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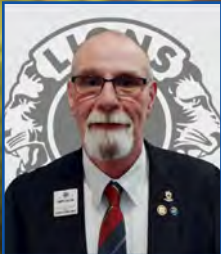
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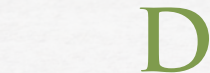




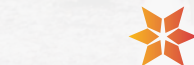
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We Are Rooted In Service

Dear Lion,

Service is the foundation of our organization and at the heart of who we are as Lions. Every day, in communities around the world, we bring kindness, compassion and support to those who need it most. Our shared commitment connects us, strengthens our clubs and reminds us why we serve.

My presidential message, “Rooted in Service,” is a reminder to stay grounded in the values that have guided Lions and Leos for generations. Our service creates lasting change and gives us a sense of purpose — but it should also bring us joy. That joy is what keeps us engaged year after year. Through serving together, we build friendships, create lasting memories and make a real difference in our communities and in our own lives.

This year, I encourage you to explore new ways to serve, invite others to join you and take time to enjoy the friendships and connections that make being a Lion or a Leo so rewarding. The enthusiasm we bring to our work can inspire more people to get involved and help our clubs grow even stronger.

Strong clubs are built through active service, welcoming fellowship and a commitment to meeting the needs of our communities. When people see Lions and Leos in action, they see both the impact we make and the purpose that unites us as a global organization.

Thank you for your commitment and all you do. I look forward with great anticipation to the year ahead and everything we will accomplish together as we remain rooted in service.

In friendship and service,

Mark S. Lyon

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International President
Lions Clubs International



Lions Light Up Hong Kong

Lions and Leos from around the world joined us in Hong Kong, China, July 3–7, 2026, for the 108th Lions International Convention. Across five unforgettable days, we were inspired by dynamic speakers, rolled up our sleeves for service projects, explored the new Lions World exhibit hall and enjoyed spectacular entertainment. Together, we celebrated achievements, connected

with friends and made history by setting a Sustainable Development Goals World Record for the first global tai chi event with participants from six continents.

While we're sad it's over, we're looking forward to doing it all over again next year. The countdown to Washington, D.C., is on! Register today at lionscon.lionsclubs.org.



Ahmedabad, in western India, is a vibrant and resilient city, but for many families living in vulnerable communities, hunger is a daily reality. Financial hardships and the rising cost of basic needs make it difficult to put nutritious food on the table, creating fear, stress and uncertainty. As the need for food assistance grew in their community, the Lions of District 3232 B2 responded with the launch of the Food for Hunger project.

The Food for Hunger project, supported by a US\$3,507 District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), focused on more than simply distributing nutritious meals. It offered comfort, security and hope to people facing the daily uncertainty of hunger. For many, each meal provided a moment of relief from the overwhelming burden of wondering where their next meal would come from.

More than 175 Lions and 70 non-Lions came together to bring this project to life. They identified people in need, organized meal preparation and distribution drives, and worked closely with local volunteers

and partners to help ensure food reached those who needed it most. Through their combined efforts, the project helped address immediate hunger while strengthening a spirit of kindness and solidarity throughout the community.

The Food for Hunger project initially aimed to provide meals to around 1,700 people in need. Thanks to the dedication of Lions and volunteers, it surpassed that goal, reaching nearly 2,000 beneficiaries. By delivering essential food assistance, this impactful initiative helped reduce hunger and strengthen

Lions' compassionate service in their community. Its success shows what can happen when people with shared purpose come together to support those in need.

District and Club Community Impact Grants (DCG) are funded by contributions from clubs and districts to LCIF and empower Lions to support humanitarian activities like these in their communities. Learn how your community can use an LCIF DCG to help those in need and check out our new DCG giving levels at lionsclubs.org/DCG.



Our most impactful partnerships are born from the inherent belief that Lions can make a difference, and that the slogan, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion,” can be lived out repeatedly all over the world. Lions perceive community needs from a grassroots level that they believe can be successfully addressed through ambitious vision and hands-on service.

