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Welcome to the January/February/March Edition of the LION.

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Dear Lion,

The work we do as Lions has a profound impact on countless communities and lives — including my own.

Becoming a Lion 40 years ago filled a gap in my life I didn't even know existed. While I had been blessed with a beautiful family and a successful business career, it wasn't until I joined Lions that I discovered the incredible rewards of being part of a group dedicated to serving others. The friendships, leadership opportunities and sense of fulfillment have left an indelible mark on my life. For that, I am profoundly grateful.

As Lions, it's important to reflect on how being part of this organization has shaped our lives — and to share those stories with others. Let your family, friends and social media community know why you're proud to be a Lion. Better yet,

invite them to join us. What better way to make a mark on someone's life than by offering them the chance to experience the joy of service?

That joy is what fuels my commitment to MISSION 1.5, our ambitious goal of reaching 1.5 million members by 2027. Thank you for embracing this mission and helping to spread the joy.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira
International President, Lions Clubs International



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Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting November 23, 2024



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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Council of Governors approved the applications for MD "A" Life Membership for Lion Paul Devlin, Lion Jim L. Smith and Lion Katherine M. Reid as received from the Garden City Lions Club, District A2. Congratulations!

The Council of Governors approved the application for MD "A" Life Membership for Lion Stan J. Mach Jr. as received from the Stamford Lions Club, District A2. Congratulations!

2025 MD "A" CONVENTION

May 23 – May 25, 2025 - Make Your Mark In The Bruce! Both the Convention Registration form and the Unifor Accommodation form can be found on the MD "A" website: mdalions.org

ENVIRONMENT

The Lions Clubs of MDA show a drop in Environment Service Projects since the beginning of this Lions year, but all Districts are actively reporting. According to Lion Portal (MyLion), to date, the clubs of MDA have reported the following:

	2024	2023	2022
Total People Served...	86,070	134,185	98,289
Total Service Project...	171	300	175
Total of Volunteer Hours...	4,720	7,814	9,188

HUNGER

MDA Convention Hunger awards progress Year to Date (YTD – Q2: OCT-DEC 2024):

1. District Governor: highest # hunger activities reporting YTD; A-2 DG Wilrik BANDA (87)
2. District Hunger Chair: % clubs reporting hunger activities YTD; A-16 DHC Pat AITKEN (31%)
3. Lions Club: greatest # of SERVICE activities reported for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonhill LC (35)
4. Lions Club: most people SERVED reported for hunger YTD; A-2 Fonhill LC (19,300)
5. Lion Members: most volunteer hours reported for hunger YTD; A-3 Land-O-Lakes LC (5,523)

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



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Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting February 22, 2025



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COUNCIL CHAIR ELECTION 2025-2026

Congratulations to A15 VCC DG Bill Robinson on his election to the position of Council Chair Elect, 2025-2026. Congratulations, VCC DG Bill!

VICE COUNCIL CHAIR ELECTION 2025-2026

The Vice Council Chair will be elected at the MDA Convention during the District Governor Briefing.

CONVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It's time to meet Bruce County. Cross paths with a lighthouse. Visit some of our 800 km of beaches. Taste the magic of farm to table. Explore the natural landscapes and many communities. Come to this part of southwestern Ontario and be an explorer.

Convention Registration - to register for the

convention, visit Multiple District A - Home Page and complete the registration form. You may also purchase 50/50 tickets and book your seat on the free Bruce Power Visitors' Centre and on-site bus tour. The cut-off date is April 19th.

Accommodation Registration - to book your accommodation visit the Multiple District A - Home Page and fill in the Unifor Accommodation form. The prices include your room and your meal package. (Dinner the day that you arrive and the next day's breakfast and lunch)

Delegate & Spouse/Partner \$395. plus tax. This price includes 6 meals

Single Room \$320. plus tax includes 3 meals

Shared Room \$245. plus tax includes 3 meals per person

For information on the Unifor Family Education Centre facilities and location, use this link. Unifor Family Education Centre (uniforcentre.ca) Cut-off date is April 19th.

Convention Program Highlights - meet our International guests Lions International First Vice President A.P. Singh and Past International Director Sangeeta Jatia.

Following our Friday welcome dinner, dress-up in your very best "Hawaiian Outfit" and attend either the Karaoke social at Union Station or the outdoor campfire.

Saturday will feature the Governors' Council

meeting, speed learning and special interest sessions. The Bruce Power Visitors' Centre and on-site tour and the Saturday night International Dinner will highlight our full day of events. Sunday will include the Lions' Memorial Service and the introduction of our District Governor-elects.

We look forward to "your company" at the "Make Your Mark in the Bruce" MDA Convention 2025.

HUNGER

MDA Convention Hunger awards progress Year

to Date (YTD – Q3: JAN-MAR 2025):

1. District Governor: highest # hunger activities reporting YTD; **A-2 DG Wilrik BANDA (165)**
2. District Hunger Chair: % clubs reporting hunger activities YTD; **A-16 DHC Pat AITKEN (65%)**
3. Lions Club: greatest # of **SERVICE** activities reported for hunger YTD; **A-2 Fonthill LC (65)**
4. Lions Club: most people **SERVED** reported for hunger YTD; **A-2 Fonthill LC (34,780)**

5. Lion Members: most volunteer hours for hunger YTD; **A-3 Land-O-La (7,648)**

LCIF

Congratulations to all! Let's keep reporting.

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

LCIF

The Wake of Hurricane Helene: LCIF's Response to the Devastating Storm

by Shelby Washington

In late September 2024, families were plunged into darkness when Hurricane Helene tore through the southeastern United States. This storm was the deadliest to strike the U.S. mainland since Katrina in 2005, causing widespread destruction and heartbreak.

At least 233 lives were lost, and over four million people were left without power. District Governor of District 35-I Patty Jean Strong says, "It was rough. The next day, there's no power, no communication. You don't have television; you don't have air conditioning; you don't have a cell phone; you don't have internet." Without power, even the smallest tasks become battles.

For millions, the storm changed everything in an instant. Life as they knew it had been flipped upside down. "You lose all your personal items. Your family photos, your wedding photos, your grandma's porcelain, even simple things like your clothing and shoes, never to be seen again. It makes me so emotional", Strong says, as her voice starts to tremble. Knowing these victims had a long and painful road to recovery ahead of them, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) approved 11 grants totaling US\$335,000, in response to Hurricane Helene.

This includes nine Emergency Grants of US\$15,000 each across Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. These grants helped provide things like water, food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, flashlights and linens.

In addition, Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) received Major Catastrophe Grants (MCAT) of US\$100,000 each to further assist recovery efforts. On top of that, in response to Hurricane Milton, a Category 5 hurricane that struck Florida less than two weeks after Helene, District 35-O Florida also received an Emergency Grant for US\$15,000 to provide eating utensils, bedding, toiletries, cleaning supplies and nonperishable food to those affected. "We never would have



Photo by Miguel J. Rodriguez Carrillo / AFP



Photo by Megan Varner

been able to provide the community service we have without LCIF and I can't wait to use this MCAT," says Strong.

