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# We Made Our Mark

Dear Lions,

As my presidential year comes to a close, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for making your mark through your unwavering dedication and service.

Every time you stepped up to serve your community and every time you extended a hand to invite someone new to our mission, you helped strengthen our legacy as the world's greatest service organization. Your commitment is inspiring, and it reflects the true spirit of what it means to be a Lion.

As you celebrate all you've accomplished this year — and there is so much to be proud of — it's also the perfect time to look ahead. So make certain your incoming officers are prepared, and your club is positioned for success to ensure the momentum you've built continues to grow.

Congratulations once again on all you've achieved. I look forward to seeing how you continue to make your mark as a Lion — every day, with every act of service.

At your service,

**Fabricio Oliveira**  
International President, Lions Clubs International



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING March 16-19, 2025 – Oak Brook, Illinois, USA



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### AUDIT COMMITTEE

No resolutions.

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Amended the Nominating Committee Checklist provided in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws for the district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor positions, to clarify that a candidate for office may be able to have their club obtain good standing up until the day prior to the report of the district nominating committee for purposes of qualifying for office.
2. Amended the requirements for annual reporting of a club, district or multiple district foundation to require updated officers annually but only require updated governing documents for review if changes have been made from those previously approved.

### CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Amended to set the per diem allowance for the 2025 International Convention in Orlando, Florida as US\$120 per day for meals and US\$240 per day for lodging.
2. Amended to set the per diem allowance for the 2026 International Convention in Hong Kong, China as US\$180 per day for meals and US\$300 per day for lodging.
3. Amended Chapter VIII. of the Board Policy Manual, in its entirety.

### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved a redistricting proposal from Multiple District 324 to bifurcate Multiple District 324 into Multiple District 3241 and

Multiple District 3242. The redistricting will take effect upon the conclusion of the 2025 International Convention.

2. Approved recommended changes to the International By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 7, District Cabinet, to prevent district governors, first and second vice district governors, from the same club holding any of the respective positions concurrently.
3. Approved recommended changes to Chapter VII, Constitution and By-Laws, Exhibit A, Standard District By-Laws, Article II, Section 5, District Governor Vacancies, to allow a Past District Governor to fill a district governor vacancy one time only.
4. Approved new Club Excellence Award Criteria for Lions year 2025-2026.
5. Amended Chapter VII, Exhibit A, Standard District Constitution, Article VII, Section 1 Time & Place, of the Board Policy Manual, to ensure consistency with the permissive language in the District By-Laws concerning the decision-making process for selecting the district convention site.
6. Amended Chapter V, Clubs, Paragraph F.2. Protective Status, of the Board Policy Manual, to request district governors to provide Lions Clubs International with quarterly status reports for clubs in protective status.

### FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2024-2025 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Amended the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy eliminating

unlimited first-class travel for international presidents and their companions unless only a two-class cabin is available, subject to budgetary restrictions.

3. Amended Chapter IX, District Officers and Organization, of the Board Policy Manual to provide more clarity to the language on district governor budgets and the district governor budget request process.
4. Amended Chapter IX, District Officers and Organization, of the Board Policy Manual to clarify the receipt submission required for reimbursement of Meals during District Governor visits.
5. Amended Chapter XXI, Travel and Expense Reimbursement, of the Board Policy Manual to provide clarity on the timing of the Day of Rest if allowed for air travel.
6. Amended Chapter XXI, Travel and Expense Reimbursement, of the Board Policy Manual to replace the language of New Director Orientation to Orientation for the First Year Directors, Board Appointees, and Leo-Lion Board Liaisons consistent with Chapter XIV, Leadership, of the Board Policy Manual.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Confirmed the curriculum plan for the 2025-2026 First Vice District Governors/District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Confirmed the updated 2026 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader team.
3. Amended Chapter XIV, Paragraph E.11.a. of the Board Policy Manual to provide

the correct number of nights provided at convention for group leaders and associates.

- Amended Chapter IX, Paragraph C. of the Board Policy Manual to ensure covered expenses align with changes to the First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect training format for 2025-2026.
- Amended Chapter IX, Paragraph I.8. of the Board Policy Manual to reflect changes to the First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect training format for 2025-2026.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING (AUGUST 2024 MEETING REPORT)**

- Amended board policy to reflect the adoption of an annual Lions International strategic planning process.
- Amended board policy to include a reference to Lions Clubs International Foundation within the Lions International Pledge.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE**

- Adopted revised core values to be updated in the Board Policy Manual Chapter VI.
- Amended the Board Policy Manual to replace Chapter XX. Publications, updating language for relevancy and alignment with current practice.

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

- Amended Chapter XXII. Leo Club Program, of the Board Policy Manual, to allow for more independence, provide guidance to club naming conventions, create a fee structure where large clubs pay more, and align policy with current business practices.
- Amended Chapter X. Extension, of the Board Policy Manual, to include additional territories in China.
- Approved 2025-2026 Coordinating Lion

roster.

- Amended Chapter XXIV. Global Action Team, of the Board Policy Manual, to enhance the responsibilities of Coordinating Lions.

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

No resolutions.

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

No resolutions.

**For more information on any of the above summaries, please refer to the LCI website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact the Legal division.**

## CONVENTION CALL

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2025 International Convention. The 107th Lions International Convention will be held in-person July 13-17, 2025, with some events available on demand after convention. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president and 17 members of the International Board of Directors, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The 2025 convention will be held in Orlando,

Florida, USA — a city where magic comes to life. From world-renowned theme parks and thrilling attractions to vibrant nightlife and endless sunshine, Orlando offers something for everyone. Beyond the excitement, you'll find a rich variety of dining options, beautiful natural surroundings and a warm, welcoming spirit.

The five convention days will include exciting plenary sessions featuring renowned speakers, world-class entertainers, and the pageantry of one of Lions International's most time-honored traditions — the Parade of Nations. The event will conclude with the swearing-in of our new

international president.

Convention week is a wonderful experience packed with fellowship, fun and learning. Join us as we celebrate all we've accomplished as Lions, and become inspired for another year of service.



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**Fabricio Oliveira**

**International President, Lions Clubs International**



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## Official Notice

### 2025 International Convention, Orlando, Florida, USA

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2025 International Convention.



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**ITEM 1: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE LOCAL TAXES AND FEES TO THOSE CLUBS IN WHICH SUCH FEES AND TAXES APPLY. (THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)**

**SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the International By-Laws, Article XII. Fees and Dues be amended by inserting a new Section 3 as follows:

**Section 3. LOCAL FEES AND TAXES.** In addition to any Membership Dues issued pursuant to Section 2. above, the

association may levy additional amounts to address local taxes and fees imposed upon international dues by any governmental entities or tax authorities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Section 3. Carrying Charge, be renumbered as Section 4.

**ITEM 2: A RESOLUTION TO REDISTRIBUTE THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS BY REDUCING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ITS AFFILIATES, BERMUDA AND THE BAHAMAS BY ONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR IN EVEN YEARS AND TWO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS IN ODD YEARS; INCREASING SOUTH AMERICA,**

**CENTRAL AMERICA, MEXICO AND ISLANDS OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA BY ONE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR IN EVEN YEARS; AND INCREASING INDIA, SOUTH ASIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST BY TWO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS IN ODD YEARS.**

**(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ADOPT)**

**SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That effective July 1, 2026, Article V., Section 3. be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the language as set

forth below: Section 3. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL BOARD BY CONSTITUTIONAL AREAS. The International Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, immediate past president, the first, second and third vice presidents and directors, which shall be elected as follows:

In each even-numbered year, eighteen (18) directors shall be elected, consisting of four (4) from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas; two (2) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and Islands of the Caribbean Sea; three (3) from clubs in Europe; three (3) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; four (4) from clubs in India, South Asia and the Middle East; one (1) from clubs in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the South Pacific; and one (1) from clubs in Africa;

In each odd-numbered year, seventeen (17) directors shall be elected, consisting of four (4) from clubs in the United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas; one (1) from clubs in Canada; one (1) from clubs in South America, Central America, Mexico and the Islands of the Caribbean Sea; three (3) from clubs in Europe; four (4) from clubs in the Orient and Southeast Asia; and four (4) from clubs in India, South Asia and the Middle East.

**ITEM 3:** A RESOLUTION THAT WILL PROHIBIT A DISTRICT GOVERNOR, FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR FROM BEING MEMBERS OF THE SAME CLUB.