Twenty-five years ago, Lion Dr. Paul Berman saw a need and founded the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)-Special Olympics Opening Eyes® Program. It was the first-ever vision care curriculum for eye care professionals to establish best practices in the effective treatment of individuals with intellectual disabilities. By offering vision screenings for Special Olympics athletes, eye care professionals gained hands-on experience, and

athletes received high-quality care for free.

Dr. Berman’s dream of improving access to vision care for people with disabilities has been realized in more than 475,500 screenings and 281,000 free prescription eyeglasses for Special Olympics athletes. Since 2013, Special Olympics and LCIF have expanded the partnership to include areas of global collaboration beyond vision.

“Over the years, LCIF has awarded more than US\$30 million to Special Olympics for activities that include Opening Eyes, Unified Sports®, Motor Activities Training Programs (MATP), Unified with Refugees and Athlete Leadership, Family Health Forums, youth activation and so many more,” said LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh. “We have invested in a partnership that has expanded our vision for inclusion, provided a platform for Lions and Leos to serve alongside Special Olympics athletes and their families, and broadened access to community services for those who need them most.”

More than 23,000 Lions and Leos have volunteered with Special Olympics since our partnership began. Through our extensive partnership activities, Special



Olympics athletes and staff have been inspired to join Lions and Leo clubs and make a difference in their local communities.

“At Special Olympics, we are grateful to have such an impactful, global partnership with the world’s largest, most active, and most inclusive service organization in the world,” said Special Olympics CEO David Evangelista. “Many associations support individuals with intellectual disabilities as beneficiaries of service, which we as a movement greatly appreciate. What makes Lions Clubs International unique is the focus on engaging this population to become agents of service, bringing their talents and abilities to the community as Lions. I believe it is at this intersection of service and inclusion that we are changing the world.”

MARK S. LYON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
2026–2027

ROOTED IN SERVICE

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Service is the foundation of Lions. It’s who we are and what we do.
Our roots run deep — stretching far and wide to build lasting
connections and strengthen our world.

Every time we serve, our roots
grow stronger and deeper.

Where Roots Run Deep

The 200-foot stone wall that borders International President Mark Lyon's home in Brookfield, Connecticut is more than just a wall. Like so many things in the life of Mark Lyon, it's a story.

Every stone was gathered from the surrounding woods and fields by Lyon, his family and friends. Each stone was placed by hand, like pieces of a puzzle, steadily building the wall over many months. "Brick by brick. That's how we build something to last," he says with a smile.

It stands as a quiet testament to patience, persistence and care. It's a reminder that lasting impact is built one thoughtful action at a time, through the efforts of many. It reflects not only a long architectural tradition in Connecticut, but Lyon's love and respect for tradition. Roots matter.

Lyon is a husband, father, musician, corporate executive, leader and longtime Lion — and in many ways, just a regular guy. "You'll find me in the kitchen, around the firepit or at a Lions meeting — I just like being with people," he says. "I'm a jeans and t-shirt kind of guy. What you see is what you get."

His heart is in Brookfield, where the story of his life unfolded. After several moves, Mark's father, a pastor, settled the family in Brookfield to take on the challenge of revitalizing a local church.

