dr. K. Konyama, LCIF SightFirst Technical Advisor for Southeast Asia.

Sight for Kids provides vision screening skills to schoolteachers in Thailand so that they can continue caring for the vision health of their students in the future. Sight for Kids is not only valuable because it detects eye disease early but also because it fosters cooperation among educational personnel, health care personnel and Lions volunteers.

Sight for Kids will expand to other public schools in Bangkok and to school districts up to 100 kilometers (60 miles) from Bangkok. An additional 420,000 children will be screened by the end of the calendar year. Lions are giving the gift of vision to children at an amazingly low cost: the average cost of a screening is about 20 cents (U.S. dollars) per child.



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BBQ Draw

Sarnia Township Lions Club recently held a draw for a gas barbecue. Proceeds from this event was \$759.46 which was divided three ways: \$253.16 to Eyes Right; \$253.15 to Leader Dog in Rochester, Michigan, \$253.16 to Lake Joseph Camp for the Blind.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



Lion Joyce Doucet presented Lion Bob Wright with the portable Weber Barbecue prize.

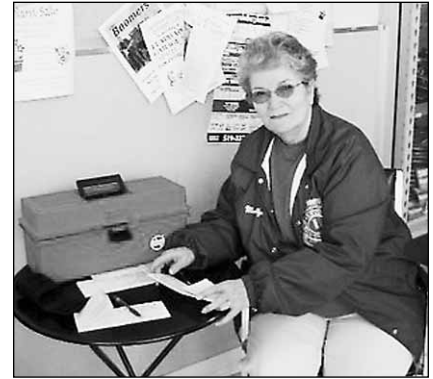
Helen Keller Joan



Kingsville Lion Joan Swinhoe was presented with a Helen Keller Fellowship for her many years of dedication to Lionism and her community. Pictured presenting the plaque to Joan is club President Lion Gord Anderson.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

John Deere Draw



District A1, Zone 24 West Lions Clubs held their 7th Annual Zone Project draw on May 8. First prize was a John Deere 17 h.p. lawn tractor mower, 2nd prize a 21 inch - 6 HP MTD push mower and 3rd prize was an MTD gas weed/grass trimmer.

5764 tickets were sold by club members. A cheque for \$6,880.00 was presented to the Canadian Diabetes Association by project chairperson Lion Doug Reycraft of the Glencoe District Lions Club. Over the years approximately \$40,000.00 has been raised for diabetes research by these draws.

Lion Marilyn Madacsi is shown selling tickets on the draw.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi

Milestone

Eight Past District Governors and eleven Past District Presidents attended the 25th Anniversary celebration of the District A-1 Lioness. The bar-b-cue held at the Lions Park in Mount Brydges was well attended and everyone had a great time on Sunday August 28th.

Submitted by Lion Marilyn Madacsi



Pictured left to right: Standing: P.D.P's Janet Payne, Henny VanKessel, Sandra Nixon, Rosemary Kennedy, Jane Betterley, Arla Walsh, Carrol Vincent and Anna Giles. Seated: P.D.P. Joan O'Brien, Darlene Priestley, Sitting District President Barb Innes and P.D.P. Ev Crisp.

Judge Brian to Carolyn

Zone Chairperson Lion Carolyn Oshell of the Kingsville Lions Club was recently presented with a Judge Brian Stevenson Award. Carolyn has been a dedicated Lion to her club, District A-1 and her community.

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Plenty to Celebrate

A Lot of Beds

Give and Take



The Tillsonburg Lions Club has witnessed the ups and downs in profits over the years with their weekly bingo games. Fortunately, it is currently a profitable endeavor. Which is great because the club has been fulfilling both monetary and work commitments all around. Club President Peter Grant recently presented Lion Jim Boughner, Chairman of Camp Dorset with a \$1500 donation. And Tillsonburg's newest lion, Anita Stuyt, is shown busy painting cabins at CNIB Lake Joe as part of the work weekend in May this year.

Submitted by Lion Greg D'Hulster



Long Point Lions Club love to celebrate. And recently they went whole hog at it, giving out several awards to club members. In the photo, left to right, is Club President Bob Abbey presenting Lion Bill Fick with his Melvin Jones Award. Assisting is Zone Chairman 4 West Lion John Krestel.