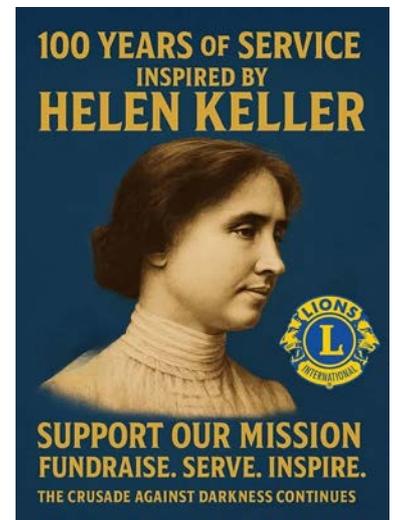
(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Section 7. District Cabinet, of the International By-Laws, be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the language as set forth below:

Section 7. DISTRICT CABINET. Each single and sub-district shall have a district governor's cabinet composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the first and second vice district governors, none of whom shall be from the same club, the immediate past district governor, and the following who shall be elected or appointed under procedures provided in the respective single, provisional or multiple district constitution: the region chairperson, the zone chairperson, secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer and such other club members as may be provided for in the respective district (single, sub- and multiple) constitution and by-laws. PROVIDED, however, each respective

district governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of region chairperson will be utilized during his/her term. If not so utilized, the position of region chairperson shall remain vacant during said district governor's term. The respective district (single, sub and multiple) shall provide in its district constitution and by-laws for the elected offices of the first and second vice district governors, duties of said offices to be established by the International Board of Directors. A club member shall be elected or appointed as a region chairperson or zone chairperson only over the region or zone in which his/her club is located.



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## Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting May 24, 2025 – Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin



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### VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON 2025-2026

Congratulations to District Governor Elect Louise Agnew (A2), who was elected to be Vice Council Chairperson for the Lions Year 2025-2026. We look forward to your leadership.

### ENVIRONMENT

There were so many amazing photos submitted. Congratulations to the winners!

“Our Natural Environment” Category: 2nd Place – District A12 – Lion Mike Williams from the Orillia Lions Club and 1st Place - District A9 – Tina Prahl-Davis the Owen Sound Scenic City Lions Club.

“Lions In Service” Category: 2nd Place – District A12 – Orillia Lions Club and 1st Place – District A15 – Freelton Lions Club.

### HUNGER

MDA CONVENTION HUNGER SERVICE AWARDS PROGRESS YEAR TO DATE (YTD Q4: APR-JUN 2025):

1. District Governor (DG): highest # hunger SERVICE activities reported A-711 DG Julian AUSTIN (339)
2. District Hunger Chair (DHC): % clubs reported hunger SERVICE activities A-16 DHC Pat AITKEN (72%)
3. Lions Club (LC): greatest # of SERVICE activities reported for hunger A-711 Toronto Centennial (181)
4. Lions Club (LC): most people SERVED reported for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonthill (45,980)
5. Lion Members: most volunteer SERVICE hours reported for hunger YTD; A-3 Land-

O-Lakes (11,980)

Congratulations to all! Let's keep reporting.

### MD "A" CONVENTION

Congratulations to the Ripley and District Lions Club and the Convention Advisory Committee for putting on a super convention. It was wonderful to see everyone together, having fun, learning, and making new friendships. We hope to see you next year at the 2026 MD "A" Convention being hosted by the St. Davids & District Lions Club and taking place at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre, St. Catharines, June 5-7, 2026.

For information, questions or concerns relating to these highlights please contact MDA Secretary Marjorie Lewis at email: [secretary@mdalions.org](mailto:secretary@mdalions.org).

# Candidates for INE Third Vice President

## **Anthony “Tony” Benbow**

Tony Benbow, from South Vermont, Australia, served as an international director from 2016 to 2018.



Now retired, he worked as the head of operations in banking. He has been recognized with numerous Presidential Awards, as well as two International President’s Certificates of Appreciation and a Membership Advancement Key. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Benbow has held a variety of offices through the years, including international director, club president, district governor, council chairperson and GAT constitutional area leader. He has been active in many professional and community organizations, including serving as an associate member of the Institute of Community Directors, chairman of the Lions House Foundation and chairman of the Australian Lions Foundation.

## **Pravin Chhajed**

Pravin Chhajed, of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, served as a director of Lions Clubs International from 2001 to 2003.



A member of the Ahmedabad Karnavati Lions Club since 1984, Past Director Chhajed has held various offices within the association, including club president, region chairman, district governor and council chairman.

Past Director Chhajed has held several other key positions including chairman of the DGE seminar at the 2005 convention in Hong Kong. He was chairman to the ISAME forum in 2004 and 2015 and was named as chair for the 2025 forum.

Additionally, Past Director Chhajed served as project chairman of Lions Karnavati Eye Hospital, LML School, Lions Blood Bank,

the Lion Dialysis Centre and the Rohit Mehta Medical Hub.

Director Chhajed has received numerous awards including two Leadership Medals, 25 Presidential Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Lead Donor and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

## **Daniel Isenrich**

Daniel Isenrich of Munich, Germany, served as an international director from 2019 to 2022.



He is the owner and managing director of the BrainClix and isiTrade companies. A Lion since 1993, Past International Director Isenrich is currently a member of the München-Heinrich der Löwe Lions Club. He has held multiple offices and served as a chairperson of the German Lions Reorganization team. In 2022, he was elected Financial Controller of the Europa Forum and is a member of the Lorn Range Planning Committee Europe. Since 2023 he is a Board Member of the German Lions Foundation and is the LCI appointed representative to the United Nations (UNHCR).

Past International Director Isenrich has received multiple International President’s Awards as well as an International President’s Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and an Ambassador of Good Will.

## **Somsakdi Lovisuth**

Somsakdi Lovisuth, of Bangkok, Thailand, served as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs from 2004 to 2006.



He currently serves as the CEO of Trisak Automation Co., Ltd., a factory automation company based in

Bangkok, Thailand. A member of the Bangkok Cosmopolitan Lions Club since 1986, Past Director Lovisuth has held numerous offices within the association, including club president, region chairperson, zone chairperson and district governor. He has also served as a Global Membership Team (GAT) area leader, Global Leadership Team (GLT) area leader, and as chairperson of the district governor-elect (DGE) school project at the 2014 Hawaii convention. In addition, Director Lovisuth is a Lions Certified Instructor (LCIP) and has served as faculty for Lions Leadership Institutes since 2005.

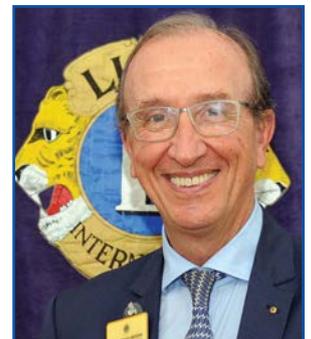
Director Lovisuth has also held key positions with the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) including LCIF committee vice chairperson, Sight First program representative and Sight First area chairperson. He has been an LCIF area leader and MD 310 coordinator since 2006.

In recognition of his dedication to Lions, Past Director Lovisuth has received many awards, including the 100% District Governor Award, the District Governor Excellence Award, Leadership Award, more than 12 Presidential Awards, a Humanitarian Goodwill Award, a Humanitarian Partner Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past Director Lovisuth is also a Humanitarian Partner of LCIF, having donated more than \$200,000 to the foundation.

Past Director Lovisuth and his wife, Lady Somran, also a member of the Bangkok Cosmopolitan Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, two daughters and two grandsons.

## **Dr. Domenico Messina**

Domenico Messina, from Trapani, Italy, was elected as an International Director in 2010.



He is a medical doctor who specializes in pathology and oncology and served as chief of the anatomic pathology department of his hospital.

A philosopher and sociologist; Lion since 1985, he is the recipient of countless awards and recognitions, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award. Past Director Messina is also a

Progressive MJF. He has served as vice president of his Sicilian province, as a council member of the Italian Cancer League and is responsible for a multidisciplinary group of breast cancer doctors. He has served as a GAT area leader for six years, an LCI Representative at WHO for nine years and is a six-time group leader. He has dedicated his life to his family and people in need.

**Joyce Middleton**

Joyce Middleton from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, USA served as an international director from 2016 to 2018.