The essential supplies and physical assistance go a long way in rebuilding the community, but for many, the emotional support can be just as effective. Strong says, "It's not just about the material goods because those things are transient. They need humanity and empathy, and that's what I give. What makes the biggest impact is

compassion. Here in Florida, we've all lived through these storms. We've all been affected, and we know what they're feeling."

When natural disasters strike, Lions are among the first to offer help. With an LCIF disaster relief grant, they can do even more for communities devastated by hurricanes, floods, fires and other major events. Learn more about our variety of disaster relief grants at lionsclubs.org/Disaster-Grant.



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Stopping the Spread: Measles-Rubella Vaccination Campaign in West Bengal

by Shelby Washington



the threat of future spread of measles and rubella. This program ensures good health for families and children in this area,” says Trustee Hora. Many infants, children and parents are protected from these brutal diseases, thanks to LCIF and local Lions clubs who took action to stop the spread. Trustee Hora adds, “The community provided very positive feedback about Lions' involvement in creating awareness and providing education. Our role in bringing people to vaccination centers and organizing the flow of people on-site was widely appreciated by government agencies, media and the general public.”

This campaign is a powerful example of how LCIF and Lions work hand in hand to save lives and create brighter futures. By stepping up to support lifesaving projects like the measles-rubella vaccination drive, we not only protect children from devastating diseases but also strengthen communities and build healthier futures. Together, we are proving that meaningful change is possible. To learn more about how an LCIF grant can help where your community needs it most, visit lionsclubs.org/grantstoolkit.

Measles and rubella are highly contagious viral diseases that spread easily through coughing or sneezing and can cause life-threatening health complications. Despite the availability of safe and cost-effective vaccines, thousands of infants and children die from both diseases worldwide each year. Lions in West Bengal saw an opportunity to help.

Since vaccination is the most effective way to prevent both diseases and their devastating effects, the government of West Bengal started a measles-rubella vaccination campaign. The Lions of MD-322 wanted to help raise awareness of the vaccine and reduce trepidation. They used a US\$40,905 Designated Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to support mass advertising and social mobilization for the campaign.

LCIF Trustee and Past International Director Gurcharan Singh Hora says, “Vaccinating the entire population of the state by government agencies was a massive undertaking. Volunteer efforts were required to support the agencies in carrying out vaccine work and creating awareness among the masses to take the vaccination. As such, Lions of Multiple District 322 decided to join the campaign.”

The Lions worked tirelessly to create awareness performing various rallies, distributing leaflets and booklets, conducting press conferences, advertising on billboards and banners, setting up booths and camps — going above and beyond to spread the word about this incredible vaccination program. They also volunteered to manage the rush at the time of vaccination and provided moral support for those who were afraid of the vaccine.

“This vaccination campaign has touched so many lives and brought real change to West Bengal. Over 90% of the population of the state was vaccinated, controlling





MDA 2025 CONVENTION

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REGISTRATION FORM is on MDA website, required to attend events, email to:mda2025convention@gmail.com
 Payable by E-transfer to mda2025convention@gmail.com
 Regular Mail - registration form with cheque or money order. Payable to: Ripley & District Lions – Convention Account. Mail: Lion John Kelly, 119 Hemlock Street, Kincardine, ON N2Z 2X3, Phone: 519-955-9884
 Email: mda2025convention@gmail.com
 Cutoff date for registering is **Saturday, April 19th, 2025.**



ACCOMMODATION FORM(includes meals) Available on MDA website. Book directly with Unifor by emailing form to confcentre@unifor.ca. **Cutoff date Saturday, April 19th, 2025.**
 Check-in 3:00 p.m. Room keys are time based. Check-out 11:00 a.m. Shampoo and lotions not provided. Cancellation refund if notified a minimum of 48 hours prior to convention.



FRIDAY NIGHT THEME - Dress up in your finest "Hawaiian" outfit for Social Night in Union Station.
 Cash only bar, ATM onsite.

BUS TOUR – Bruce Power Visitors Centre & Onsite Tour. Sign up on convention registration for free Saturday tour. Lion Chris McGarvey will contact you for security clearance. Photo ID required.
 Bus leaves 1:30 p.m. returns 4:30.



DISPLAY SPACE/TABLES available for Lions projects, events, vendors. Contact Lion Charles Liddle at liddlek@hurontel.on.ca

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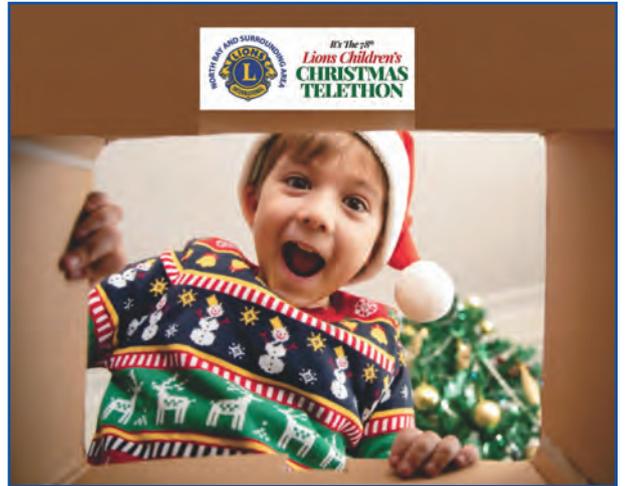
North Bay & Area Lions Clubs 78th Telethon

<https://www.lionschildrenstelethon.com>

As in the past, supporting families and children in need at Christmas in our area needs assistance. Community areas that benefit from the event are: Arnstein, Bonfield, Burk's Falls, Callander, Kearney, Mattawa, Restoule, Rutherglen, South River, Strong, and Sundridge. Lions Clubs involved were **Mattawa, Bonfield, Argyle, Widdfield, North Bay, Callander, Restoule, Powassan and Trout Creek**, our apologies if we missed any, let us know.

Local entertainment was only one of the highlights of the event. Here is the lineup of the quality singers and groups that were on hand, much to the delight of those in attendance and those watching at home: Caley Campbell & The Cadillacs, Cindi Griffin, Danielle Roy, Ethan Sloan, Gary Davison, Gordie Reid, Hannah Grace, Jessica Morgan Soule, Jon Wyatt, Kevin Walsh, Mason Ladouceur & The Unknown and Sam & The Soulful Singers

During the festive season the spirit of giving takes centre stage, especially in North Bay's surrounding area, where the annual Lions Children's Christmas Telethon has become a beloved tradition. This year, the



telethon is set to make an even bigger impact with a return to a live format.

The event aims to ensure that no child in North Bay's surrounding area wakes up on Christmas morning without a gift or a special meal, thanks to the generous donations from the community.

Lion **Verner Presse**, Chair of the Lions Children's Christmas Telethon, says, "The whole purpose of the telethon is to help those in financial need and ensure children and families have a Christmas with smiles on their faces."

The event supports children from infants to teenagers, providing them with gifts and food, ensuring a joyous holiday season. This mission has never been more crucial, as families continue to feel the economic strain brought on by the current economic conditions. Every contribution, no matter how small, can light up a child's holiday. This past event raised almost \$30,000.00.

Further details of the event and additional photos are available at: <http://bit.ly/40mBldm> and the North Bay Lions Facebook page.

Looking forward to the next event!