Also receiving commendation for their service to club and community were 36 year member Lion Bob Demeyere- a Life Membership; and Lion Joe Fulop (54 year member) and Lion Jack Hazelwood (42 year member) - both received International President Clement F. Kusiak's Certificate of Appreciation.

Reported by Lion Don Dedrick



The Tillsonburg Lions Club purchased, at a cost of \$6000, a truckfull of bunkbeds and mattresses to give to various camps throughout the province that Lions support. Loading the truck are, left to right, Lion Greg D'Hulster, PDG Bob Davis, and Lion Peter Dinsmere.

To help pay for this project the club hosted a bar at a local farm chemical dealers anniversary party. Over eight hundred people attended, helping the club realize a sizeable profit.

Car Winner



Following the club's 43rd Family Carnival, St. Davids & District Lions Club President Rob Copeland presented keys to the Grand Prize winner in the club's annual car draw to Rose Rocca and her family.

Submitted by Lion Ted Burrows

1964 Impala



Lion Frank French, left, along with Lion Rex Smith of the Chippawa Lions Club hand the keys of a '64 Impala to draw winner Brenda Linton. The lucky lady won the car at the annual Chippawa Lions Carnival.

Grantham Fish Fry



Lion Richard Boyce, immediate Past President of the Grantham Lions Club, gave every lady a single red rose at the club's monthly fish fry. This was his way of thanking all of the loyal residents of St. Catherines who came out to our fish fry every month and supported the Lions. The ladies were very surprised by his kind gesture.

Submitted by Lion Dan Doucet

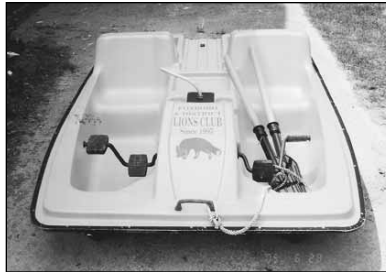


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Foxboro Lions Float Boat for Camp Dorset

The Foxboro & District Lions Club, with a membership of 16, recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary and is very proud of its accomplishments and service this past year in support of Lions' and other community projects.

We were very excited to donate \$1,000 to Camp Dorset, along with a colorful paddleboat to further enhance the wonderful experiences families of dialysis patients already enjoy there.



The Club was honored to be named the first recipient of the "Aubrey Cup", presented by Lions Janet Marissen and Willa Duke, in recognition of its all around support of Lions Foundation Dog Guides, which included a \$1,000 donation and its roll in a "puppy" being donated for training.

We are happy to continue our support of community projects which include: Community Trust \$1,000; Co-Ed School \$1,000; Children of Chernobyl \$1,000; Gleaners Food Bank \$1,150; Alzheimer's \$1,000; Foxboro Emmanuel Church \$2,000 towards a new audio system for the "Hearing Impaired"; Hastings/Prince Edward Children's Choir \$1,000; Boy Scouts \$1,250; 4-H Club \$750 and Quinte Sexual Assault \$500. Also, recognizing the Lions commitment to service worldwide, the Club immediately responded to news of the Tsunami devastation with a \$1,000 donation to World Vision.

Each and every member worked many hours to ensure that our annual "John Deere" lawn tractor raffle was a fundraising success, while enjoying fun conversation with familiar faces from years past. The Club raised a net profit of over \$5000. The winning tickets were drawn on June 5th by Wal-Mart Assistant Manager, Sean; with the tractor being won by Charles Murchison of Marmora and the second prize of a \$100 Wal-Mart gift certificate going to Steve Thompson of Roblin.

A sincere Thank You to each member of the Club for an outstanding year.

Submitted by: Lion Laraine Warren

Campbellford Waterfront



One of Campbellford Lions Club's newest members is shown paddling to a third place overall in the cardboard boat races. Lion Marg with the help of two other members built the boat using cardboard, contact cement, tape and seven coats of paint. The Lions club also shared the work load with the Rebels hockey team to run the beer tent. It was a huge success. The Club also had a 50/50 draw which netted the club \$350.

Fresh Blood



The Kingston Lions Club was pleased to induct six new members into the club this past spring. They include, left to right, Barbara Babcock, Shirley Camilleri, Lois Prue, Carmel Fisher, Mona Fournier and Naydene Shanks.