A computer engineer and educator, Past Director Middleton has worked designing, installing and maintaining computer networks as well as providing training in their use. She is currently working in the real estate management and development industry.

Past Director Middleton has been a facilitator and presenter at several forums, a DGE group leader, the CA1 chairperson for New Voices, the host committee chairperson for the Boston 2023 convention and committee chairperson of the Lions International Strategic Plan. She is a champion of youth development through the LEOS program and a keen proponent of the importance of family volunteerism. A dedicated supporter of LCIF, she is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Legacy Society member and major donor for Campaign 100. She has been recognized with numerous Presidential Awards, as well as the Ambassador of Good Will Award.

In addition to her work with Lions, she is active in various community organizations including the General Federation of Women’s Clubs and is a supporter of the National Braille Press.

**Salim Moussan**

Salim Moussan of Beirut, Lebanon is a retired businessman and member of Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club since 1988.



An international director from 1997 to 1999, he has twice been a board appointee, twice a group leader and has chaired several leadership forums. Known as World Lion he is fluent in three languages, has visited 99 countries and has attended 35 consecutive international conventions, 105 area forums and more than 50 regional conferences, dozens of District Conventions, Anniversaries, LDUN, among other events. Recipient of many Lions awards, he was decorated with Lebanon's National Medal of Merit.

**Phil Nathan**

Phil Nathan, of Earls Colne, England, served as an international director from 1999 to 2001. He retired in 2019 as a director at Charles Stanley & Company.



He has been recognized with numerous Presidential Awards, as well as the Ambassador of Good Will Award. In addition to these recognitions, he has also been honored by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth as a Member of the Order of the British Empire. He is a Freeman of The City of London, a Life Fellow of the Chartered Securities Institute, a Fellow of the Institute of Directors, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Second Century Ambassador.

Past International Director Nathan has continuously remained involved as a hands-on international leader including holding trustee status on six different boards of trustees for registered charitable trusts.

**Robert Rettby**

Robert Rettby, from Neuchâtel, Switzerland, served as a director of Lions Clubs International from 2013 to 2015, and board appointee from 2018 to 2019.



Past Director Rettby has a master’s degree in civil engineering and was CEO and director of

a group of familyowned construction companies. He has now retired from the company but is still professionally active as a consultant in the fields of water treatment and industrial safety.

A member of the Neuchâtel Lions Club since 1993, he has held many offices within the association, including zone and region chairperson, district secretary, district governor and council chairperson. He has also been chairperson and member of several national and international committees, including LCI representative to UNICEF, Europa Forum president, Centennial Action Committee co-chairperson, GAT CA leader, Campaign 100 vice-chairperson, LCIF CA leader, DGE Seminar group leader, certified instructor and institute faculty member, as well as a Coordinating Lion. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including eleven Presidential awards and the Ambassador of Good Will award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, distinct level. In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Rettby has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, circles and sports clubs.

Past Director Rettby and his wife, Catherine, have two sons and four grandchildren.

**Vijay Kumar Raju Vegesna**

Vijay Kumar Raju Vegesna, from Visakhapatnam, India served as an international director from 2016 to 2018.



Director Raju is an entrepreneur and educator and has held many offices within the association.

He has served as club president, zone chairperson, district governor, multiple district council secretary, multiple district LCIF coordinator and regional LCIF coordinator. In addition, he has served on the election committee at several international conventions. Director Raju’s dedication to Lions has earned him numerous awards including 100% District Governor Excellence Award, 10 new club Extension Awards, four International Leadership Awards, 24 International President’s Awards, 14 International President’s Certificates of Appreciation and the Key of Nations Award for exceptional membership growth. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

by Shelby Washington



In Budapest, Hungary, a long-established community kitchen is making an impact by providing nourishing, daily meals. As the need for food assistance continues to grow, especially since the arrival of Ukrainian refugees, the Dankó Street Communal Kitchen is a vital resource for children, families and elderly citizens.

Founded in the early 1990s, Dankó Street Communal Kitchen provides consistent meals to Budapest residents in need. They provide a hot meal for daycare children, along with breakfast, lunch and dinner for hospitalized people. In addition, the kitchen provides meals for the children of the Dankó Street kindergarten and the students of Susanna Wesley Foundation (WJLF) in Budapest, where most students are from disadvantaged backgrounds with little access to food.

The kitchen was renting a nine-person bus to deliver meals and purchase supplies daily. However, since the kitchen started distributing meals for Ukrainian refugees, one bus was no longer sufficient to serve the kitchen's needs. This caused meals to arrive late, so staff and volunteers started using their personal vehicles to help. Past District Governor (PDG) of District 119 András Fésűs says, "In our district, you can see how many homeless people are on the streets and squares every day. A kitchen is being built next to the John Wesley Theological College, and so far, they have tried to deliver food to it using terribly old cars."

To address this issue, the District 119 Lions used a US\$57,734 Hunger Grant, along with donations from club members, to purchase transport vans

for the Dankó Street Communal Kitchen to transport people and food, to the Susanna Wesley Foundation.

The three vans will help serve 500 people in need each day. These vehicles will allow the kitchen to deliver food to the organization's nurseries, schools, elderly care homes and wherever people need it most.



Lions can play a major role in tackling food insecurity through the LCIF Hunger Grant Program, which allows Lions to support school-based feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers and other similar initiatives. Furthering these humanitarian services helps ensure food reaches those in urgent need. In a world where nearly one billion people are dealing with hunger, the Dankó Community Kitchen project shows how Lions' determination and dedicated service can bring major relief to those who struggle with food insecurity.

Visit [lcif.org/hunger](http://lcif.org/hunger) to learn more about LCIF Hunger Grants.



## Aldershot and Oakville-Trafalgar

In March members of the Aldershot and Oakville-Trafalgar Lions Clubs sorted food donations and other products at the "Feed Halton" distribution Centre. The facility is a central point for collection and distribution of major food donations to local food banks.



## Winchester, Chesterville and Mountain Lions

The Lion's Clubs in North Dundas each donated \$500.00 to the North Dundas Fire Service for The Fire Prevention Smoke Detector Program. This program enables the residents of North Dundas to receive smoke detectors at a reasonable cost.



# 24 YOUNG ARTISTS, ONE POWERFUL MESSAGE – THE WINNERS OF THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST



At just 13 years old, Shuwen Wang from Dalian, China, has turned her vision of peace into an award-winning masterpiece, earning the top honor in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Wang was one of 600,000 participants around the world in the annual Peace Poster Contest sponsored by local Lions clubs, which gives young people aged 11-13 an opportunity to share their vision of world peace through art.

“Peace is like sunshine, filling the world with warmth and light,” said Wang. “Where there is peace, people can live, study, and work with peace of mind, without worrying about the harm and pain brought by war. Peace allows people from different countries and cultures to better communicate and understand each other, making the world more diverse and wonderful.”

Wang’s powerful artwork depicts a symbolic scene of hope and liberation. A barbed wire fence separates a dark landscape filled with debris and destruction from a bright, futuristic cityscape. The fence is being cut open by multiple hands using wire cutters, creating a dove-shaped escape route for two children and a small dog who are joyfully running toward the vibrant city. The futuristic city they are running toward is filled with modern buildings, lush greenery, and floating elements, representing a utopian future.

The winning poster was selected for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, “Peace Without Limits.” The Dalian Delong Lions Club sponsored the local contest that gave Wang the opportunity to participate in this global event and share her vision with the world.

“I hope to call on people to understand the value of peace, strive to break free from restraints and conflicts, and use our actions to protect this beautiful

world,” added Wang. “Together, let’s create a future full of hope and vitality.”

As the contest winner, Wang will receive a US\$5,000 cash prize, an award and an invitation to attend a major Lions International event as a VIP. The young artist is also sharing in the celebration with 23 merit winners from around the world. All merit winners receive a US\$500 cash prize for their winning artwork.

