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Change Starts Here

Dear Lion,

As Lions, we know that change isn't something you wait for — it's something you make. And we create it every day, in countless ways. From feeding the hungry and protecting our environment to offering hope and support to those who need it most, Lions are changemakers. We don't just talk about making the world a better place — we do it, one act of service at a time.

Creating change takes great leadership and inspired service, and together, we embody these qualities. We lead with compassion, act with purpose and inspire others to join us in building a brighter future for all.

Through MISSION 1.5, Lions everywhere are welcoming new members to share in this work. Each new Lion amplifies our capacity to make a difference, bringing fresh ideas, energy and perspective. As we grow, so does our ability to create lasting impact that can transform our communities and our

world.

This Lion year, we're driving real change in mental health and well-being, hunger and the environment through our Weeks of Service initiative. These three dedicated weeks of service reflect our collective strength and show the world the power of what Lions can accomplish.

Let's continue to lead with courage and serve with heart — creating change that truly matters.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh
International President, Lions Clubs International



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING October 9-12, 2025 – Kolkata, India



AUDIT COMMITTEE

No resolutions.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Approved the reinstatement of Lion Swarn Singh Khalsa as past district governor.
2. Amended Chapter VII, Exhibit A. Standard District Constitution, Article VI to align with the recent amendment to the International by-laws that prohibits the district governor, first and second vice district governors from being members of the same club.
3. A resolution which will reduce one international director in Constitutional Area I, and increase one director in Constitutional Area III effective July 1, 2027; and to decrease one international director in Constitutional Area I, increase two directors in Constitutional Area VI, and reduce presidential appointees to the board by one, effective July 1, 2028. This resolution is to be proposed to the delegates at the 2026 International Convention.
4. A resolution to change the club delegate formula by requiring past district governors to be from clubs in good standing in order to be granted full delegate status at a district or multiple district convention. This resolution is to be proposed to the delegates at the 2026 International Convention with immediate effect.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

No resolutions..

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved sub-district 3242-F to create 3242-F, 3242-H, and 3241-J. Redistricting for 3242-F and 3241-J will take effect upon the conclusion of the 2026 International Convention, and for 3242-H after the 2027 International Convention.
2. Approved sub-district 307-B2 to create 307-B2 and 307-C, effective upon the conclusion of the 2026 International Convention.
3. Approved sub-district 308-B2 to create 308-B2 and 308-B5, effective upon the conclusion of the 2026 International Convention.
4. Approved sub-district 317-C to create 317-C and 317-H, effective upon the conclusion of the 2026 International Convention.
5. Approved sub-districts 322-B1 and 322-B2 to create 322-B1, 322-B2, and 322-B3, effective upon the conclusion of the 2026 International Convention.
6. Approved sub-district 404-B2 to create 404-B5 and 404-B6, conditionally approved to take effect upon the conclusion of the 2026 International Convention, provided membership requirements are met by December 1, 2025.
7. Amended Chapter V, Paragraph C. Status Quo: Added new Section 4 and a corresponding bullet stating "The club is non-functional due to low membership."
8. Amended Chapter IX, Paragraph J: Added

"District Disaster Relief Chairperson" after "District Diabetes Chairperson."

9. Amended Chapter IX, Paragraph M: Added "Multiple District Disaster Relief Chairperson" after "Multiple District Diabetes Chairperson."
10. Amended Chapter IX, Paragraph G: Numbered the current paragraph as "1" and added a new Paragraph 2 requesting transitional districts with recurring leadership vacancies (district governor, first vice district governor, and/or second vice district governor) to submit a leadership succession plan when providing documents for vacancy filling.

FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the restated budget and the first quarter forecast for the fiscal year 2025-2026.
2. Approved to propose a club dues increase of US\$2 per year for five years for delegate vote at the July 2026 International Convention.
3. Approved that all Nepal clubs chartered on or before September 30, 2025, shall receive an extended payment deadline through June 30, 2026.
4. Approved board policy updates to Chapter XXI and Chapter IX in order to proceed with the technology enhancement for the district governor expense reimbursement process.
5. Approved updates to the procurement policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Revised Chapter XIV, Paragraph D.3.o.(2) of the Board Policy Manual to amend the role of First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Seminar Vice Chairperson to include the role of Second Vice District Governor Seminar Chairperson.
2. Revised Chapter XIV, Paragraph D.3.n. of the Board Policy Manual to clarify qualifications and restrictions for the role of the First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Seminar Chairperson so that it is recommended but not required that a candidate has served as an First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Seminar group leader within the 10 years prior to the year in which the individual will serve as chairperson and/or has not served previously

as First Vice District Governor/District Governor Elect Seminar Chairperson. .

LONG RANGE PLANNING (AUGUST 2024 MEETING REPORT)

No resolutions..

MARKETING COMMITTEE

1. Approved Chapter XIX, Paragraph F. Awards of the Board Policy Manual be removed in its entirety and replaced.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the panelists and alternates for the 2026-2028 Leo Club Advisory Panel
2. Approved Chapter XXII. Leo Club Program, aligning policy with business practice on when a Leo district is cancelled.
3. Approved Chapter XXII. Leo Club Program allowing Leos to sponsor other Leos beginning January 1, 2026.
4. Approved Chapter XXIV. Global Action

Team, limiting Lions to holding one multiple district or district level GAT title at a time.

5. Approved Chapter XVII. Membership, aligning policy to the business practice of shipping Guiding Lion awards to district governors. .

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Resolved to amend the Lions Clubs International (LCI) Advocacy Guidelines to allow an advocacy day proposal to be submitted each year from LCI's largest membership country and to allow LCI exec.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

No resolutions.

For more information on any of the above summaries, please refer to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the Legal division.



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Highlights of the Council Of Governors' Meeting September 6, 2025 – Markham Ontario



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MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A" CONVENTION

The 2026 MD "A" Convention themed "feel the force" and hosted by the St. Davids & District Lions Club, will be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites Parkway Conference Centre in St. Catharines on May 29 – May 31, 2026.

Registration Forms are available on the MDA website.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The Constitution & By-Laws has been updated, and the most recent copy can be found on the MDA website.

HUNGER

Mda Convention Hunger Awards Year To Date (Ytd – Q1: Jul - Sep 2025):

1. District Governor (DG): YTD highest # hunger activities reported: A-2 DG Louis AGNEW (22)
2. District Hunger Chair (DHC): YTD highest % clubs reported hunger activities: A-3 (16%)
3. Lions Club (LC): YTD # of SERVICE activities reported for hunger: A-12 Barrie South LC (15)
4. Lions Club (LC): YTD most people SERVED reported for hunger: A-2 Fonthill LC (6,900)
5. Lion Members: YTD most volunteer hours reported for hunger: A-3 Storrington LC (1,294)

Congratulations to all! Let's keep reporting.

LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF

Current Balance - Our balance in the fund as of August 8 is \$3,602,314.62. We have paid out 1 new grant since the last report. We can all be proud of the assistance we have provided to projects here in Canada.

Donations/Grant Report – The grant was paid as follows:

August 12, 2025 – Maxville Manor Foundation (Lions District A4) Equip Maxwell Manor

NOTE: We remind everyone to encourage LCIF Grant Applications. This is the only way we can ensure that Canadian Dollars shall remain in Canada.

SIGHT CONSERVATION

Many of our clubs in MDA are collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids that are being shipped to CLERC in Alberta where they are reprocessed. About 30% to 40% of the eyeglasses are unusable. CLERC has 15 lens meters (\$11,00,00+ each) some are in Calgary others in Newfoundland and PEI. But there are about 8-10 readers at the CLERC facility at all times. The last two (2) years saw 35 tons each year of glasses. That causes the machines to break down. There are additional costs for a rented bay, storage of a 5-ton truck, a 40-foot seacan and a 53-foot trailer.

Collection boxes are available for \$2.87 each. It is recommended that each district order at least 50 boxes for distribution to the clubs. Please reach out to Gordon Prusky, gprusky@shaw.ca, to arrange a shipment.

Last year, the cost to run the program was \$164,000 whereas income was \$124,000. I ask that all clubs and districts consider a financial donation to keep this program going.