CTV Lions Telethon 2024

Another great event for the communities of Thessalon, Iron Bridge, Blind River, Elliot Lake and Manitoulin Island, Sudbury, Azlida, Chelmsford, Onaping Falls, Capreol, Garson Valley, East Coniston, Wahnapiatae, Markstay, St Charles, Warren, Noelville, French River and Temiscaming. There were over fifteen thousand

requests for assistance.

This event was streamed in thirty different countries that are listed on the web site. Preparations start in August, most of the work after the event is done by the end of May.

Here is a list of the clubs involved if we have missed any let us know here at the magazine: **Azilda Lions, Capreol Lions, Chelmsford Lions, Espanola Lions, Garson Lions, Lions of Coniston, Lions of Sudbury, Minnow Lake Lions, Noelville-French River Lions, Onaping Falls Leos, Onaping Falls Lions, Sudbury Teacher's Lions, Valley East Lions, Walden Lions, Warren Lions, and Whitefish District Lions.** For a comprehensive look at the telethon package go to: <https://ctvlionstelethon.ca>



Congratulations to A-5 District Governor **Sam Khouri** for his leadership with this outstanding service project for the 2024 event and in years past.

Not to be forgotten are the many volunteers who did a bang-up job along with the many participating clubs





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Here's how you can help:

- Reach out to your local schools and inform them about this opportunity
- Provide sponsorship for the \$350 fee that provides the training and resources for one grade level
- Highlight the program's impact on reducing bullying, improving academic outcomes, and building stronger communities

[Link to Workshop Information](#)

Check out this short video produced by Lions Clubs International Foundation sharing the evolution of Lions Quest over the past 40 years - you may even recognize someone!



Proudly supported by the Lions Clubs of Canada



ONLINE 50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to Bonnie Dugas from Restoule, ON who won \$1,350 in our 50/50 draw on December 31. Our next draw will be February 27 noon EST. Don't delay - get your tickets today!! Use this [link](#) or the QR Code. Tickets must be purchased in Ontario, call us if you have questions.

THANK YOU!

To the 18 clubs who donated in December. Your support truly makes a difference for children.

The December Donation/Activity report can be found at this link. You can also find the new Awards & Fellowship application form there.

Baxter Ward(ON)
 Belmont(ON)
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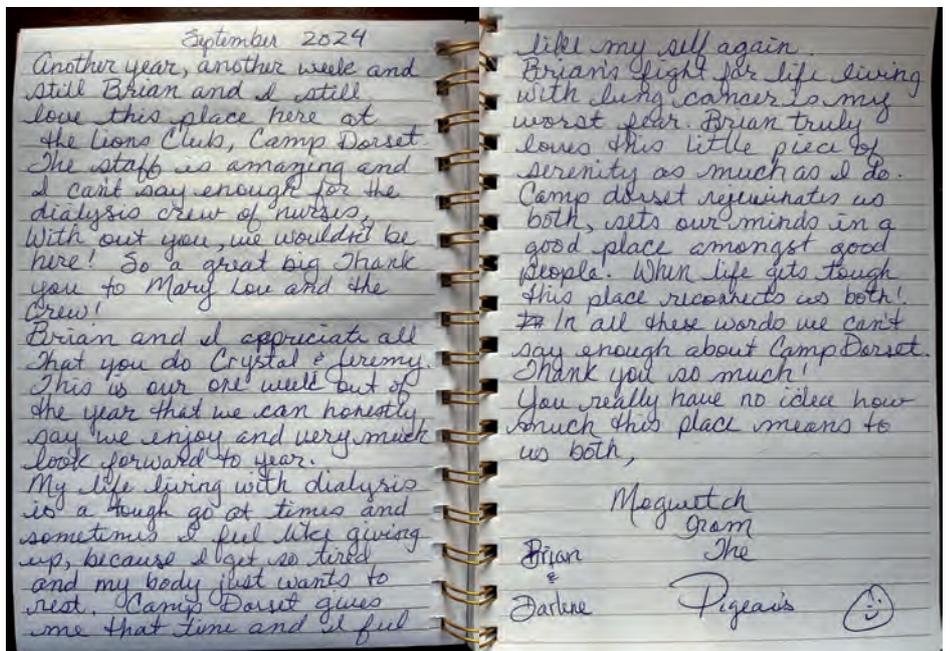
Camp Dorset Proposed Medical Centre



The MDA Facebook page is a great source for material for the MDA Magazine. This item was uploaded on December 23rd by member(s) referred to as “The Friends of Lion’s Camp Dorset”.

Obviously it needed to be included in the first edition in 2025. It is a tribute to the Camp Dorset staff, penned by Darlene and Brian Pigeau. In the note is the sign off text: “Meegwetch” which is Ojibway for “Thank You!”

More information can be found on MDA’s facebook page which is readily available with a Google search. Perhaps this information will motivate us to support Camp Dorset with a financial donation. Additional funding is required for the proposed medical centre as shown in the photo.



Lion Foundation of Canada

On January 28th, LFCDG proudly celebrated another in-person graduation!

We are thrilled to congratulate the teams who completed our Service, Diabetes Alert, and Facility Support programs. It's inspiring to see these partnerships embark on their new journeys together, and we can't wait to witness the positive impact they will make. Check out our YouTube page to watch past graduations and stay tuned for this month's grad ceremony upload! At the same time check out the difference campaign on the LFCDG web site.



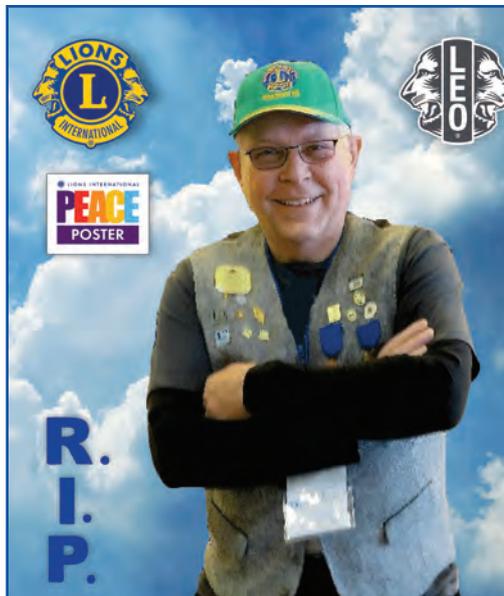
Passing of P.C.C. Lion Bradd Anderson

With a heavy heart we prepare this item.

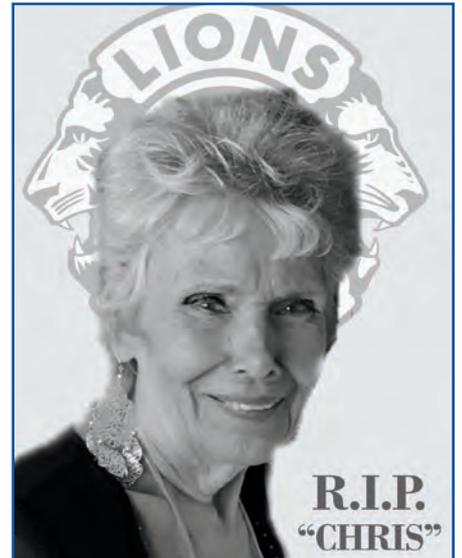
Bradd was the consummate Lion and we don't know of a member with as much enthusiasm for Lions as was his. He was a well-respected Past MDA Council Chair and we don't know if there is a stronger advocate for Leos in the world of Lionism. Bradd was also a huge fan of Lions International Peace Posters. He had several of them posted in his home. His involvement with MDA conventions was second to none. His home club, the **St. Davids Lions** was fortunate to have him as a member as evidenced by his involvement with their annual carnival and numerous other club projects.