The 2024-2025 Lions International Peace Poster merit winners are:

- Xinchen Wang, 11 years old, Zhejiang Long Xing Zhe Lions Club, China
- Hai Peng Dong, 12 years old, Jingsu Shanshi Lions Club, China
- Qiyu Wang, 12 years old, Shaanxi Datang Lions Club, China
- Alicia Gao, 12 years old, Shenzhen Sunshine Football Lions Club, China
- Hanna Tian, 11 years old, Sichuan Shan Cheng Lions Club, China
- Katarina Bjerk, 13 years old, Zagreb Zrinjevac Lions Club, Croatia
- Adrián Koteš, 11 years old, Zilina Lions Club, Slovakia
- Jose Xavier Hernandez, 12 years old, Quito Eugenio Espejo Lions Club, Ecuador
- Arjun Karthik, 11 years old, Neuss – Novesia Lions Club, Germany
- Albert Nii Sackey Quarcoopome, 13 years old, Tema Gentlewomen Lions Club, Ghana
- Kyerra Lorraine Coombe, 13 years old, Batam Centre Lions Club, Indonesia
- Misa Yamamoto, 13 years old, Okayama Harmony Lions Club, Japan
- Yoshida Sorami, 12 years old, Toyama Showa Lions Club, Japan
- Ra Hee Kim, 13 years old, Seoul Hansung Lions Club, Korea
- Thor Seow Sin, 12 years old, Permas Jaya Lions Club, Malaysia
- Mohammad Shqerat, 11 years old, East Jerusalem Lions Club, Palestine
- James Tamondong, 13 years old, Pangasinan Coast Lions Club, Philippines
- Antonia-Ema Preja, 12 years old, Cluj-Napoca Transilvania Lions Club, Romania
- Sharleen Lek Chee Sham, 12 years old, Singapore Mandarin Lions Club, Singapore
- Annette Higgs, 13 years old, Roodepoort Wilro Park Lions Club, South Africa
- Nichawadee U-amphai, 13 years old, Suratthani Mueang Roi Koh Lions Club, Thailand
- Aubrey Donald, 12 years old, Mililani Lions Club, Hawaii, USA
- Ava Durden, 13 years old, Nashua Lions Club, New Hampshire, USA

“Shuwen Wang’s vision embodies the essence of hope, unity, and the pursuit of a brighter future,” said Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira. “All of the children who participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest are making their mark in the world by breaking barriers and working toward peace and opportunity for all. Through the eyes of our young artists, we see a vision of a better tomorrow—one that Lions around the world are committed to making a reality.”



# New Zealand Student Robert Hunt Wins Lions International Peace Essay Contest with Inspiring Perspective on Acceptance

Robert Hunt, an 11-year-old from Lower Hutt, New Zealand, has a natural understanding of what peace really means. He put his thoughts into words in his award-winning essay, *Beauty is in the Judgement of the Beholder*, sharing his unique perspective with the world. The essay explores the concept of peace and the role of perception in judging others. Hunt, who was born with severe low vision, reflects on how most people rely on sight to form judgments about others based on appearance, influenced by society.



However, the young author's visual impairment allows him to value people based on their words and actions rather than their physical characteristics and encourages others to do so in order to achieve a more peaceful world.

"The Lions International Peace Essay Contest exemplifies our commitment to inclusivity by giving visually impaired youth a platform to express their unique perspectives on peace," said Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira. "This powerful winning essay reminds us that true understanding comes not from what we see, but from how we listen and treat others. Robert Hunt's words challenge us all to look beyond differences and make our mark on the world, together."

Created to give young people with visual impairments an opportunity to express their feelings about peace, the Lions International Peace Essay Contest is a staple of Lions clubs around the world. Lions work with local schools and area families to identify young people interested in participating and who could benefit from this program.

"More now than ever, I have thought about peace and how the world would be a better place if we were more tolerant of each other," said Hunt.

The winning essay was selected for its originality, organization, merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Peace Without Limits."

The Lions Club of Lower Hutt sponsored the local contest that gave this talented 7th grader the opportunity to participate in this global event and share his words of peace with the world. Through his essay, Hunt argues that true peace can only be achieved when people stop judging others based on appearances and instead focus on their inherent dignity and worth. The essay suggests that if people metaphorically "closed their eyes" when meeting others, they could foster deeper understanding and ultimately contribute to a more peaceful world.

"We are all different, and it is important to listen and understand people before we judge them," added the 11-year-old. "The Lions International Peace Essay Contest can bring new ideas to people and world leaders."

In his free time, Hunt enjoys cross country running, swimming, playing the guitar and piano, attending church and hopes to become an astrophysicist when he grows up. As the contest winner, Hunt will receive a US\$5,000 cash prize, an award and an invitation to attend a major Lions International event as a VIP. Visit [lionsclubs.org/peace-essay](https://lionsclubs.org/peace-essay), to read Hunt's essay and learn more about the contest.

2024-2025 Lions International Peace Essay  
Grand Prize Winner  
Robert Hunt, Age 11

## "Beauty is in the judgement of the beholder"

Many people in this world long for peace for themselves and for others. Sometimes it feels like there will never be peace. Whether that is peace between people within a country or between countries the presence of disharmony is not beautiful.

Shakespeare stated that "beauty is in the judgement of the beholder" and many people use the phrase, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder". What this means, is that the person who is seeing is judging something's worth by their vision. Scientists believe that between 75% and 90% of what we learn is from our vision. This means that we are taught to value things by how we see our family and friends, our teachers, social media and news, and government treating others. Our judgement is clouded by what we have been taught to see and value.

I was born with severe low vision. This means when I meet people, I do not know what they look like. I cannot see and cannot judge them by my eyes' perception. I do not know if they are old, if they have fair or dark skin. I do not know if they are big, or tall, nor their hair colour. I do not know if they wear clothes that demonstrate spiritual beliefs, nor necessarily, if they are male or female. I do not know if they are missing any limbs, or in a wheelchair or blind like me. I do not know if they are different or the same as me. Instead, I have learned to value people by listening to them and considering their actions to me and others.

I have never thought being blind was either an advantage or a disadvantage. But I do think, that not being able to judge someone's worth in a blink of an eye is a great advantage. To me, not seeing, is just natural and I hadn't really understood that others don't live in a non-seeing world like I do, until I was nearly 8 or 9 years of age. Of course, I knew they weren't blind like me. But it surprised me, that people were seeing and deciding how alike or different people were to themselves with their vision. Possibly what I am describing seems odd to you. However, it would probably feel odd to you to not use your eyes.

If we believe that everybody is equal in dignity and rights this means we need to learn to stop judging or being afraid of other people, because they look different to us, or we see them as not of the same value. Only when we respect and do not judge people by differences, will there be peace. I strongly believe if we could all close our eyes when we meet people, even if this was figuratively, there might be a chance we could get to know people before we judged them. Then we might just achieve peace without limits.



# MDA Convention 2025

As cooler than normal spring breezes swirled and rain fell outside, the warmth and spirit of Multiple District A Lions filled every corner of the convention venue; the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin. Lions from across MDA gathered for a heartwarming and memorable celebration of service, connection and learning. *“Make Your Mark in the Bruce”* was hosted by the Ripley and District Lions.

We were honoured to welcome International First Vice President **A.P. Singh** and Past International Director **Sangeeta Jatia** as our special guests. Their messages of encouragement and global perspectives reminded us of our broader service impact.

The weekend was packed with positive energy and enthusiasm, beginning with a colourful Hawaiian Night. This evening brought out some vibrant shirts, leis and tropical vibes to

the forefront. Karaoke night kept the energy high as Lions showcased their talents and cheered each other on with infectious laughter and applause. Each District had an opportunity to display their special group song choices.

The business and interest sessions were both informative and inspiring offering attendees insights into Lions Clubs International Fund grants, International First Vice President Chat, Bruce Power Visitor Centre bus tour, Camp Quality and new CNIB bus dedication and ribbon cutting. Our Sunday morning Memorial Service was lead by Past International Director **Art Woods** with musical accompaniment by Lion **Gail Tanner**.

This weekend also saw some Club recognition:

- Congratulations to the **Cannington Lioness Lions Club**, winners of the just over \$6,000 Fifty-Fifty Draw.



- Applause to the **Napanee Lioness Lions** who proudly won the coveted Travelling Lions Award.



As Lions departed, on a sunny morning, spirits were lifted and many friendships renewed. The air outside remained brisk, the warmth of Lions friendships made this Convention 2025 weekend one to remember.





## District A2 Clubs and Soles4Souls Canada Service Project "Sustainability with a Soul"

A few months back, the clubs involved began to explore a joint project with the Lions of A2 and Soles4Souls Canada by collecting gently used shoes. These are then donated to Soles4Souls Canada who distributes the shoes to Developing Countries.