Submitted by Lion Sam Camilleri

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200 Years of Experience



Four Elgin Lions Club members represent 200 years of membership in the club. They are, left to right, Ab Emmons, 45 years; Edmund Kenney, 55 years; Reverend Harry Seely, 45 years; and absent from photo, Glen Guthrie, 55 years. Kenny and Guthrie were charter members of the club.



Soirée Intronisation des Officiers du Club Lions de Buckingham



Le samedi 4 juin dernier, à la salle des Chevaliers de Colomb, le Club Lions de Buckingham a effectué l'intronisation de ses nouveaux officiers pour la prochaine année, soit de juin 2005 à juin 2006. Ce bureau de direction aura la lourde tâche de faire leurs recommandations sur chacune des demandes reçues, afin de les présenter par la suite à tous les membres aux réunions générales mensuelles du club, où elles seront alors débattues.

Cette soirée entre membres et invités fut un grand succès, grâce entre autres à l'excellent repas préparé par Lion André Turpin et au comité organisateur qui a veillé à la préparation et au déroulement de cette soirée. Félicitations à tous!



Lion Luc Miner, président pour l'année 2003-2004, remet la plaque du président et l'insigne au président sortant, Lion Pierre Renaud.



Lion Pierre Renaud, président sortant, remet la bague et l'insigne au président de la prochaine année, Lion Jacques Charbonneau.



Lion Pierre Renaud, au nom du Club Lions, remet un bouquet de fleurs à la conjointe du futur président, Mme Lorraine Charbonneau.



Lion président Jacques Charbonneau, avec espérons-le, deux futurs membres, ses garçons Marc et Guy Charbonneau.



Félicitations à tous ces membres pour leurs années de service pour le club. De gauche à droite, Lion Pierre Renaud, 20 ans; Lion David Hayes, membre à vie; Lion Guy Duguay, 10 ans; Lion Horace Gauthier, 45 ans; Lion André Turpin, 15 ans; Lion Thom Laframboise, 45 ans; Lion Ed D'Entremont, 20 ans; Lion Norm MacMillan, 35 ans; et Lion Luc Barette, nouveau membre.



Voici le bureau de direction pour la prochaine année. Bas : Lion Jacques Renaud, 1er vice, Lion Pierre Renaud, président sortant, Lion Jacques Charbonneau, président, Lion Ed D'Entremont, secrétaire, Lion Yves Goulet, taille twister. Haut : Lion Pierre Pelletier, Lion Tammer, Lion André Turpin, directeur, Lion Jacques Lareau, 2e vice, Lion Richard Besner, trésorier, Lion Guy Duguay, directeur. Absent : Lion Denis Bédard, Lion Luc Lauzon, directeurs.

Games Hopeful



“Orleans Paralympic Hopeful” Kevin Frost presents a certificate of appreciation to Club President Daniel Charron.

The Orleans Lions Club received a certificate of appreciation from Kevin Frost and in turn the Lions supported him in his dream of becoming a gold medal winner at the Paralympic games. In 2003 Kevin returned to the ice, trading in his referee jersey and whistle for a pair of long blade speed skates. In 2002 he was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Usher Syndrome causing progressive hearing and vision loss. Presently, the International Paralympic Committee has not recognized speed skating as an official Paralympic sport. Until then Frost is content competing against able-bodied skaters that share the same love of sport as him in various North America Speed Skating Competition. For more information on Kevin’s journey go to www.deafblindspeedskater.com.

Submitted by Lion Maurice Lacasse



Don is Appreciated



Russell Lion Don Graham receives International President Clem Kusiak’s “Certificate of Appreciation”, recognizing Lion Don’s 52 years of Lionism, from Lion President Gord Saunders at the Club’s 57th Charter Night. A Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award was also presented that night to Lion Jim Sullivan. Lion Jim is the first Russell Lion to be so honoured.

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Off to the Races



The Temagami Lions Club Great Golf Ball Race was held on Sunday, July 31 on O’Connor Drive. The winners were: 1st Prize Nicole & Rachel Belanger \$200, 2nd Prize Morris Etmanski \$100, 3rd Prize Diane (DeeDee) Forget \$50. Left to right: Lion Ron Carr and Lion Bill Kitts assisted by Dave Gravelle.

Submitted by Lion Ernie Gravelle & Lion Marj Belanger



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Computers Donated



Left top right, Lion President John Grass and Lion Ernie Gravelle presented Librarian Shelley Rowland with a computer for library use, as Lion Bill Humphrey looks on.