Rest in Peace our friend, you will be missed forever.

*Lion Bob Pearson
Editor Lion Magazine*



Passing Lion Astrid "Chris" Simola



Lion Chris was the LION magazine reporter for District A 7-11, she was in place when I became editor which seems a long time ago. She did a great job for us at the magazine and will definitely be missed and difficult to replace.

Lion Bob

Member Spotlight, Cyber Branch Club Banch, Canadian True Vision

We are honoured to have Lion **Penny Bennett** in our club as a leader in Canada's blind and deafblind community. She has spent decades building awareness in breaking down societal barriers for people with disabilities, including advocating for the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act of 2015* and serving in leadership roles with numerous national, provincial, and local community organizations.

This year, Lion Penny was inducted into the Canadian Disability Hall Fame in the Builder category. A Builder is a person who has distinguished themselves by making extraordinary contributions, enhancing the lives of persons with physical disabilities: those in the field of medical research whose significant discoveries enrich the lives of persons with physical disabilities.



Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF

We regret to advise our administrator PDG Lion **Stan Duward** has resigned due to health reasons. We sincerely thank him for his thirteen years of dedication and hard work as he watched the "fund" grow from a few thousand dollars to a multi million dollar project.

Thank You, Stan!

We are pleased to announce as of January 15, 2025, Lion **Peter Oswald** of the **Copetown Lions** has assumed the role of administrator. Lion Peter is a retired commercial banker and a long serving and dedicated Lion in his Club, District and Multiple District. We congratulate Peter on assuming this

role and we know for sure that he will do an outstanding job!

*The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
Lion Art Woods, President*



Communities Create Safe Environments

If your community does not have a service where the garbage person or recycling person will come to the front door to pick up the garbage and recycling for the elderly, physically disabled or blind, please consider asking your Lions Club to get behind such a program and bringing it forward to your community leaders. We recently had one of our blind members attempt to carry his lawn leaves to the front curb where they get collected. He misjudged and found himself on the entire opposite side of the road and through confusion and loss of sight could easily have been killed or injured by oncoming traffic. All for a bag of leaves. Sometimes it is the small things that help enable people to live independently. Just a thought.

Yours in Lionism

*Lion Khristina Engel-Jackowitz, President
Canada True Vision Cyber Club Branch*



Schumacher Lions

Communities have their own special Christmas traditions. In Timmins, the Stan Fowler Christmas Fund has been helping families since 1948. **Stan Fowler** was a fireman who started the fund to help young families with children. Stan, was also a Lion and continued to run this radiothon until the 1980's. At this time, the fire department and the Lions clubs of **Timmins**, **South Porcupine**, and **Schumacher** took it over. The Schumacher club is still running the fund.

The radiothon set a fundraising record of \$105,354.26 this year with the help of the Lions and community volunteers. The Lions have been giving out food vouchers for the last few years and this year they gave out five hundred and eleven vouchers of \$150.00 to families in need. Forty plus Lions and friends delivered them to families in need. No change is provided, so groceries have to be bought in one visit. Most grocery stores in Timmins honour the vouchers. Event Chair Lion **John McCauley** says "If we didn't have to give out a single voucher, I'd be the happiest guy in the world."

Because of the great work Lions are doing, another organization called FEED Canada delivered boxes of food to be given to families with more than four children. This amazing donation gave the Lions the ability to help an additional twenty-five families who each received six boxes of non perishables, along with fresh fruit, vegetables, turkey, ham and bread. They also helped another twenty-six families with boxes of fresh produce.

Thanks to all of the Schumacher Lions, friends and family who made this Christmas a lot brighter for many families in their area. They truly live up to the motto, WE SERVE.



Answering the phones at Country 93.1 are, from left, Lion President Jim Nault, Lion Bob Dufour and Lion Mike Charette



Group of volunteers to deliver the food vouchers



Lion Mike Charette, wearing the yellow vest, and Stan Fowler Christmas Fund Chair John McCauley go over delivery procedures



Daniel Spiegelman, from Feed Canada, unloads boxes from his truck. He is flanked by Lions members John McCauley, left, and Hans Biemann



Lion Claude Labelle lifts a box of food to be delivered to needy families in Timmins. Also in the foreground are Lions John McCauley, left, and Neal Pryor

St. Joseph Island Lions

St. Joseph Island Lions Club attended the annual, Matthews Memorial Hospital Association tree lighting ceremony. Every year we read the names of Lions members no longer with us and illuminate a light for each one. The club made our Annual donation of \$500.00 to the Matthews Memorial Hospital Association and also took the opportunity to present MMHA with the funds raised from our 4th Annual Witches Dance of \$2400.00.



Lions Sandy MacIntyre, Lion President Mike Trainor, Lions Greg Duma and Dale Kingsley, Peggy Chapman and centre MMHA representative Julie Gardner



Lions Ross Bishop, Sandy MacIntyre, President Mike Trainor, Greg Dumas, co-chairs Carla Hendry and Patricia Duma, with Julie Gardner from MMHA

**PAST COUNCIL CHAIR STEWART PATTERSON
SEPTEMBER 20TH 1959 - NOVEMBER 26TH 2024**



I've sipped my last pint, but don't let that stop you. On Tuesday, November 26th 2024 I was sad to leave behind my loving wife of 32 years, Nancy, and my children Dylan (Josée) and Darby. Born in 1959, I arrived in Jarvis from Bangor, Northern Ireland after my parents passed. I was 14 years old and came to live with my sister and brother-in-law - Prue and Elmar Steiner leaving my big brother Henry (Linda) in Belfast, Northern Ireland. I was lucky to have my brothers-in-law Wayne (Gayle), Peter (Sherry) and Allan (Julie) Welsh along with many very awesome nieces and nephews in my

life. The Jarvis Lions were my other Family and I look back fondly on the 37 years that I spent with such a great group of friends who supported a journey that took Nancy and me to many places within our district and throughout Ontario as Governor, and around the world as MDA Council Chair. After 30 years at Stelco with a strong advocacy for my Union brothers, I have since been retired for 15 years and enjoyed spending my time at the cottage, boating, skiing, playing cards, listening to Van the Man, and living it up with my family. Serving as the Ward 1 Councillor for Haldimand Council and advocating for our residents these last 6 years has given me a great sense of pride. I leave behind many friends who I will miss and have had the pleasure of toasting countless beverages with. Not sure how I accomplished all of this while being the grumpy sarcastic brute that I was.

The "Stu Man"

Sault Ste Marie

The Lions of Sault Ste Marie held their 50/50 Draw in order to raise money for their community. Declining job opportunities have created even more need in the Sault Ste. Marie area and the Lions are there to help. With over \$12,000.00 raised and 250 hours served by the members, this will help the Lions support many groups and much needed projects in this grateful city.