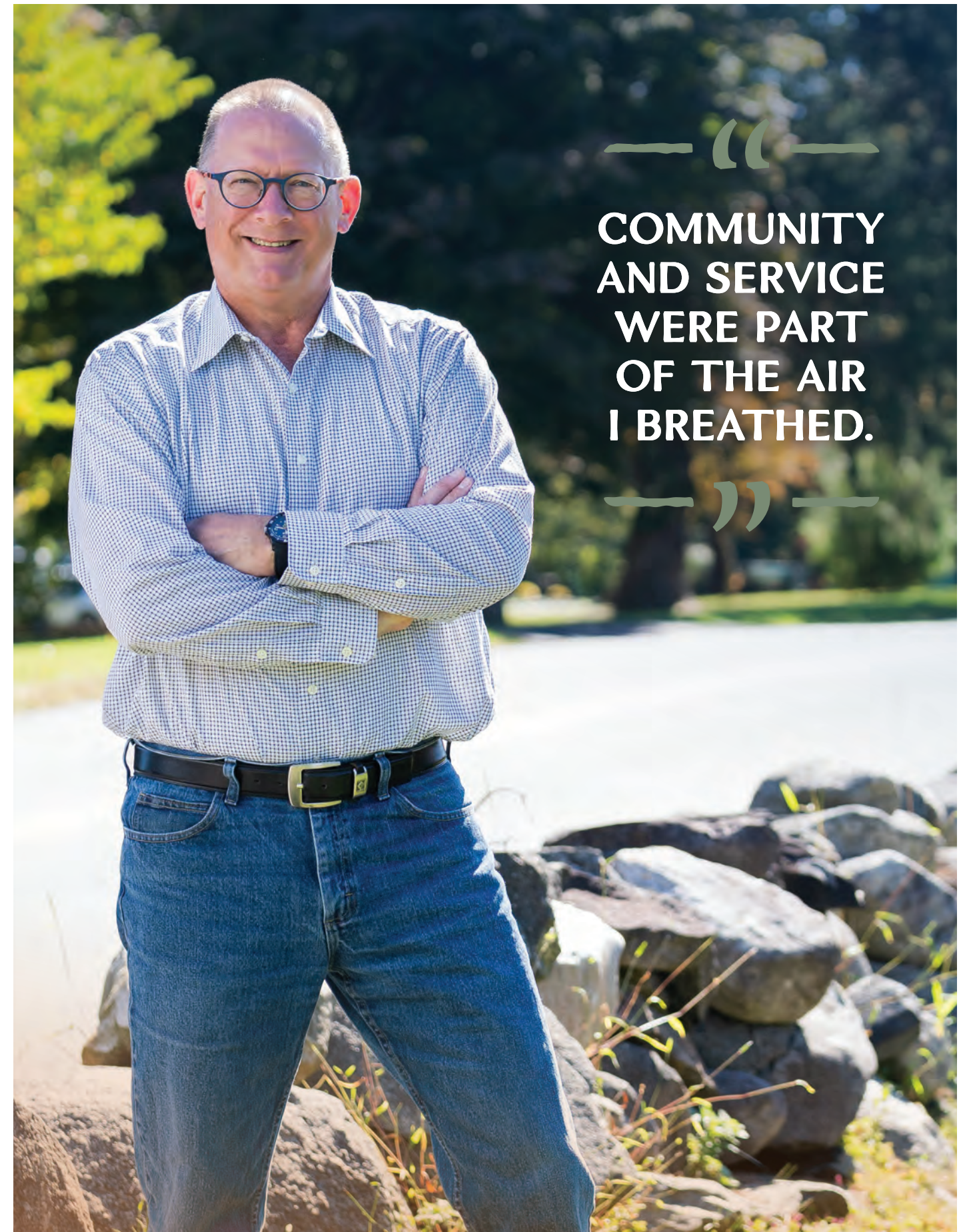
The move brought Mark to Brookfield, but Brookfield kept him there. Its small-town feel and natural beauty provided the perfect place to establish his roots, and its sense of community and the community's willingness to help each other out resonated with him. "Community and service were part of the air I breathed," Lyon says.

Eventually, he started a family of his own, and his roots in Brookfield got deeper. He married Lyn, a good friend he'd known most of his life, and they have become each other's strongest supporters. Later, when he and Lyn adopted three daughters from China, they decided to start a community of their own — a support group for adoptive families so his children could connect with other children from similar cultural backgrounds.

"Our roots are here in Brookfield, but our hearts are global," he says.

Even with such strong roots in family and community, Lyon's life was still branching out.

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Rooted in Service, Driven by Purpose

Tested on Wall Street and refined in corporate law, Lyon's early career instilled a lasting devotion to accountability and excellence. One of his favorite bosses, Lou, taught Lyon something he still lives by: "Never hand in a piece of work that your boss wouldn't be happy to sign as their own."

Lyon also got involved in local politics so he could make an even bigger impact. He'd found success in his professional and personal life, but it took a golf outing in 1996 with a former classmate to realize there was something missing.

His golf partner was the newly elected president of the Brookfield Lions Club, and their conversation sparked Lyon's interest in the organization. He showed up at a club meeting and realized that he recognized almost everyone in the room from his years in local politics.