The **St. David's Lions Club** graciously agreed to be the Centralized Depot for the Lions of A2. The initial goal is to collect 10,000 pairs of shoes. In the three months since the launch of the campaign in January 2025, Lions clubs across the District have adopted this program by collecting shoes at the clubs and developing community engagement with shoe drives. In addition, the branch club, **Lincoln Lions** have made available forty-five gallon barrels with large Lions logos, to clubs who wish to collect in their community.

The **Lincoln Lions** have partnered with local Meridian Credit Unions to display the Lions barrels in Meridian locations in Niagara. It promotes community engagement in the service project and provides excellent marketing for Lions! Recently four Libro credit unions joined the campaign in Hagersville, Simcoe, Cayuga and Caledonia. As of May 2025, we now have 23 barrels across the entire district. The complete list of barrels can be found on the District A2 website: [www.a2lions.org](http://www.a2lions.org)

At the recent A2 Friendship Convention, many clubs participated in bringing donations to the convention or dropping them off directly

at St. David's. One Club; **Long Point Lioness-Lions**,

hosted a shoe drive that week, collecting over 300 pairs of shoes in one morning. Lioness-Lions **Deb Shaw** and **Sue Knighton** championed this event.

A further club, **Grimby and District Lions Club** has diverted over 3000 pairs of shoes from our local landfills and are the leaders in our Sustainability with a Soul Campaign. Today, a total of over 6000 pairs of shoes have been collected. It is planned to continue this campaign as a service projects past the initial goal of 10,000!

*submitted by Lion Louise Agnew, DGE A2*



# 2025 District A9 Lions Convention

The District A9 Lions Convention was hosted by the **Orangeville Lions Club**, from April 25th to 27th 2025, at Monora Park in the Town of Mono. With a theme of “One Team One Dream,” the event highlighted the Lions’ commitment to service while offering a mix of social activities, leadership insights, and local engagement.

The convention included some serious Lions business including the District Cabinet and convention delegates, voting on leadership for the following year, a flag raising ceremony,

a meeting of Past District Governors, and a Memorial Service to recognize those Lions who are no longer with us. Of special note this year, Lions International Director **Bert Nelson**, New York Mills, Minnesota was a special guest and speaker at our Governors Banquet on Saturday evening where he emphasized “Unity in Service”.

In addition to the business that a Lions Convention involves there was a team of Lions that set out to provide convention delegates with a variety of fun events and activities to make the 2025 Convention one of the most memorable on record. The feature “fun” event of the convention was a Friday Casino Night designed to get everyone involved even if they had never gambled or been to a casino before. This was complimented by a local musical group and the famous “Orangeville Lions Whistlers”. Delegates also got involved in several optional activities including a silent auction, a golf event and various excursions



to several Orangeville and Dufferin County highlights.

In addition DG **Tim Meyers** spoke about district leadership and also conducted a live luncheon auction that generated proceeds for the local Food Bank.



DG TIM



Lion Bert Nelson  
International Director



THE CREW FROM PALMERSTON



WHISTLING LIONS OF ORANGEVILLE



THE DREAM TEAM!



CASINO GIRLS

## A4 Convention Highlight – Ottawa

Lion **Don Macarney** currently serves as Zone Chair for 13 south in District A4. He has been a member of **Navan Lions Club** since 2010 and served as Vice President followed by President (2019-2021). He is an active participant with club activities and is instrumental in organizing their annual golf tournament since 2017. Don was recently recognized by District Governor, **Roxanne Backes**, at the A4 Convention with the International President’s award for outstanding service to Lion’s International. His hard work and compassion serves as an example to fellow Lions, the community and our world.

Don has demonstrated that: “Make Your Mark” starts with us.

Lion Don receiving award from DG Governor Roxanne and Past Lions International President Douglas Alexander



# District A5 Convention

Each year the Lions in District A5 celebrate the District Governor's year with an annual convention.

This year was very special. year. Not only did we celebrate our 50th anniversary, but also the **North Bay Lions Club's** 100th anniversary. What a weekend it was. Starting on Friday, the Lions had a small parade with both classic cars and Lion's members cars.

Then there was the PDG dinner and the membership got ready for the wonderful evening of the Roaring 20's to celebrate North Bay's 100th year in Lionism. Many celebrities were on hand including Al Capone, Lucky



John Dillinger (aka DGE Bob Lachance), shortly before his escape



Luciano, Pretty Boy Floyd and others. There was even a jail cell to put these dangerous crooks in. However, some of the gullible Lions found it in their hearts to make bail for these felons. However, we did have an escapee, the elusive John Dillinger (aka DGE **Bob Lachance**) made a successful jail break during the evening.

The next day brought about the opening ceremonies and seminars. There were vendors to visit as well as the historian displays, Lion's tables, and a slide show for the North Bay anniversary. The luncheon was delicious and members listened to the peace essay as well as seeing the peace poster winner.

North Bay was presented with a long undiscovered box of memorabilia from the **Bonfield Lions Club**. To get back a piece of their history was a wonderful and heartfelt surprise for the North Bay club as they had lost a lot of their history over the years.

Saturday night brought the Governor's Dinner



with our special international guest PID **Steven Middlemiss**. What a great speaker as he entertained us with his many stories. Four Lions received the Lions International President's Certificate of Appreciation, and one special Lion PDG **Debra Christiansen** received the International President's Leadership award for her ongoing selfless work.

Sunday is always bittersweet with the memorial service to honour our Lions that have passed over the last year. They will always be in our hearts and memories. We then had several certificates from the District Governor presented to the cabinet and district committee chairs.

The elections were concluded and the new cabinet announced. Our District Governor Elect for the 2025-2026 year is Lion **Bob Lachance** of the **Valley East Lions**. We look forward to the coming year and the many adventures yet to come.



The infamous Bonnie & Clyde (DG Lion Sam & Lion Lori Khoury)



# A 15 Convention Wrap-Up

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A strong theme across all responses from the membership was the connecting and socializing; many Lions cherished meeting up with old friends, forging new friendships, and sharing ideas in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere. The hospitality suites and informal gatherings—particularly Friday night—were repeatedly mentioned for the fun, fellowship, and the chance to get to know fellow Lions better.

Workshops and Speakers also stood out. Several respondents praised the opportunity to learn, whether by attending informative sessions, listening to inspirational guest speakers, or hearing awards and presentations. The international guest PID **Allan Hunt**, along with other key speakers, left a memorable impression, highlighting the global reach and sense of unity that Lions share.

A number of participants were enthusiastic about the banquet, commending both the food and the entertainment. A western horse-racing theme and skits added to the fun, with many noting that the planned activities and relaxed vibe made the event more engaging. The virtual flag parade was applauded as a modern, interactive touch, and people felt it encouraged creativity among clubs.

A significant event from past A15 conventions is the ceremonial “Passing of the Campbell”, 2025 was no exception.

Shown in one of the images is a large quilt crafted by Lion **Diane Carson** and presented to International Director **Debbie Dawson** on behalf of PDG **Tracey** and DG **Bill Robinson**.

A further interesting sidelight was a mysterious appearance of a ransom note from an unknown source, demanding a substantial donation to the local food bank. It seems the **Copetown Lions** gavel had gone missing, probably at a recent zone meeting. The case has been assigned to a member of an undercover wing of A15 Lions. There will be repercussions, if they have not already occurred.

Another ceremony at all conventions is the memorial service, this year was no exception.

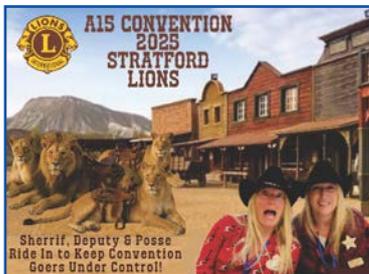
Overall, the convention’s fellowship, hospitality, and inspiring agenda were the principal highlights. Attendees valued opportunities to exchange ideas, celebrate achievements, and honour cherished traditions—especially in a setting that mixed fun activities with heartfelt purpose.

See you next year in Brantford!



“PASSING OF THE CAMPBELL”

The Official Gavel of District A15 is named the **Campbell** in honour of our first District Governor **Dougald Campbell** (1976-77) of the Elmira Lions. The ceremony of “Passing the Campbell” is enacted annually. It is passed from the District Governor to the most senior past district governor for keeping until the end of convention, it is then passed to the newly elected District Governor who will keep it for his or hers Lions year.”