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



After the second council meeting, we had took a group photo!! Pictured here the 2025/2026 M group of District Governors, First Vice Governors, Second Vice Governors, Council Chairs (current and past) plus every Lion in attendance that we could gather. Thanks for a great meeting!!!

Enhancing a Childhood Cancer Facility in West Africa

by Shelby Washington

Cancer rates are steadily increasing in Burkina Faso. Since 2012, the West African country's Ministry of Health, has reported over 5,000 new cancer cases each year. Yet the country's healthcare system remains ill-equipped to meet demand, leaving many patients without the care they urgently need.

Only two hospitals in the entire country treat children with cancer: Yalgado Ouédraogo University Hospital and Charles De Gaulle Pediatrics University Hospital Center, both located in the capital city of Ouagadougou. The hospitals are poorly equipped and overcrowded with inadequate pediatric oncology facilities.

In addition, treatment is extremely expensive, making it inaccessible to the many parents with low incomes and no medical insurance. As a result, hospitals are forced to turn away about 25% of children in need of care. The situation is further compounded by a shortage of trained medical personnel and pediatric oncology specialists, leading to delayed diagnoses and less effective treatment outcomes.

Lions in District 403-A3 could not ignore the issue. They used a US\$70,000 Matching Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to construct an extension of 3,500 square feet (325 square meters) to Yalgado Ouédraogo. The new space now has four consultation rooms, a treatment room, a doctor's office, a staff room, a nurse's room, and restrooms for boys and girls. They upgraded the building from one level to two and increased the floor space. These changes allowed the reception area to accommodate more than twice as many patients.

This new facility will treat children not only from Burkina Faso, but from neighboring countries as well. This project is expected to allow 200,000 patients aged 15 and under to be treated over the next 20 years. An additional 400,000 family members and caregivers will benefit from the facility.

"This project will continue to significantly reduce mortality from childhood cancer, as it increases the capacity to manage these cases. With the new facilities, more patients are being diagnosed and treated. This environment is also

more welcoming and comfortable for patients," says District Governor Yacouba Barry.

Results like these show just how grant-funded service projects strengthen communities. LCIF continues to support Lions and Leos in their efforts through meaningful grant opportunities, expanding the number of beneficiaries Lions are able to serve worldwide. LCIF Childhood Cancer Grants empower Lions to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment and their families.



Charlton Englehart Lions

The Charlton Englehart Lions have always been dedicated supporters of the local area hospitals. This year, the hospital was running a 'Check your Chest campaign' to raise awareness for

mammogram testing and funds to purchase new mammography equipment. The Lions made 2 donations, one of \$10,000.00 earlier this year and then \$1,500.00 recently, bringing the total donation to \$11,500.00.



Lions Ingrid, Betty, Bob, Peggy, Linda, Bev, representative from hospital, Lions Rhonda, Vic and Chissey Trudel of the Check your Chest Committee



Chissey Trudel of the Check your Chest Committee, Lions Dorothy Calalezzi, President Gary Calalezzi, Janice Car-Jolkowski, Rick Fortier, Brian Jolkowski, Rhonda McCallum, Ralph Ellerton, Bev Roach, Vic Roach, PDG Bob Hobbs

The Impact of Giving: Celebrating Our Million-Dollar Donors

by Shelby Washington

Giving energy, time or resources to those in need has the power to change lives everywhere. Our Million-Dollar Donors have spent their lives selflessly serving their communities through gifts to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and inspiring many other Lions to do the same.

Million-Dollar Donor and Past International Director (PID) Aruna Abhey Oswal reflects on what giving means to her, "Giving is very important. When you give, you feel true satisfaction. We have been blessed with the ability to donate, so why not share with the community? And why not through LCIF, which in my experience, is the best platform to serve."

Every donor has a story behind their immense generosity. Million-Dollar Donor and PID Magnet Lin's story started at a very young age.



"When I was just 10 years old, I saw a group of people on the street under the scorching sun, helping those in need. My father told me they were members of a Lions club, and their kindness

deeply moved me. That day, I made a wish: I hoped to become a Lion myself and help people just like them. I am now 75 years old, and I'm proud to say I've been a Lion for 42 years, having fulfilled that childhood dream." One experience with Lions sparked a lifetime of service and financial support.