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"Except nobody was talking politics," he recalls. "They were all just Lions discussing what the club was doing. I started listening and I said to myself, 'This is where I'm supposed to be.' So I joined immediately." It's a story Mark likes to tell, and it's a moment that marked the beginning of three decades of service.

For Lyon, service is the cornerstone of our global organization, no matter the size of the project. "Whether in Nebraska collecting canned goods or in India building hospitals, each is just as important," he says. "There's no project that's too big or too small."

Mark Lyon is now our international president, but he's still connected to home. He still reveres tradition. He's still grounded in faith and optimism. And he still loves a great story because it can do more than teach us — it can inspire us.

That's why he loves Connecticut's Charter Oak. The Charter Oak became a symbol of freedom in 1687 when colonists hid Connecticut's Royal Charter inside the great tree to protect their right to self-govern. The tree fell in 1856, but it endures as a lasting symbol of resilience and perseverance.

"The Charter Oak reminds us that our roots matter, but so does how we grow," Lyon says. He believes this symbol speaks to who we are and why we are a symbol to the world.

As Lions, our roots run deep. We offer so much to the world we serve, and we are also deeply connected to the world we share. Lyon believes we can make the world a better place when we remain rooted in service.



Rooted in Service

Picture a mighty oak — a symbol of strength and endurance. It stands as a powerful emblem, enduring, unshakable and inspiring generations to come. Lions are like that tree, rooted in purpose and service. Our strength comes not from standing tall alone, but from the shelter, nourishment and life we provide to the world around us.

For more than 100 years, our clubs have supported, strengthened and served the communities and places we call home. We have offered help in times of hardship, hope in moments of despair and compassion when it's needed most. Service is the soil in which our organization grows — the lives we touch, the communities we change, the impact we make.

Just as the Charter Oak became a symbol of what people can achieve when they stand together, Lions embody that same truth today. Every meal served, every hospital built, every child supported is a reminder that our roots run deep, that our service is rooted in strength — and built to last.





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Growing Together in Service

Each moment of service strengthens the foundation of our clubs and communities. Here's how we can grow and thrive together.

Get back to our roots.

Our commitment to service makes us who we are. When we focus on acts of service, both big and small, we strengthen our communities, our clubs and the bonds we share. Embrace the joy of service and the purpose it brings.

Plant the seed.

Every Lion holds the power to grow their club. With each new member, our service, our impact and our potential grow, allowing us to do more and be more for our communities. Invite a new member and plant the seed for growth.

Let our leadership shine.

We change lives through our service, but we are also advocates for the people and causes we serve. We can expand our reach by connecting with key community stakeholders and partners who share our passion. Let's start big conversations, and even greater change.

Lean on your global foundation.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) offers more than funding — it's a lifeline of compassion and hope. The transformative work that Lions and LCIF bring to life is made possible by you. So support LCIF and let LCIF support you.

Cultivating Success

When we unite to serve our communities and our world, we can achieve so much together. Here are some keys to our success.

Be the ripple.

Clubs have the potential to create change that is felt throughout the community. It all starts with that moment of purpose, that act of kindness. It starts with you. Be the ripple that travels far and wide, touching lives along the way.



Build it to last.

Great clubs and supportive communities don't just happen — they are built by people who put their hearts and souls into them. So invest in building your club and community to ensure they are places where everyone can thrive.



Stay connected.

For Lions, connection is about people — the people who serve, and the people we serve. Embrace the personal connections we make through the Lion experience to create a culture of gratitude, positivity and fun.



Branch out.

We get better and our future gets brighter when we engage the next generation in our mission of service. Young people are ready to serve and lead, so give them a chance to do it as Lions and Leos.





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Strengthen your roots.

Lion Brian Telford Community Park Opening

Saturday, August 1st, 2026 was the naming and opening ceremony of The Brian Telford Community Park in Hallville. Lion **Brian** was a chartered member (1982) of our Club and an active and committed Lion until his passing in 2022. He was also a very active advocate for this new park for many, many years – a true advocate for Lionism and for his community. **The Mountain Township and District Lions** were honoured to have a free Community BBQ in honour of him. Thank you to Foodland Winchester, Dan Pettigrew, for his sponsorship and to the Township's Brandon Cousineau for working with us to make this event happen! Thank you to the community that came out to support this wonderful event!