## An Out Of The Way Visitation Of Sorts!

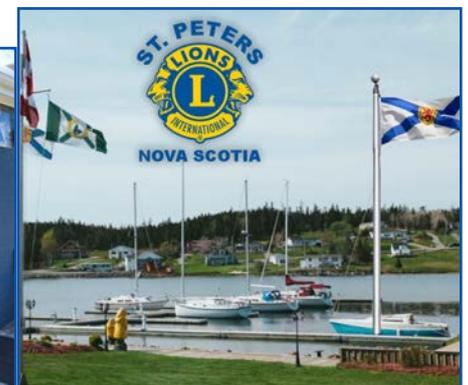
St. Peters Lions, Nova Scotia

On a recent trip to the east coast, including Newfoundland, we spotted a sign on the Trans Canada highway in Nova Scotia. “Next exit, visit the **St. Peters Lions Marina.**” We did and met with Lion **Gerry Gibson** of the **St. Peters Lions** from District N2.

Gerry is the manager of the marina which is a landmark, not only in Nova Scotia, but internationally as well. Not surprisingly the marina is located at #32 Lions Ave., on the shores of Lake Bras d'Or. The Lions are a mainstay in the community and they have fifty members, give or take. Their main fundraiser is weekly TV Bingo. Every one in town knows about their Lions Club and the good work they do.

Keep up the Good Work St. Peters Lions!

Lion Bob



## Mountain Township & District Lions

The Mountain Township & District Lions Club held their Spring Dinner and Show on April 5th. The sold-out crowd was served a wonderful BBQ steak dinner. Entertainment was provided by Corey Coons and Mark Muir who kept the audience clapping and cheering throughout the evening.

The Lions roared again at intermission in the evening program, when our Lions Club presented a \$10,000.00 cheque as their final payment of the \$40,000.00 pledge they made previously to the Dundas Manor building campaign. As always, we thank our generous community for their sponsorship and ongoing overwhelming support.

A big thank you to the Mountain Lions who have

run this event for years. Original pledge shown.



## Melvin Jones Fellow

Lion **Dan Bingham** of the **Minden Lions Club** received a Melvin Jones Fellowship, presented by Chair **Linda Darling**. Past President **Daryl Moore** and President **Paul Norry** were part of the process. Lion Dan is the incoming president for 2025 -2026.



## Arkona Lions

The Arkona Lions Club, District A-1 presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to member, Lion **Pete Sisler**, seen in the picture with President **Paul Percy** and Pete's wife Betty. Lion Pete spearheaded a fundraising drive that raised almost \$400,000.00 to upgrade the Arkona Lions Medical-Dental building. The renovation ensures ongoing medical services for years to come. Lion Pete has served with the Arkona Lions for over fifty years. He has chaired the club's medical committee for many years.



## Morrisburg and District Lions, Iroquois-Matilda Lions, Iroquois Marine Search and Rescue Unit(IMSR)

In the Fall of 2024, the Canadian Coast Guard donated a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat for operations on Lake St. Lawrence.

Currently there are seventeen members of the unit, some of whom are still undergoing training for operations. The unit will be dispatched from the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre at CFB Trenton, which oversees search and rescue

responses for much of Ontario, western Quebec, and part of the Canadian Arctic.

Operations funding comes through donations to the auxiliary. On May 25, 2025, the unit received \$1,000.00 in donations, \$500.00 from the Morrisburg and District Lions Club, and \$500.00 from the Iroquois-Matilda Lions Club.



L-R: Randy Prevost, Morrisburg and District Lions Club, John Bridge IMSR, and volunteers of the IMSR unit.

## Finch Lions Club

Two Finch Lions club members whose memberships total eight-five years of lionism, **Terry Ouderkirk**, fifty years and **Randy Douglas**, thirty-five years. Making the presentation was Lion **Evonne Delegarde**, A4 Service Chair from the **Iroquois-Matilda Lions**.



L-R: Randy Douglas, Evonne Delegarde and Terry Ouderkirk

## Celebrating the Bond Between Joy and AAD Raven

Joy Hilton-Vaughan was matched with her Dog Guide, Raven, in 2019, when she was just 10 years old. Now 16, she loves spending her time writing song lyrics.

In honour of the incredible bond she shares with Raven, Joy wrote the heartfelt lyrics below. It's a beautiful reflection of their journey together and the difference a Dog Guide can make.



### My Sweet Black Lab

*I have this sweet black lab who loves me a lot!  
She loves to run for her balls and get pup cups;  
loves to do hugs on my lap, and lick my face.  
When the snow falls down, she digs her face in,  
then I snap a pic of us for our book.*

*Thinking and thinking about you, my best friend.  
You make me feel special when I feel blue.  
Through thick and thin, you're always by my side.  
I love you and you love me, too.*

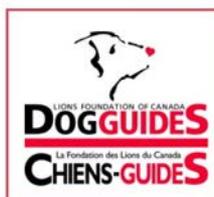
*When you leave me, my heart will shatter into pieces  
because of how much I love you.*

*When tears drip down my face, you comfort me.  
You can sense when I have anxiety  
so you'll rest your head on my chest  
when I need that pressure from you.*

*Having you here with me makes me feel safe.  
You love to swim in the ocean and the lake.  
I get annoyed when you go to my sister  
but I need to control myself 'cause you love her, too.*

*We each have a half a heart that joins together  
like two puzzle pieces that match our heart.  
You and I will be forever together.*

Written by Joy Hilton-Vaughan, age 16



## Kirkland Lions Easter

This "FUN" raising event was held in Kirkland Lake for the community to come out and have a great breakfast. Sixty-five or so attended and donations raised were \$300.00. The funds go back into the community, but the most important part of this event was getting people together in a fun way.

Kids and adults got to see the Easter Bunny, do crafts and just have a great time. The Kirkland Lake Club is working hard to start their own Leo's club and this gave those kids an opportunity to help at the event and see a little bit of what Lions do. Maybe this will encourage other young people to join up for the Leo's club.

This "Hare" raising event was a lot of fun for both kids and Lions alike.



The Bunny with one of the youngsters



In front, Leo Alayna, from left, Lions Sye Pullen, Shanea Smith, Barb Kiely. Then Leo Leah, Leo Kameron, student volunteer Sierra, President Lion Jim Malherbe, Lions Jeanne Cloutier and behind Jim is Lion Stella Malherbe

## Orléans Lions Lion Kevin Frost

Orléans blind and deaf athlete Lion **Kevin Frost** recently received another honour to add to his collection. Earlier this month, the 58-year-old golfer and author was bestowed with the King Charles III Coronation Medal, The medal, administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall, is awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada.

For a full description of Lion Kevin's accomplishments visit the MDA Facebook page: <https://tinyurl.com/4nexc9b>



## Lions Clubs of District A4

Tackaberry and Sons Construction are long-time community supporters. In April of this year, over one hundred Lions from thirteen clubs from District A4 attended the tour at the Charleston Lake Property to view a collection of displays of Cadillac cars to tractors and a room full of Royal Dalton dolls.

Representing the District were DG **Roxanne Backes**, incoming Governor **Jim Devenny** and Zone Chair **Sean Seabrook**. George Tackaberry and family showed their support and generosity toward local Lions Clubs. The family opened their doors for a private viewing of Tack's Toys, which are a private collection of toys, vehicles, and memorabilia housed in thirteen buildings on site.

The collection is diverse and extensive, with everything from cars, trucks, dozers, tractors, and snowmobiles to boats and matchbox-size replicas of various vehicles. Some of the items are unique, such as the bulletproof limousines used by President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, with both heads of state riding in the back seats, and a working, 20-foot replica of the German Pocket Battleship Graf Spee. Also, the Lions enjoyed viewing Fred Flintstone's car, snowmobiles used in the Die

Hard movies and a boat used by the governors of New York state.

G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction has been very generous and supportive of the local community for years, both financially and in-kind with equipment, material, and personnel. They contributed on average to over two hundred and fifty community groups per year. George

and his family are always willing to support Lions Clubs in their fundraising projects.

One of George Tackaberry's favourite sayings is, "Business is only as good as the people." The same can be said for Lions clubs; they are only as good as their members and the community they serve. Thank goodness George Tackaberry and his family are members of our community.