The Temagami Lions club recently donated 3 computers into the community. The first 3 of hopefully many computers were given out to: Temagami Public Library, The Miniwassi, and The Ronnoco House. When members of the Friendly Group heard that computers were being installed at the Ronnoco House and The Miniwassi, 13 of them signed up for a computer course at the Library. WAY TO GO! As more computers are received, they will be distributed throughout the community.

Senior's Supper



The Centennial Arena Hall in Nanmer, Ontario was the site for the Valley East Lions Club 12th annual Seniors supper. This event has catered to as many as 795 seniors at one sitting in two locales. The club hosted up to 400 seniors at one location this past Christmas.

Mayor Jim Gordon of the City of Greater Sudbury made a plaque presentation to Lion Jake Newfield PRC MJF of the Valley East Lions Club at the twelfth Seniors Supper. This event has been hosted by the Lions Club of Valley East for all of these years and the City wanted to say Thank You.

Special People

On April 30th the Warren and District Lions Club had their 25th charter night. Guest speaker was PID Bill Moody, who entertained about 150 guests. Many awards were given out that evening: Melvin Jones to Lion Lorne Johnson, Helen Keller award to Lion Gerry Dignard, Judge Brian Stephenson Fellowship award to Lion Micheline Cayen, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Steven Olsen, and Lifetime Memberships to Lion Fern Bedard and Lion Len Collin. The celebration was a success thanks to Chair Gerry Dignard & co-chair Fern Bedard! Special thanks goes out to everyone who came and made this night extra special for us!

Submitted by Lion Steven Olsen

Saying Thanks

The Valley East Lions Club showed its appreciation to students in Cambrian College's Criminal Justice Association recently. A core group of students volunteered their time every other week to provide security at the Lions-sponsored Valley East Teen Dances.

Submitted by Jake Newfield

Valley Lions Help Build

Confederation High School students were beaming recently after the announcement that the Valley East Lions Club had received a \$23,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to develop a state-of-the-art recording studio at the secondary institute. Norm McIntosh and retired Confederation teacher Brenda Stobo were credited with being the key players in getting the Valley East Lions to apply for the grant. The Lions Community Heritage Sound Studio will first be used to produce a CD for seniors in the area. The new studio will allow individuals, community groups, church choirs and many others to produce quality work.

Submitted by Jake Newfield

BIG Cheque



The Elliot Lake Lions Club presented a \$10,000 cheque to Elliot Lake's St. Joseph Hospital for much needed equipment. Club past President Tom Mulhinch, left, makes the presentation to St. Joe's CEO Mike Hukezalie.

Submitted by Lion Anne Brant

A Good Lion

At their fifth Anniversary celebrations the Sheguiandah Lions Club presented a Melvin Jones Fellow Award to Lion Bruce Pope, a lion for the past twenty-three years.

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Appreciated

The Erin & District Lions Club celebrated their charter anniversary by handing out a few awards. Lions Fred Steen (left) and Bob McEnery (right) were presented with International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation from Club President Lion Howard Wheeler. Lion Fred, with 54 years of perfect attendance, was Charter Treasurer and Lion Bob was Charter President.

Submitted by Lion Derek Bloomfield

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Project Pride



Mrs. Marcotte's class from Sacred heart School.



Mrs. Willick of Hillcrest Public School pins a Maple Leaf on Kirsten Vander's dress.

Teeswater Lions took part in Project Pride again this past spring. The lions presented Citizenship Certificates and a Canadian flag to all Grade one students at two schools in the area. The event is made even happier for the students with donations of chocolate milk, Canada flag stickers and pens/pencils donated by area businesses, and Maple Leaf pins from the local M.P. Paul Stackle.



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Dooley & Blues



Entertainment at the Sauble Beach Lions Club's annual BBQ dinner in June was provided this year by Dooley Sisters and Blues Bros. The club had never seen such a lively bunch of grannies. Left to right in the photo: Lions Lesley Wood, Jim Kempster, Peggy Johnson, Gary Wood and Moira Kempster.