Londesboro and District Lions

Londesboro and District Lions Club recently approved a \$5,000 donation to support the campaign to purchase a new MRI Machine in Goderich. The donation was in support of the Magnetic Moments campaign to support the purchase of a new MRI machine at Alexandra Marine General Hospital in Goderich. This reflects the club's ongoing commitment to improving local healthcare and supporting services that directly benefit families across our region.

The "Magnetic Moments" campaign is a major \$6.5 million fundraising initiative launched by the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) Foundation. Based in Goderich, Ontario, the project aims to bring the very first Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine to Huron County. Launched in late 2025, the campaign has already raised over \$3.5 million, putting the hospital on track to have the MRI machine operational by 2028.



Chippawa Lions

Chippawa Lions Club were proud to present a \$20,000 cheque to Andrea DiCenso, of the Niagara Health Foundation. Funds are being used towards Automated Dispensing Cabinet equipment for the Greater Niagara General Hospital (GNGH) pharmacy.



L-R: President Wayne, Lions Michele, Don, Dave, Andrea DiCenso from Niagara Health, Lions Shawn and Rachelle

Minnow Lake Lions Beautify Better Beginnings, Better Futures

While delivering children's toys to **Better Beginnings, Better Futures (BBBF)**, Lion **Brenda** noticed that the flower bed at the front of the building had become overgrown with weeds. Recognizing an opportunity to make a difference, she discussed the project with Johanne Thompson, Executive Director of BBBF, and quickly assembled a team of volunteers.

Lion Brenda, and PDG **Sam** from the Minnow Lake Lions, joined by Lion **Claire** of the **Walden Lions** (not pictured), volunteered their time to restore the garden. Working in temperatures exceeding 37°C, the team removed the weeds, prepared the flower bed, and transplanted more than 50 hosta plants.

Better Beginnings, Better Futures is dedicated to helping young children and their families access the support and resources they need to lead healthy, productive lives. The Minnow Lake and Walden Lions were proud to contribute to an organization that has such a positive impact on the community.

The newly revitalized flower bed is already a welcoming addition to the property, and everyone looks forward to seeing it flourish with beautiful blooms next spring. It's another example of Lions serving their community—one project at a time.



Council Secretary Position Multiple District A Lions

Multiple District A Lions Clubs is inviting applications for the position of Council Secretary, a part-time, home-based management role supporting the Governor's Council and the administration of MDA operations.

Position overview

MDA Lions Clubs require a qualified individual to fill the position of Council Secretary, effective July 1, 2027.

This appointment is required under the MDA Constitution and Bylaws and is reviewed every five years.

The MDA Council Secretary manages the secretarial functions of Multiple District A in accordance with the MDA Policy and Procedures Manual, under the direction and supervision of the Governor's Council.

Skills and qualifications

- Possess skills pertaining to data & comprehensive word processing
- Experience in office management and supervision of personnel
- Experience in Lion activities and functions
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of the Constitution and Bylaws affecting MDA and Lions International
- Demonstrate strong computer skills and the ability to maintain, update, and improve administrative systems as required by the MDA Governor's Council.
- Act as liaison between MDA and Lions International
- Prepare the MDA Directory, committee documentation, statistics, official notices, budgets, budget controls, and financial statements in cooperation with the MDA Treasurer and Council Chair.
- Possess Management and Administrative skills with Attention to detail and able to meet deadlines
- Be a member in good standing with a Lions club in MDA and have a good knowledge of Lionism
- Possess excellent communication, problem solving and organizational skills

Position details

- This is a part-time, home-based position with varying weekly time commitments throughout the year. The appointment is for five (5) years and includes an annual honorarium.
- The Council Secretary serves on the Research and Long Range Planning, Lion Magazine, Administration, and Promotion committees and attend as Secretary of Council and Committee Meetings
- A detailed job description is available on the MDA website.