## New Liskeard Lions and Lion Eric Campsall

Lionism is a way of life. It is committing yourself to serve your community and its a tremendous achievement especially if you commit yourself for 78 years! That's right! **Lion Eric Campsall from the New Liskeard Lions Club at the wonderful age of 101 years, has been serving his community for 78 years actively!**

I was very lucky to meet him this past weekend during New Liskeard's 80th Charter Night. To chat with him about Lionism in Northern Ontario, was just unbelievable. What an honour to present him with a special plaque commemorating this milestone on behalf of the AS District and the President of Lion's International's special banner.

submitted by DG Sam Khoury,  
District A5



## Ancaster Lions

Annually, the Ancaster Lions host a major craft show at the Ancaster Fairgrounds at Easter. It is a major fundraiser that supports the club's community projects. The club donated to the Food 4 Kids program, shown presenting the cheque is Lion President **Suzanne Gunby** on the left and Lion **Pat Mclean** on the right side of the Easter Bunny, along with Nancy Phalen from Food 4 Kids.



## Port Dover Lions

Recently members of the Port Dover Lions ventured to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in Oakville to present a \$35,000 cheque to cover the complete training of a guide dog.

To date, LFC has matched more than 3,000 Canadians living with a disability to a Dog Guide. Currently, there are 1,062 active Dog Guide teams across Canada. The foundation receives zero government funding, and relies on support from service clubs, corporations, foundations and individuals from across the country in order to continue to meet its mission.

The Port Dover Lions have been serving our community since 1938.

For more information on Dog Guides, <https://www.dogguides.com/>



L-R: Dog Guides staff, Trinity, Stephanie, Jessie, Danielle, joining Lions Jim Lomas and Rick Weatherill and canine friends

## Minnow Lake Bike Rodeo

A new venture for the Lions of Minnow Lake, this was the first time that the Minnow Lake Lions have hosted a Bike Rodeo. The event is an obstacle course with different stations for kids from grade one to six to participate in and learn about safety issues and the Ontario rules for bikers.

The Rodeo is open to all children from Kindergarten to grade six. At the end of the rodeo, the 3 three boys and girls in primary and junior categories win trophies.

It was a small group, but a lot of fun. Little Martin was so shy and scared to go through the course. So with his father running beside him, completed in his category and wanted to do it again. The smile on his face was worth it! Even some of our Lions wanted to get into the fun and commandeered a couple of bikes from some of the kids. The club are looking forward to hosting this again next year. Congratulations to all our winners and to PDG Lion **Bill Copeman** and Lion **Suzanne Copeman** for taking the travelling rodeo to many Lions clubs.



## Wilmot Lions/Lioness

On Sunday, May 25th the Wilmot Lions/Lioness and Pet Valu hosted the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide walk at the Wilmot Recreation Complex on the Schmidt Woods Trail.

We were excited to see the dogs who joined us. As the only school in Canada to train and match Dog Guides in seven unique programs, we're proud to help people build independence, confidence, and connections through our life-changing Dog Guide programs.



## Grand Valley Lions

The Lions of Grand Valley provides community support and continue to grow. District Governor Lion **Tim Myersy** inducted seven new Lions with their sponsors into the club. They recently donated \$5,000.00 to the Grand Valley Air cadets and honoured Passed Lion **Jim Shaw** with a hand carved wooden bench.



Lions Kathy, Darlene, Randy and Lori, club members



## Buckingham Lions

A recent major donation was made from the Buckingham Lions to Le Monarque Palliative Care Facility. Several members visited the facility in April and made a donation of \$35,000 for the purchase of medical equipment. This made it possible for the facility to acquire a Bladder Scan, an oxygen concentrator with accessories, a towel and blanket warmer, new mattresses and blankets for the six (6) patient rooms, and to furnish the reading corner in the community room.

This latest donation from the Lions brings the total donated by the club for the last two years to over \$150,000.00.



## Cumberland Lions

For 54 years, the Cumberland Lions have held a Maplefest breakfast. The menu consisted of a complete breakfast including pancakes, eggs, sausages, beans and maple syrup along with coffee, tea and juice provided by the Lions members and Scouts. The Cumberland Scouts have been sponsored for over thirty years by the Cumberland Lions, who assist the Lions with table service and cleaning and they oversee all maple syrup products' sales yearly. In closing, this is a strong sign of Lionism within the Cumberland Community.



## Sudbury Rocks

For many years, the **Minnow Lake Lions** have been manning a water station at the Sudbury Rocks Marathon, one of Canadian qualifying races for the Boston Marathon. Besides attracting die hard runners, the event attracts community participants. From kids in strollers to seniors, people can participate individually or as part of a team. Our own Lion **Gilles Lafrance** runs each year. The Minnow Lake Lions volunteers arrive at 7:30 in the morning to get ready for everyone passing by. The city provided the tables, port-a-potties, drinks and cups and the Lions provided the shelter and human resources to ensure the runners stayed hydrated.



L-R – Minnow Lake Lions: Richard, Sue, behind is Savi, Darlene, Shirley, Linda & Dave.



## Mountain Township and District Lions

The Spring and Fall Lions Community clean-up project has involved most of the members of the Mountain Township & District Lions as well as family members over a sixteen-year period. Lion **Josh Cooper** has chaired this Committee for some time and has received the assistance of young members of the community, perhaps future Lions.



# Cúcuta Lions' Community-Driven Recycling Project

by Shelby Washington

Cúcuta, officially known as San José de Cúcuta, is a Colombian municipality located at the foot of the Eastern Ranges of the Colombian Andes. In Cúcuta, only 3.6% of solid waste is recycled with the other 96.4% ending up in landfills. If this continues, it is projected to cause the landfills of all 321 municipalities in the country to be completely full within the next five years.

Determined to address the intensifying waste crisis, Lions have been working to increase recycling efforts since 2017. The 10 Lions clubs in the city have been collecting and selling recyclable materials, with a focus on paper and plastic. Their devotion to recycling led to the establishment of a waste processing center, which has allowed them to collect eight tons of waste each year.

To build on this eco-friendly initiative, Lions of District F4 used a US\$36,945 Matching Grant to purchase machinery and equipment allowing them to process recyclable materials, sell the recycled products, and put the funds toward service activities throughout the district. "Our community is greatly benefiting from recycling. Students are receiving computers, the elderly are receiving recycled and repowered wheelchairs; we are able to give out mattresses, sheets and cleaning supplies on a regular basis and so much more," said Past District Governor (PDG) Luz Marina Rojas.

However, they aren't stopping there. To expand their impact, Lions are

purchasing waste from 100 family-owned small businesses. They then sort, clean, crush, compact and sell the recycled products. Not only does this generate income to use on community service activities, but it also helps the small recycling businesses thrive. PDG Rojas says, "Separating the materials allows us to destroy and reuse the garbage more efficiently. This creates a healthier environment with less pollution and more work opportunities for the community."

In addition to working with small businesses, the Lions have partnered with Arenorte, a recycling cooperative that collects waste across Cúcuta. Arenorte will provide the Lions 32 tons of waste every month to be processed through the new recycling machines. They will sell the recycled materials to companies such as Ecopetrol, Corponor, EIS Cúcuta, Faro del Catatumbo and the Coffee Growers Federation.

With this project recycling an anticipated 400 tons of waste annually, the Cúcuta Lions clubs are taking a huge step toward environmental sustainability.

Lions and Leos are working to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world. Learn more about how you can get involved and plan your next environmental service project at [lionsclubs.org/environment](http://lionsclubs.org/environment).



## Minnow Lake Gardens

**Minnow Lake Lions** have been growing vegetables for the local seniors and the local soup kitchen. The gardening group has been working hard to get the raised beds ready for this year's crop. They hope to grow even more vegetables this year to give to those in need. Looking forward to see the results in a few months.



Time to start working



Working the soil, Lions Keith, Rick & Bruce

# A Dream for Generations

by Shelby Washington

Over four decades ago, Saroj ji and Lalji Mehrotra were a young couple with bold dreams. They were drawn to philanthropy and a compelling vision for supporting young girls' education in small communities in India. With Gandhiji's principles of education to guide them, they developed educational institutions and created the Sar-La Education Trust to support their dream in perpetuity.

This clear vision for education propelled the establishment of four institutions and supported six additional schools. Since 1982, Sar-La Education Trust has integrated formal, vocational and technical education for children in underprivileged areas. The Trust also maintains a longstanding partnership with Karnavati Lions Education Foundation to further its mission.