PID Aruna Abhey Oswal's journey with LCIF started when her husband, Shri. Abhey Kumar Oswal ji inspired her to give. He said "It is not important to go to heaven after we leave. It is important to create heaven before we leave. If you do something for society, the whole world will salute you. This is what I want in my life."



His words encouraged her to search for the best way to give back on a global scale. She explains, "I wanted to join a platform that would allow me to expand my services and make a global impact, after some consideration, I found that LCIF was the best foundation to do that."



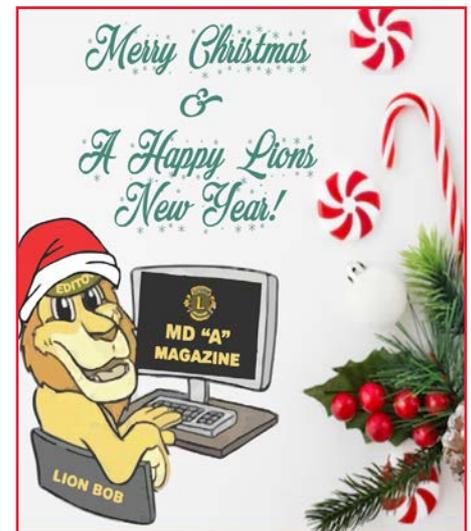
At LCIF, we deeply appreciate our donors. To celebrate their meaningful contributions to our mission, we offer exclusive recognition as part of our Humanitarian Partner Program and Lead and Major Donor Program.

LCIF donors' gifts prevent vision loss, provide palliative care for children with cancer, secure food for the hungry and so much more. PID Lin explains, "I have seen firsthand how these funds have been used to help victims following natural disasters, establish eye clinics to restore sight, and support youth programs that build the next generation of leaders. It is not about a single grand gesture, but a consistent, long-term effort to be a force for good in the world."

Through the power of grants and programs, Lions' generosity transforms communities. As PID Lin says, "What we do together is more than a donation. It is a legacy of kindness that truly changes lives."

Arnprior Lions

Lions **Bob** and **Brenda Bennett** from the Arnprior Lion Club, stopped by the Arnprior Food Bank, to present a \$500.00 donation. Rod McCallum, accepted the cheque on behalf of the Food Bank.



Diabetes Mass Screening in Nepal

by Shelby Washington



In Biratnagar, Nepal, the prevalence of undiagnosed diabetes has been steadily increasing. Many individuals are unaware of their diabetic status, leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment, which increases long-term health risks such as cardiovascular disease, kidney failure and other complications.

Leos in District 325C were inspired to take action. Recognizing that many people were unable to seek early treatment, the Leos launched the Diabetes Mass Screening Service Project, a wide-reaching health campaign designed to promote awareness, early detection and prevention. Supported by local Lions and a US\$5,000 Leo Service Grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the initiative became one of the district's most impactful health projects to date.

Over the course of six days, the project reached 19 locations across the district, bringing free diabetes screenings and health education directly to the community. LCIF funds were used to purchase 30 glucometer machines and 20,000 glucose testing kits. After the campaign, the glucometers were donated to the partner hospital, ensuring the community will continue to benefit from them.

More than 100 Leos from various clubs volunteered, with 20 to 30 Leos and 10 to 15 Lions assisting each day in planning, organizing and managing the events. Together, they partnered with medical professionals to screen participants and provide on-site results. Nearly 30,000 individuals completed a diabetes risk assessment, and blood glucose tests were administered to the approximately 20,000 who were determined to be at risk.

By the end of the campaign, over 17,000 people had been screened for diabetes and the project's awareness efforts indirectly benefited over 50,000

individuals, including families and caregivers who learned about diabetes prevention and healthy living.

At each location, Leos provided educational materials on nutrition, exercise and the importance of regular health checks. Those identified as diabetic or at risk were referred to local medical facilities for follow-up care. "I didn't know I had high blood sugar levels until I participated in the screening. Thanks to the Leos and Lions, I can now take steps to manage my health better," says Suraj Prasad Shah of Biratnagar.