How to apply

Interested applicants are invited to submit their résumé no later than **January 17, 2027**, to the MDA Administration Committee, c/o Ann Stevens, 10 Willowridge Road, #1902, Etobicoke, ON M9R 3Y8, or by email at lion.ann.stevens@gmail.com.

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting September 11/12, 2026
- Council Meeting October 20/21, 2026
- Council Meeting February 19/20, 2027
- Council Meeting Convention June 5, 2027

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date 2027
A1	Four Points by Sheraton, Point Edward, Sarnia	April 9 - 11
A2	St. Catherine's, Holiday Inn	March 19 - 21
A3	Best Western Plus, Cobourg Inn	April 9 - 11
A4	Cornwall, DEV Centre	April 16 - 18
A5	Timmins, Dante Club	April 30 - May 2
A7/11	Double Tree Hilton Toronto Airport West	April 9 - 11
A9	Best Western, Walkerton	April 23 - 25
A-12	CNIB Lake Joe	May 14 - 16
A15	Best Western, Brantford	April 16 - 18
A16	Holiday Inn Express, Aurora	April 23 - 25

Westport Lions

On Saturday, May 16, 2026, the Westport Lions held a birthday party to celebrate 80 years of continuous service to our community.

District Governor, Lion **Jim Deevey** congratulated **Jim McGlade** on his 55 years as a Lion. He pointed out that not only have the Westport Lions contributed to local causes, but in the past five years, the club has donated \$15,000 to global causes through Lions Clubs International Foundations.

Michael Barrett, Member of Parliament for Leeds – Grenville – Thousand Islands – Rideau Lakes noted the Westport Lions charter was issued on March 26, 1946. He went on to say, "Many things have changed, but lots of things stay the same. Eighty years ago, the Lions maintained an outdoor rink; now the club is engaged in fundraisers to maintain the arena. If there is a need in the community, the Lions are there to help. "Lions do the heavy lifting."

Steven Clark, Member of the Provincial Parliament for Leeds – Grenville - Thousand Islands – Rideau Lakes said, "Lions offer dignity to people and its community". To celebrate in true birthday style, everyone sang Happy Birthday to the Westport Lions Club. Here's to "80" more years of service!



Woodstock Lions

The Woodstock Lions bursary recipients are seen with Lions **Carole, Lori, Ken, Al** and District Governor **Linda Vinette**. They received \$2,000.00 each. They were all in the 99th percentile across school subjects and put in many hours of volunteer work at the school and in the community. The club is proud to help them along their educational paths.



Trenton Lions

Grand Opening of the All-Inclusive Playground in Centennial Park in Trenton. This was a culmination of six years of hard work by the Trenton Lions Club, project chair Lion **Mike Seymour** and the community of Quinte West. Lions Clubs International Foundation provided grant funding of more than \$200,000.00 CDN, almost one third of the total project cost.



Stratford Lions

One Care Donation July 12, 2026. Lion **Trudy** presented a \$1,000.00 cheque to One Care, a contribution towards essential programs and services. A response from the organization is as follows: "A huge thank you to the Stratford Lions Club for their generous donation to ONE CARE, raised through their recent bottle drive! Every bottle donated and every volunteer who lent a helping hand made a true difference. This support helps us continue our mission of providing essential programs and services that empower older adults to live independently at home. Thank you, Lions, for investing in stronger, more connected communities!"



The writer has been the editor of the LION magazine for eight years after volunteering for a position in Lions for what was first thought to be for a couple of years. We all know too well how that works. However it has been an experience that has been second to none, However it is time for a change. The following is a brief job description for the position, further information is available by contacting the present editor.

Content for the magazine is submitted by two methods, firstly there is a Lion District Reporter for each district in MDA, their function is to generate or receive submissions from the clubs and forward them the editor's desk. Secondly, is by sending them direct to the editor for processing the content to be sent to the graphic designer who assembles the magazine. Content also comes from LCI and from the MDA secretary. The editor sets deadlines with the graphic designer and organizes print and distribution of printed magazines and helps coordinate the publishing of the digital magazine.