Sar-La's relationship with Lions started in 2000 when they worked together to create the Lalji Mehrotra Lions School in Ahmedabad, which opened in 2002. It was a dream come true for Sar-La and for Lions. As an ICSE-affiliated school, it offers comprehensive curricula and English instruction, preparing students for a variety of careers and opportunities.

Past International President Rohit C. Mehta, known as the Father of Indian Lionism, was exceptionally proud of this project. His son, District Governor Lion Anuj Mehta says, "My father had a dream of building a school for underprivileged students and his dream came true. Through the Sar-la Education Trust, we are integrating values into education. We want to differentiate ourselves by concentrating on culture, character-building and etiquette beyond the foundation of a strong education, and we see the benefit of that focus when parents return to celebrate their children's success as adults. I am proud to be following in my father's footsteps. I am proud our family is leaving a legacy of education for students."



Sar-La Education Trust has been carefully passed down through three generations, inspiring dreams for many, including Lalji Mehrotra's grandson, Chetan Mehrotra. As the Executive Trustee of the trust, Mehrotra says, "I am proud of our school's legacy. The quality of education we provide is in demand and the school has proven itself through the growth of student enrollment over the years. Today, we have about 1,400 students, and we hear amazing success stories from those who have excelled in their careers."

Recently the trust signed a Corporate Social Responsibility partnership of US\$250,000 with Lions Clubs International Foundation India to support the construction of a pre-primary school at the Lalji Mehrotra Lions School to expand its service to even more students. When CSR National Chair for India, Past International Director, Pravin Chhajed considers the impact of Sar-La, he believes it has made an incredible difference and says, "Through this partnership, we have been able to deliver quality educational services at affordable rates for many years. As a result, we are now considered one of the top ten education facilities in the city and we are only continuing to expand."



## Walden Lions

Walden Lions have not forgotten about the plight of the Ukrainian people. The Walden Lions joined in with the Walden Seniors to help raise funds to help those in the Ukraine. At this dinner event, the Walden Lions held a 50/50 draw to donate to the cause.

The proceeds were donated that night and an unexpected donation when the winner of the draw also donated their portion to the cause.

Thank you to the Walden Lions for being there for the many causes that affect your community.

With members of the Ukrainian Seniors centre is Lion Stewart McBain



# Bonfield & District Lions

Most clubs celebrate their charter nights at significant intervals, but the Bonfield & District Lions celebrate annually, this being their 47th. The club is proud of their commitment to the community and celebrate with their club members and guests each year.

This year, the District Governor, 1st Vice DG and their spouses, along with other Lions joined in the night of fellowship. At the start of the evening, Lion **Doug** informed us that there would be a trivia game about Lions with questions given at intervals throughout the evening. Our table thought we would win this hands down, with the historian at our table. Were we wrong! This trivia was not just about Lions International, but about any kinds of Lions around the world. Needless to say, no one got all of the answers correct, but we had fun trying to figure them out.

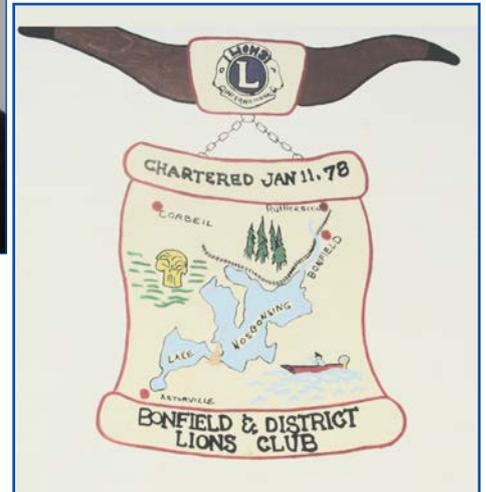
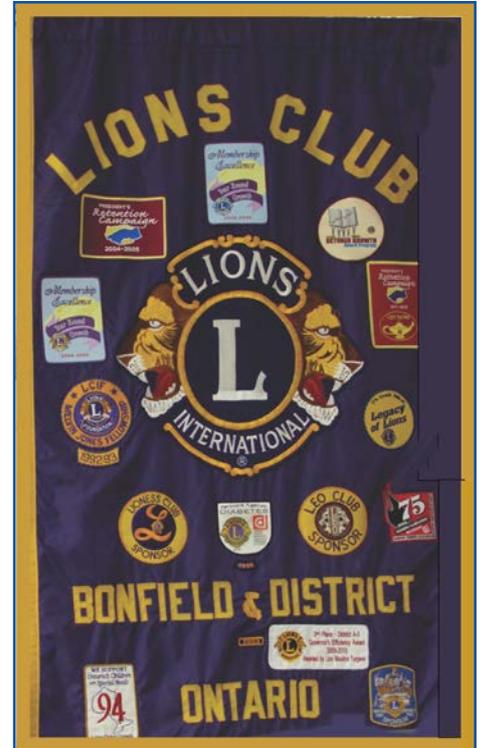
An induction was held for a new members and all of the members were recognized for their years of service.

Thank you from the community to the Bonfield Lions for your 47 years of service for all you have done over the years and look forward to even more years ahead.

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| YEARS             | NAMES                   |                     |
| 47                | LION ROLLY VAILLANCOURT |                     |
| 30                | LION STAN ANDERSON      |                     |
| MEMBERSHIP        |                         |                     |
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| 39                | LION MARGO OLESKIW      |                     |
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| 28                | LION CHRIS SHOOK        |                     |
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| 26                | LION LOU ROWE           |                     |
| 24                | LION GILBERT FOISY      |                     |
| 18                | LION GARY VERGE         |                     |
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| 10                | LION LISE DORSCHNER     |                     |
| 7                 | LION ALLAN REID         |                     |
| 6                 | LION EMMA ROWE          |                     |
| 3                 | LION JILL THOMPSON      | LION TYLER COLE     |
|                   | LION DOUG CABLE         | LION DAVID DUBECKI  |
|                   | LION VICKI GOOD-DUBECKI |                     |
| 2                 | LION SVLVIE ROSS        |                     |
| NEW MEMBERS       |                         |                     |
| TRENDRAN PRENTICE |                         |                     |



Lion Doug, master of trivia



Bonfield Logo

Charter Members & Years of Service



Head table - Lions Al Reid, Lori Khoury, DG Sam Khoury, ZC Margo Oleskiw



Head table - 1st VDG Bob Lachance, Jeanne Lachance, Councillor Jason Corbett & spouse



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## Rockwood Lions Community Pantry

Since launch in July 2023, the Rockwood Lions Community Pantry has been transforming lives, one bag at a time. It began serving food at Waterside Park, owned by the Rockwood Lions. It offers a safe, stigma-free place for individuals and families to access nutritious food. It supports approximately 40-50 people, thanks to the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of the community.

One aspect of the program is rescuing food that would otherwise go to waste. Much of the food is donated by Rockwood Foodland and The Seed in Guelph, ensuring good, edible items find a home instead of ending up in landfills. These are supplemented by donations from local farmers such as The Bushel Barn and Red Rabbit Gardens, just to name a few, and by generous community members.

In October 2023, the program reached a new chapter when St. John's Anglican Church in Rockwood opened its doors to provide a warm, indoor space.

With the pantry now operating out of a dedicated, permanent room within the church, this partnership marks a meaningful blend of

spiritual care and social support. Fr. Michael, along with Wardens Pamela Adamson and Barbara Reed, have supported the initiative from day one, making the church not just a host but an active partner in addressing food insecurity in the community.

In May a celebration was held to mark this milestone. In attendance were members of the Rockwood & District Lions Club, South

Wellington Community Lions Club, leaders from St. John's Anglican Church, Guelph/Eramosa Mayor Chris White, and dedicated volunteers.

The pantry is a testament to what's possible when people come together with compassion, purpose, and a belief that no one in our community should go hungry.



L-R: Pamela Adamson (Warden), Fr. Michael (St. John's Anglican Church), Dawn Raynard (Rockwood Lions), Chris White (Mayor of Guelph/Eramosa), Doug Smith (President, South Wellington Community Lions), Dianna Hewitt (Secretary, Rockwood Lions), Kevin March (Incoming President, Rockwood Lions), Barbara Reed (Warden), Anita Ertel (South Wellington Community Lions)



Ainsley Morse of Scouts of Rockwood, ON. The pantry has also benefited from multiple food drives organized by local groups and caring individuals, most recently a dedicated scout member- Ainsley Morse, further proof of Rockwood's deep rooted spirit of giving

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