For many, the project was more than a screening; it was a wake-up call. "This program helped us learn about diabetes and the importance of early detection. It's a blessing for our community," shared Santiram Sigdel from Urlabari.

Through collaboration, compassion and commitment, the Leos of District 325C proved that with LCIF's support, Leos can make an impressive impact in their communities. Learn more about Leo Service Grants at lionsclubs.org/Leo-Grant.



Restoring Precision and Care in Bowmanville

by Shelby Washington

Lakeridge Health Bowmanville (LHB) in Ontario, Canada, is committed to providing high-quality surgical care for everyone in their growing and diverse community, no matter their background or financial situation.

However, the hospital faced a critical challenge. Their laparoscopic equipment, critical for diagnosing and treating abdominal and pelvic conditions less invasively and with faster recovery, had become unreliable after years of heavy use. The system had surpassed its vendor-supported lifespan, resulting in blurred imaging and equipment failures that made performing precision surgery increasingly difficult. LHB surgeons were facing daily challenges to deliver the standard of care their patients deserved.

Lions of District A3 stepped in to help. The Bowmanville and Newcastle Lions Clubs collected US\$103,258 and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provided a US\$149,267 LCIF Matching Grant. With the funds, LHB was able to purchase a new laparoscopic tower and instrument set: technology that would restore precision, reliability and confidence to their operating room.

With the upgraded equipment, LHB's surgical

team can continue performing roughly 600 minimally invasive procedures each year, along with urgent after-hours surgeries. Operations are now safer, faster and more effective, allowing patients to recover sooner and return to their lives with less pain and scarring.

Thanks to the Lions' generosity, surgeons can deliver state-of-the-art care right in Bowmanville. Patients no longer need to travel for advanced surgical procedures;



they can receive the best care right in their own community.

Matching Grants provide capital 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 at lionsclubs.org/matching-grant.

Minnow Lake

The Minnow Lake Lions honoured Lion **Ann Violette** with the Helen Keller Fellowship Award

A Lion since in 2003, she has given countless hours to Lionism, living our motto "We Serve". She served as a chairperson for Social Events, Community Services, Diabetes, "No Child Without", Board of Directors, Club Secretary, Lion of the Year, and more.

Congratulations to Lion Ann on receiving this prestigious award. You certainly deserve it.



Lion Ann with club President Lion Shirley Ogilvy

New Liskeard Lions

The New Liskeard Lions work hard to get the northern communities the help and access to services. The most recent is the donation of \$32,500.00 to the Temiskaming Ophthalmology department to help with in the purchase of equipment for glaucoma surgeries. Many

communities will benefit from having this surgical unit closer and not have to travel to Sudbury or Ottawa for surgery. Dr. Nirnanjan Vijay will be performing the surgical procedures will be able to train other doctors and medical students.



L-R: Lion Sandra, Dominique from hospital, Lion David Lowe, Dr. Nirnanjan Vijay, Lion Manju Dangalle, Lion Ron Sutton, Lion Patrick Smits and Hospital Foundation Executive Mike Baker

Walden Lions

The Walden Lions once again helped out the Sudbury Food Bank with a donation after hearing on the CTV news that the Sudbury Food Bank would be at the Your Independent Grocery store, YIG Lively location. The Lions know that there is a great demand at the food banks across the country and there are many ways for Lions to help those less fortunate.



L-R: Lion Pres Bob Hobden, Lions Jennifer Anderson, Brian Walton, Betty Walton, Walden Food Bank Pres, Janet Villeneuve, and Jane Peltomaki from the YIG Lively

Dundas Manor Project, District A-4

This project, the construction of the new Dundas Manor, could not be accomplished without the support of many community partners, including the Lions Clubs of **Iroquois-Matilda, Mountain Township and District, Winchester, Chesterville and District, Metcalfe and District, Morrisburg and District**, and the **Russell Lions Club**. Donations from the above-noted clubs, combined with the Lions Club International Foundation Grant, generated \$260,000 and will assist in furnishing four lounge areas, four dining areas, and the main entryway. The Dundas Manor has served the community for forty-seven years, and this investment ensures it remains the cornerstone of long-term care for generations to come. Special mention to DG **Jim Devenny** and PDG **Renee Devenny** for their efforts in securing the LCIF grant.