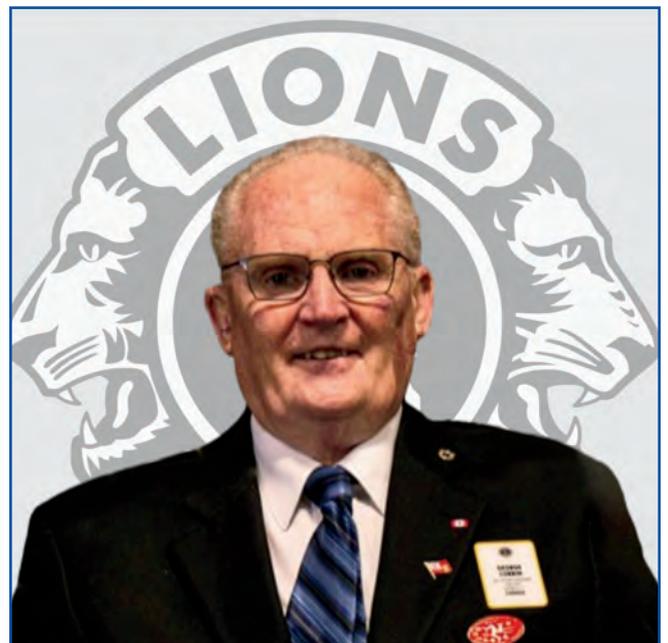
Lion Don Cameron who was selling tickets to the public

Peace Posters for Peace Officers

During his year as District Governor for A-15 Lion **George Corrin** made an arrangement with the Ontario Police College(OPC) in Aylmer to present Peace Posters to select graduating recruits on behalf of Lions International. Unfortunately Lion George passed away in November of 2023, one of his wishes was to continue the program with the Police College in his memory. Lion George ruffled a few feathers along the way but I was proud to call him my friend. In conjunction with Sgt. Major Jim Berney at OPC and Lions International the program continues.



Presentation of posters in December of last year, photo courtesy of OPC.



submitted by: Lion Bob Pearson,
Editor Lion Magazine

Burlington Lions

The Burlington Lions Club, established in 1925, is a dedicated group of community-minded individuals, committed to making a positive impact in Burlington and its surrounding areas. They are passionate about service and involvement in many activities, such as organizing fundraisers, providing vision and hearing care assistance, supporting local schools and organizations, and more. They aim to create a stronger, vibrant community working together and lending a helping hand where it's needed most as evidenced in the donation to the *Trafalgar Memorial Hospital* shown in the photo. This only represents a small percentage of their Community Service.

The Club, established in 1925, was the 18th Lions Club formed in Canada. Over the years, it underwent a name change from the Burlington Lions to the Burlington Central Lions and later merged with the Burlington Nelson Lions Club in 2006, reverting to its original name, the Burlington Lions Club.

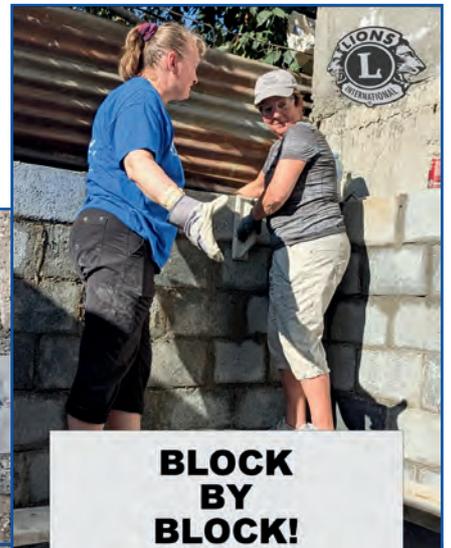
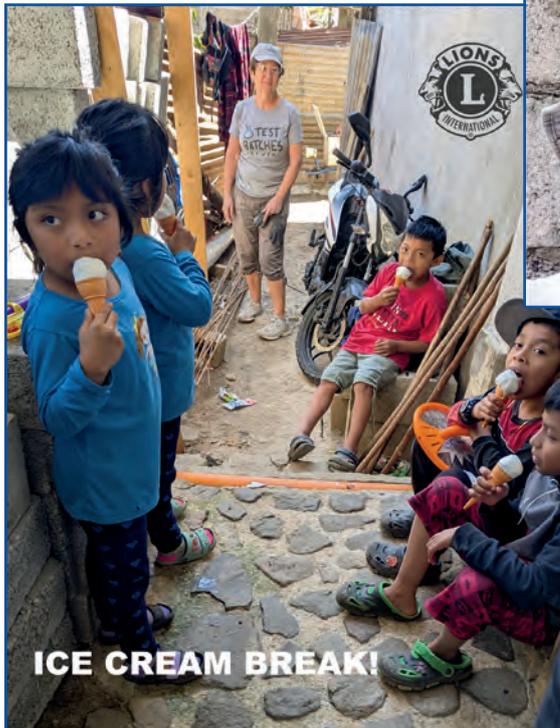
The club has a major project in the works with their Centennial Anniversary Celebration to take place this coming summer, more information to follow.....



MDA Lions Mission in Guatemala

Thirteen Lions Family members and Friends from MDA went to Guatemala and built three homes for families in January. These Lions provided a hand up in life for the People of San Pablo la Laguna. PDG **Len Day** has been doing this project since 2019. Last year he challenged the

Lions of A12 to help and this year the project has grown to include Lions from A12, A2, A4 and A9. Each home costs \$4500.00 for materials, Lions and friends cover their own personal expenses.



Iroquois Lions Community Garden

Partnering to strengthen our community through addressing hunger in our community, the Riverview Presbyterian Church and the Iroquois-Matilda Lions have 28 raised garden beds in which fresh produce is grown.

Last year, 6 families grew their fresh produce all summer long. The remaining 22 beds grew produce for FoodShare, tended by a team of dedicated volunteers. At the end of the summer, and when the harvest was finished 1,113 pounds of fresh produce had been given to our local FoodShare to help ensure food security in our community.

We are now planning for this summer's garden. If you are interested in using a garden bed please let the Lions know. These beds are provided to you at no cost. You will need to plant, weed and care for your own garden.

Reach us at iroquoismatildalions@gmail.com



Riverview Presbyterian Church
22 Church Ave., Iroquois



Iroquois-Matilda Lions
iroquoismatildalions@gmail.com

Walden Lions

The Walden Lions made their annual donation to the Salvation Army but at the same time it was felt the need was even greater this year. A challenge was issued to clubs in our area to match their pledge. They even had the "real" Santa come to be part of the presentation.



L-R: Lions Gerry Duhamel, Brian Walton, Lion Chief Pres Bob Hobden, Lions Betty Walton and Stewart McBain



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District A15 and Lions Clubs International Foundation Matching Grant

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, dedicated to supporting the humanitarian work of Lions clubs worldwide. Under LCIF's Grant Program, LCIF matches funds raised locally by Lions clubs for specific humanitarian projects, thus doubling the total amount available for the project. A recent beneficiary of a \$150,000 U.S. dollar Matching Grant, sponsored by Lions District A-15, has been the new state-of-the-art Dog Guide training school in Oakville. Pictured is District A-15 Governor Lion **Bill Robinson**, presenting the Matching Grant cheque to representatives of The Difference Campaign fundraising team.