Submitted by Lion Don Johnson

Milestone



Teeswater Lions Club member Lloyd Sillick, right, was presented with the Certificate of Appreciation by A9 Vice District Governor Charles Liddle. This was in recognition of Lion Lloyd's 56 years of distinguished achievements in leadership and service.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel



Britta to Travel



The Teeswater Lions Club held a Cold Plate Luncheon and Silent Auction for Britta Danielle Hallberg. Britta was going to China to visit/work at China Children's Home. More than \$1000 was raised from the event.

Standing from left: Shelley (Britta's mom), Club President Ray, Tor (Britta's dad), Lion Hilda Wales, Britta and Lion John Fieten. The framed picture of the Twon Library was sketched by Shelley and included in the Silent Auction.

Submitted by Lion I.R. Patel

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Orillia Visits Lake Jo



Orillia Lions Club members (left to right) President Mary Silk, Bill Belfour, Dave Woods and Brenda Arcila assisted in running a social evening for the guests at Lake Joseph CNIB Camp by running a bingo and giving away cash prizes. The club has been helping with these social functions for many years. During their visit they also had a chance to view the new A12 Medical Building, and the Medical Treatment Room in it, which was sponsored by the Orillia Club through a \$5000 donation.

Kempenfest Fun

The Lions Blue Sky Theater stage was alive with entertainment all weekend during the annual Kempenfest Arts & Craft show in Barrie. The stage, as usual, brought in the crowds all weekend. Serving hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream, the Barrie Lions Club were able to raise more than \$9000 over a July weekend of fun. Volunteers were plentiful from the club members, students and friends. Lion Cindy Williams (Chair) and Lion Len Cormier helped put together another banner year.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis



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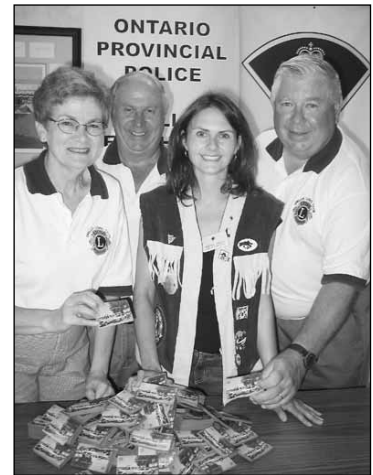
Saving Lives



Lion President Sam Stewart, left, and Lion Dean Bernas, right, along with Magnetawan's finest.

The Magnetawan Lions Club coordinated a Community fund raising drive to purchase a defibrillator for each of the two fire stations in their municipality. As a result of terrific community support they were able to purchase the defibrillators, along with the required supplies for the operation of both machines. With donations exceeding the \$12,095.70 cost of the machines the Club added to the fund and purchased additional supplies and new medical response coveralls for all the first response personnel.

Emergency Number



Orillia Lions participated in the Media launch for the new Emergency phone number magnets being distributed by the Orillia OPP. Orillia Lions donated the 3000 business card size fridge magnets which give the emergency and non emergency telephone numbers. The purpose of this OPP campaign is to ensure the emergency number is used only for emergencies and not tied up unnecessarily with non emergency calls. Pictured from Left to Right are Orillia Lions members President Mary Silk, Stuart Cobbe, Secretary Brenda Arcila, and Bill Belfour.

Submitted by Lion Bill Belfour

Antique Appraisal Day



Peninsula Lions Club held an Antique Appraisal Day and BBQ in June. The club raised approximately \$600 from the event. The BBQs included Left to right, former 43 year Lion Archie Pain, now ninety-one years old, Lion Tom Miller, and Lion Ed Campbell.

Complex Payment



Lion Milton Matiasek of the Barrie Lions Club presented a cheque for \$3,000.00 to mayor Rob Hamilton for the Midhurst Sports Complex (Lions Park). The club committed \$3,000.00 each year for ten years to the City for this sports park.

Submitted by Lion Carol Ellis

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New Members

The Cannington Lions were pleased to induct four new members on April 7th, with Region Chair Chris Cliff doing the honours. The inductees were Glenn Tait, Barry Hobbs, Mike Jones and Brian Barlow.

Submitted by Lion Doug Fuller

He Deserves It



The Ajax Lions Club, at their annual Ladies and Awards Night, presented Lion president Len Crocker with the Helen Keller Fellowship award. Lion Len has served for twenty-three years, three times as president of the Ajax Club. PDG Al Nowitski, left, presented the award.

Submitted by Lion Bob Rowland

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