Some proficiency with a graphic photo software program is useful but not necessary. Personally the present editor uses CorelDraw and Corel Paint Shop Pro, there are numerous programs available that can be utilized.

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Mountain Township and District Lions

Mountain Township and District Lions know the importance of supporting our youth and education. We are pleased to present four bursaries a year to graduating high school students who live in the (former) Mountain Township, and are continuing post-secondary education. Bursaries this year were awarded to London Lillico and Caden Leatham who graduated from North Dundas High School in Chesterville, Sophie Orlicky who graduated from St. Michael Catholic High School in Kemptville and Payton O'Neil from Seaway District High. We wish the graduates success in their studies.



L-R: Karin Ceelen and Caden Leatham



L-R: Karin Ceelen and London Lillico



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IMPORTANT DATES

MDA Convention

2027	Radisson Hotel, Sudbury	June 4-6, 2027
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International Conventions

109th	Washington, DC, USA	July 2 - 6, 2027
110th	Singapore	June 23 - 27, 2028
111th	Minneapolis, MN	June 29 - July 3, 2029
112th	San Antonio, TX	2030

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 3 - 5, 2026	Memphis, Tennessee
Sept 16 - 18, 2027	Huntsville, Alabama
Sept 21 - 23, 2028	Grand Rapids, Michigan

Peace Posters for Peace Officers

Three years ago, PDG **George Corrin** (now deceased) arranged for Lions to attend at the Ontario Police College to present framed Peace Posters to selected recruits from the graduating classes. The selections were made by classmates.

Before Lion George passed, he requested that the program continue. Lion **Bob Pearson**, a retired Police Officer and former instructor at the college, was able to follow up on Lion George's wishes.

Lion Bob has attended several graduation and recognition ceremonies. On June 19th, he attended the college with PDG of District A1, Lion **Evelyn Spiering**, to present to the selected recruits.

Shown in the photo in the middle are Lions Evelyn and Bob and the recipients, and at the left end of the group is the Police College Director, Paul Hebert, on the right side is Sgt. Major James Berney. Lion Evelyn is a member of the **St. Thomas Lions**; her club would like to support



this program and become involved in the future. The College is in the town of Aylmer and presently does not have a Lions Club. Lion Evelyn hopes to be involved with changing that in the future.

FOOD TRAILER FOR SALE



The Milton Lions have a fully equipped food trailer for sale, along with BBQs, a refrigerator and freezer, Lions flags, and many other items, including 4000 rubber ducks, kitchen support equipment, large tubs to hold 500 canned beverages, electric fry units, and other support items. Funds from the sale will be donated back to Lions Camps and/or the Dog Guide Program. For more information, contact Lion John Proctor: sandblasterjohn@gmail.com

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To All Members of Lions International

I'm Lion **Scott Hill**, Governor of District A-2. I would like to take this time to give a shout-out to some of my fellow Lions who were there for me when I needed them most. While attending the PID/PDG Luncheon at the International Convention in Hong Kong, I began to experience shortness of breath and chest pains. Immediately, I brought this to my wife's attention, who contacted Lion **Martin Forster**, who was at a different location in the convention centre. When he arrived and assessed the situation, he immediately requested an ambulance. Other Lions were notified of the situation and quickly responded to my location and made all the arrangements for proper medical help.

Being in a different country and not speaking the language could have been so stressful but the quick action of Lion Martin Forster, the LCIF Medical Team, ID **Debbie Dawson** and PCC **Bill Robinson** made navigating this frightening situation less stressful.

I don't have recollection of all those who came to my aid during the luncheon, but I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each one of them. They made my wife and I feel that we were not alone and helped her with all the "red tape" that comes along in these situations.

We were left with a whole new appreciation for this organization and how it cares for its members. We love to serve, but now that we have had the experience of being on the receiving end, we have come to the resolve that Lions International truly is The Greatest Service Organization in The World!! This has amplified the meaning of our slogan "Where there is a need, there is a Lion!"

Sincerely, with deep gratitude and respect,

Scott Hill

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Note: We are very pleased to announce Scott is well on the way to recovery, as evidenced by his thumbs-up photo!