Mountain Township and District Lions Club

For over 40 years, servicing our community is in the heart of each of our members and what we strive to do best. Friday, December 20th was our Christmas Basket Distribution Day. Covering the area of Mountain Township, forty food hampers and thirty five serving adults and children. Many thanks to the generosity

of local businesses and residents for their donations and also to members from the community that helped in any way, *Community serving Community!*



Toronto Latino Lions Club

Congratulations To Our Newest Club Of District A711. Toronto Latino Lions Club Officially Chartered January 20, 2025. Charter President Lion **Ana Luisa Vasquez**, Sponsoring Club **Etobicoke Alpha**, Guiding Lions PZC **Andrea Saul** and PDG **Tebo Richards**, DG **Julian Austin**, GMTC PDG **Ferdy Coronel** and GETC PRC **Danny Galicia**.





Ripley Lions

Ripley & District MEDICAL CENTRE



L-R: Lion John Kelly, Nurse Brandi Stanley, Doctor Jason Murray, Lions Mike Pollock and John Elliott

The Lions of Ripley have recently inducted two members. Lion **Paul Keelan** was inducted by PDG **Charles Liddle** and PCC Chair **Larry Irwin**, shown in the photo from left to right is President **Rob Miller** and Paul's sponsor **Murray Yungblut**. The second induction was Lion **Amgad Amer**, in the photo is Lion Amgad and sponsor PCC **Irwin**, the induction was conducted by District A9 1st VP **Zoellyn Onn**.

A significant service event was the club's donation of \$7500.00 dollars to the Ripley Medical Centre.

Sault Ste Marie

The Lions Club of Sault Ste Marie thanks the retired teachers of Ontario (RTOERO) District 3 Algoma for their support of the Lions Club's Vision Screening Program which has been in operation since 2008. The program runs from October through to the end of May each year and involves approximately 30 volunteers, including RTOERO members. So far this year, 11 elementary schools and 250 senior kindergarten children in the Soo and Algoma area have been provided vision screening service. This has amounted to over 200 service hours by Lions and volunteers.



Main organizers of the Lions Club Vision Screening Program: Brian Janveau, Lion Barb Perry, Lion Maureen O'Shea and Eva MacKenna

Kitchener Pioneer Lions

The Kitchener Pioneer Lions made two significant donations just prior to Christmas. They were to the Waterloo Region Food Bank and the Salvation Army for a total of \$40,000.00.



L-R: CTV Tyler Kelaher, Salvation Army Captains Cory Fifield and Kelly Fifield, Lion James Steele, Lion Jess Bailey



L-R - Food Bank Representative Kim Wilhelm and Lion Jess Bailey

Sault Ste Marie

The Lions Club of Sault Ste Marie helped to host “Storytime With Santa” in conjunction with the North Branch Library. Children and their families had opportunity to visit with Santa, listen to Christmas stories, complete Christmas crafts, participate in a seek and find and decorate gingerbread cookies. It was a wonderful time for all! The Lions club thanks the North Branch Library for this wonderful opportunity to serve our community in a fun way during the holiday season.



Schumacher Lions

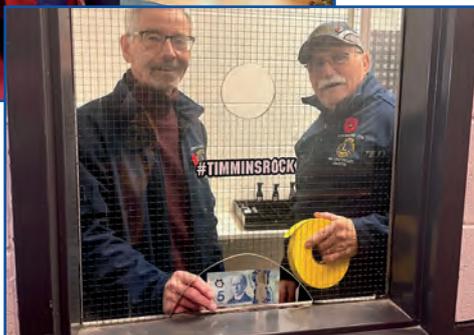
Every year, the Schumacher Lions Club usher in the holiday season for Timmins and area residents. Locals get to see a wide variety of vendors displaying Christmas decor and gift ideas. Event Chair Lions **Gabrielle Nault** and **Carrie Backer** were pleased with this year’s event, which raised more than \$32,000.00 for the club.

There are many children’s activities, including an opportunity to visit Santa and have a picture taken. There were more than 70 vendors in the arena area, as well as the auditorium upstairs. This is a signature event for the club, with



many friends and family members volunteering with Lions to make the show a success.

Chair Lions Gabrielle Nault and Carrie Backer pose with Santa



Lions Mike David, left, and Claude Labelle man the admission booth

Kirkland Lake Lions

Some communities have an organization called "100 Women Who Care". In 2024, the group honoured the Kirkland Lake Lions for their Compassionate Meal Service. The service started in July of 2024 to consistently provide 55-60 meals each time to those in need.

Upon receiving an initial donation of \$6,200.00 and an additional cheque of \$10,200.00, they are expanding to include more people, including seniors in the area. The Lions are passionate about providing service in their community and will continue to do so.



The Kirkland Lake Lions were all smiles and happy to take part in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle campaign.



Minnow Lake Lions

The Minnow Lake Club support local area food banks, one of which is the Inner City Home food bank. The workers offer a warm and welcoming atmosphere to their clients who just need a hand with groceries in these times of growing costs. The Minnow Lake Lions donated a much needed \$3,000.00 to help to stock their shelves. The bank received big thank you on behalf of the families and children served at Inner City Home.



PDG Lion Brian Cross presenting the cheque to Annette Babcock, administrator of Inner City

Copetown Lions Serve During the Holidays

The Copetown Lions Club recently teamed up with the Hamilton chapter of the Holiday Helpers charity to support families in need this past holiday season. Holiday Helpers provides food, toys, and clothing to over 1,000 families across Hamilton, making a significant impact by easing financial burdens and offering hope during a challenging time.

In addition to volunteering their time, the Copetown Lions generously donated \$5,000 in grocery gift cards to help ensure families have access to essential resources. The Lions involvement, alongside the hard work of Holiday Helpers, made a real difference, brightening the holidays for many and reinforcing the power of community and compassion.



L-R: Lions R.C. Peter Oswald, Copetown Past President Bob Turner and Lion Chief Colleen Martin, along with a Holiday helpers representative

FREELTON LIONS CLUB

DISTRICT A-15



BUCKTHORN PULL PILOT PROJECT

BUCKTHORN BANISHED!

The Freelton Lions Club debuted their new environmental stewardship project on the beautiful Saturday morning of October 19th, removing invasive European buckthorn from a site along the Two Rivers in Eramosa River Park.



Inspired!

The Freelton Lions were assisted by members of the Guelph Lions Club, who enjoyed themselves so much that they said they would hold a buckthorn pull of their own in the future!

The Freelton Lions worked with the City of Guelph to equip volunteers with the tools and knowledge required to identify and eliminate European buckthorn.

Thanks to the efforts of our Lions (as well as our lovely volunteers), an overflowing truckload of European Buckthorn was removed from the area, which will contribute to the restoration of this beautiful, naturalized riverside.

freeltonlions.ca

Ferris Lions – District A-5, Zone 17 North

On occasion Zone Chairs receive gifts from their clubs as a thank you for efforts as a member of the cabinet. Zone Chair for 17 North, Lion **Margo Oleskiw**, received a coveted hand-made paddle from the Ferris Lions Club. Imprinted on the paddle is a great slogan, "If You Want to Change the World, Get Someone to Help You Paddle". Margo is a great Lion for getting people to paddle and work together. Making the presentation is Lion Chief **John Marcil**.



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Chelmsford Lions

The Chelmsford Lions held their first 1st Breakfast with Santa. The club was chartered in 2023 and reached out with with this event. With the help of Lions from other clubs, the club put together this event. On site was Santa himself with gifts, as well as door prizes and a penny sale.

There was a visit from a giant elf all dressed in green. Also in attendance was District Governor **Sam Khoury** and 1st Vice District Governor **Bob Lachance**.

Santa and his elves welcomed the children and they all received a treat. Some little ones didn't want to get off his lap.



L-R: Lions and Helpers Brenda, Lise, Jacqueline, DG Sam, Ursula, Brenda, Nancy, Santa, PDG Carmen, Keysten, Muriel, Bob, PDG Debra. In front: Maggie, Gabrielle, Angie, Lise, Sarah, Teah.

Minnow Lake Lions

Minnow Lake Lions provided nine backpacks filled with school supplies to children with cancer to help them throughout the year with their school work. Many families do not have the financial means to purchase school supplies for their kids heading back to school. This program allowed Secretary Lion **Linda Lachance** to deliver the backpacks filled with supplies right to Lion **Jeanne Lachance**, the A5 Childhood Cancer Chair.



A5 Cabinet Meetings

Some Lions think Cabinet meetings are boring, well they haven't been to an A5 cabinet meeting. Each occasion there is entertainment that bring us together as a team. At the last meeting, the Chelmsford Lions 2023 hosted with a meal and a murder mystery "Murder at the Grill". This was a great idea for both the food and for the fun. Several members of the cabinet play some of the characters. Although we read from our parts, some added accents and wicked acting had everyone in stitches for the evening. It was worth the price of admission just to hear our DG Lion **Sam** with a Lebanese accent try to sound like a Russian. The whole cast got into the roles whole heartedly and not many guessed who the murderer was. Can you tell from the picture, who the murderer was? Looking forward to next year to see if we can top this one.



1st VDG Lion Bob, DG Lion Sam, Lions Sylla, Brenda, Ron, 2nd VDG Lion Jerome, Lion Muriel, PDG Lion Bob, front Lion Chantal and PDG Lion Carmen

Bath & District, Odessa & District and Amherstview Club The Hospice of Lennox and Addington

The feeling of giving is tremendous. Each of three Lions Clubs generously contributed funds to the Hospice of Lennox and Addington in Napanee, Ontario. The Bath and District Lions Club, the Odessa and District Lions Club as well as the Amherstview Lions Club each donated \$2,000.00 to the Hospice. The clubs working seamlessly together, made a huge impact on the community and surrounding area.

The hospice is located in the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital in Napanee. Medical care is provided for patients who are terminally ill. When you visit the hospital, patients and visitors are treated royally. The hearts of the Lions were bursting with pride when it all came together for the contribution of \$6,000.00.



Weston Lions

If you watch any TV you probably have seen the commercial for Intact Insurance that has the Weston Lions Arena quite prominent which makes for some helpful publicity. The club website has a ton of info about the arena and the club's extensive community service, their site is at: https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/weston_on/



Capreol and Minnow Lake Lions

The Capreol Lions Club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion **Richard Clouthier** at a recent meeting with Zone 47N Chair Lion **Jeanne Lachance** making the presentation.



Recently the Minnow Lake Lions presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion **Joan Kutshaw**. Both Lions have been recognized for their commitment to "We Serve".



Another Minnow Lake member, Lion **Leanne Furchner** was awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Leanne has filled most of if not all the positions in her club. She has been involved with many conventions, Cabinet Secretary, club Secretary, Membership Chair, many committees in the club and was the first female member of the Minnow Lake Lions Club, paving the way for others to follow.



Woolwich Community Lions

"An Affair to Remember"

For the 18th year, WCLC hosted their signature fundraising event, "An Affair to Remember."

Friendship groups, small businesses, and members of Lions clubs attended a festive evening of dining, dancing, and a visit from Santa. Four nights and hosting eight hundred and thirty guests, culminated in another very successful fundraiser. Our caterer, Kennedy's, served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The hall was decked out in a rustic Country Christmas theme with the addition of a live cedar wreath for photo opportunities; donated by a local florist.

As usual Santa was in good form spreading cheer and updating his list of naughty and nice!

Thank you to all members who spent countless hours of decorating, cleaning, setting tables, tending bar, taking coats and greeting our guests. We are thankful to all our local businesses and community members who support us in attending the event, donating door prizes



and contributing to its success. Proceeds from this year's event are estimated to be \$24,000.00 which will go a long way in donations back to community program and Lions projects on a local, national, and international level.



Sault Ste Marie

The Lions Club of Sault Ste Marie supports all the core activities of Lions International and this includes Diabetes. In support of World Diabetes Day, the club wore "blue" to show their support for Diabetes.



Lions Club of Kitchener

On January 6th of this year PRC Lion **Robert Montgomery** was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship by President **Michelle Adams-Drover** and 2nd Vice Governor **Rick Mallon**.

PID **Art Woods**, PCC **Todd Wilson** were on hand along with other members of the Lions Club of Kitchener.



Playscape: Wellington Regional Children's Hospital's Outdoor Therapeutic Space

by Shelby Washington

Wellington Regional Children's Hospital, established in 1912, is New Zealand's first children's hospital. This hospital treats children from newborn to 18 years old and is one of the five hospitals in the country that perform specialist pediatric surgery. Its surgical services go beyond Wellington, treating children from significant portions of the North and South Island.

Unfortunately, the hospital building was over 30 years old and desperately due for an upgrade. Cramped spaces, outdated clinical areas, no dedicated family spaces and very few isolation facilities caused the building to struggle to keep up with its growing demand. Lions clubs in District 202-M have always supported the Wellington Regional Children's Hospital and helped with the fundraising for a similar facility at the old hospital about 30 years ago. When plans for a new children's hospital with an outdoor rehabilitation and therapeutic facility were announced, Lions did not hesitate to show support and help raise funds. Led by District 202-M Lions, this ambitious initiative drew support from across the region, including from the Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust and Lions from Districts 202-D and 202-E, making up more than 95 clubs, who rallied behind the cause as well. Lions raised US\$500,000 in just 12 months. To further their efforts, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) also provided a US\$100,000 Matching Grant.

The design of the new Wellington Regional Children's Hospital included Te Wao Nui's stunning new Lions-funded Playscape. This outdoor rehabilitation and therapeutic facility has

brought joy, movement and healing to the overall hospital environment. Currently, the facility provides a wide range of therapeutic, rehabilitative and developmental benefits to all young patients such as increasing physical activity, assisting with both fine and gross motor skills and cognitive development.

Playscape is both play space and a sunny north-facing outdoor area for families who need an escape from hospital life. It also has an alternative therapeutic space, with various equipment and split levels offering mobility, agility and balance challenges for children who need extra support to reach physiotherapy goals or child development milestones. The hospital's Child Development Service, which provides specialized care for children with physical and intellectual disabilities or developmental delays, also uses this space to help children thrive.

LCIF's Matching Grants provide funding to help establish or expand Lions-initiated humanitarian service projects that address critical and diverse human and social needs around the globe. Learn more about how Matching Grants are changing lives worldwide at lionsclubs.org/matching-grant.



St. Joseph Island

The St. Joseph Island Lions Club has been growing again. They kicked off the new year by inducting 3 more new members. Club President, Lion **Mike Trainor** inducted the members and the whole club welcomed them to the wonderful world of Lionism.



Club President Mike Trainor sponsored Tammy Arbour



Lion Sandy MacIntyre sponsored Cheryl Jobbins & Dave Cordner with President Lion Mike Trainor

Hudson Lions

The club may be little, but have big hearts. The Hudson Lions Club presented Kerns Public School and Elk Lake Public School with donations to their school breakfast programs. Hudson has a population of about 500 and Elk Lake 350. Both are helped by the Hudson Lions and all the good works that they do. A big thank you to the Lions for being there.



L-R: Lion Laurie Taillon, Principal Shannon Sayeau, Lion Larissa Ouimet, Lion Gwen Welch, Lion Chelsea Manners and Secretary Candace Aitchison

A5 Cabinet Recognition

Many clubs recognize their members with awards, however, more often than not, the work of the cabinet members goes unnoticed. In A5, the Lions have recognized some of their hardest working members. At the last meeting, the cabinet presented Lion **Barbara Perry**, secretary of the Cabinet, with a Melvin Jones Award for all of her hard work as the secretary but also in keeping the clubs in the District well informed.



Our Global Membership Chair, PDG Lion **Gerry Bertrand** received a progressive Melvin Jones for his years of keeping our membership strong and helping our clubs to grow.

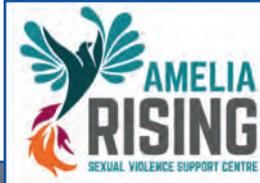


District Governor Lion **Sam Khoury** received the Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson's Medal for his work in promoting LCIF and encouraging the clubs to donate to this worthwhile cause. Congratulations to all of the recipients for these well deserved honours.



North Bay Lions

The North Bay Lions club give back to their community with generous donations and they have done so again in a big way. Multiple presentations have been made to deserving organizations that help those in need in the community. \$1,000.00 was donated to each of the following groups: Meals on Wheels, North Bay Foodbank, Low Income People Involvement (LIPI), North Bay Crisis Centre, Salvation Army & Amelia Rising.



Meals on Wheels- Lions Ellen & Kim



Salvation Army- Lions Deborah, Ellen & Gwen



North Bay Crisis Centre- Lions Deborah & Ellen



North Bay Foodbank- Lions Ellen, Debra & Gwen



Low Income Involvement- Lions Gwen & Ellen

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – November 22/23, 2024
- Council Meeting – February 21/22, 2025
- Council Meeting – May 23 - 25, 2025 (Convention)

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Sarnia, Ontario	April 4-6, 2025
A2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines	March 21-23, 2025
A3	Cobourg, Ontario	April 11-13, 2025
A4	Ottawa, Ontario	April 25-27, 2025
A5	Best Western, North Bay	May 2-4, 2025
A711	Ajax Convention Centre, Ajax	April 11-13, 2025
A9	Orangeville, Ontario	April 25-27, 2025
A12	Huntsville, Ontario	April 10-12, 2025
A15	Quality Inn & Conference Centre Festival, Stratford	April 4-6, 2025
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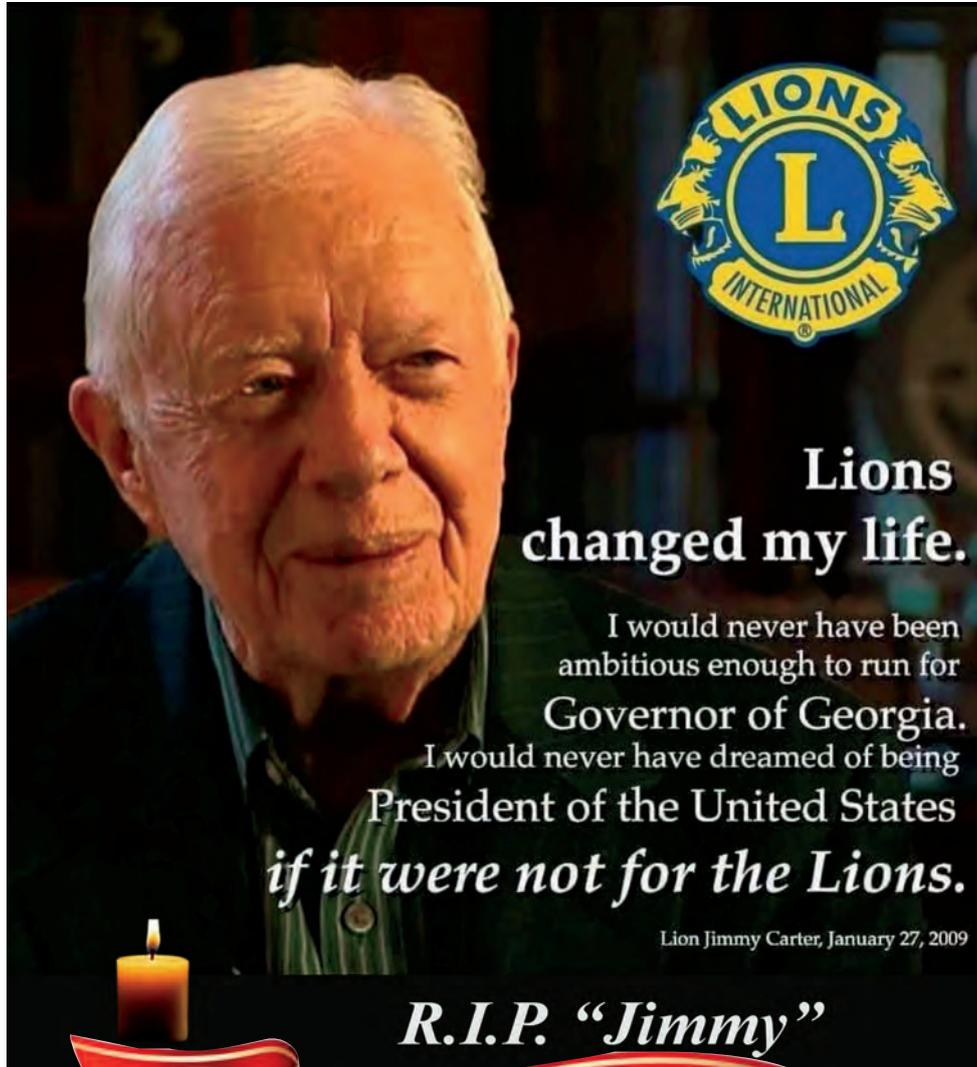
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International Conventions

107th	Orlando, Florida	July 13-17, 2025
108th	Hong Kong	July 3 - 7, 2026
109th	Washington, DC, USA	July 2 - 6, 2027
110th	Singapore	June 23 - 27, 2028
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