Lions Club of Merriton

The Lions Club of Merriton donated a total of \$16,000 in October 2025 to help ensure no students in our local schools attend classes hungry.

Our first cheque was presented to Jordan Mammoliti of Niagara Nutrition Partners by Lions **Dawn Bell, Lee Robb** and **Keith Brown**. Niagara Nutrition Partners is a region-wide initiative that offers support and coordination for student nutrition programs in both elementary and secondary schools as well as community-based programs. These student nutrition programs give children access to breakfast, snacks, and lunch throughout the day.

In addition to Niagara Nutrition Partners, cheques were presented to the following schools and organizations: Merriton Ward Public



Schools received a total of \$10,000 to help ensure nutritious food was available for their breakfast and lunch programs.

Schools included: Ferndale Public, Burleigh Hill Public, Applewood Public, Connaught Public, St. Theresa Catholic Elementary, St. Christopher Catholic Elementary, Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public and Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys Catholic Elementary.

Food-4-Kids Niagara received \$1,000 to help purchase food that volunteers pack and deliver to local schools each Friday morning. At the school, the food package is placed into the student's own backpack to help shield the child from any stigma associated with hunger or receiving food assistance.

Community Crew received \$2,000 to purchase healthy food items that are boxed and delivered to local schools at lunchtime to ensure no student goes hungry.

Funds for these donations were made possible by our partnership with DELTA Gaming, St. Catharines and through the support the community gives our many fundraising and community events, throughout the year. Without this on-going support, service projects such as these would not be possible.

Submitted by Lion Keith Brown

Frankford Lions

Frankford Lions are all about helping people in need.



Vice President Jana Westlake presenting Lion Harold Wood with a Cake celebrating fifty years as a Lion



Lion June presenting the 3 Oaks Foundation personal items for the women and children in need of help. Front row is Lions June and Amy back row are Lions Linda Lawrence, Dave Sherk, Ashley MacLennan, Dave Lawrence, Anne Gagg and Steve Burns

Minnow Lake Lions

DG Lion **Bob Lachance** made an unexpected visit to our club to present us with the 5-star Club Excellence Award for 2024-25.

Per DG Lion Bob, we were the only club in A5 District to receive the 5-star award. No one in the club knew about us receiving this award so it was a great surprise. Congratulations to Immediate Past President Lion **Shirley Ogilvy** for the great year she made it possible to win this award. Thank you also to the club secretaries Lions **Linda Lachance** and **Joan Kutshaw** for their amazing work in 2024-25.



Presentation to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank in Val Caron. Pictured in the photo from left to right are Lion Ray Emmell, Food Bank Coordinator Betty MacIsaac, Lions Andre Beaulieu, Andrea Beaulieu, Sylvia Lagrove-Emmell and DG Lion Bob Lachance

Presentation to Good Neighbours Food Bank in Hanmer. Pictured in the photo from left to right are food bank volunteer Wendy, Lions Andrea Beaulieu, Andre Beaulieu, Dorothea iDoti Guertin, Ray Emmell, Sylvia Lagrove-Emmell, DG Lion Bob Lachance and Lion Dan St-Pierre

Valley East Lions

The Valley East Lions have been a great supporter over the years to the local foodbanks in Val Caron and Hanmer. Cheques of \$3,000.00 each were presented to the St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank in Val Caron and the Good Neighbours Foodbank in Hanmer. Thank you to the Valley East Lions for your great work.



Capreol

The Capreol Community Closet helps to provide clothing and other items free or at a low cost to community members. The Capreol Lions donated winter jackets, snow pants and boots to be given to needy children in the area. Thanks to this donation, there will be some warm children this winter.



President Lion Julie, Melanie from Capreol Community Closet, Lion Steve

Minnow Lake

At this time of the year, organizations are in greater need to help those in need. The Minnow Lake Lions are proud to give to two of these organizations, The Sudbury Food Bank and the United Way Keeping Seniors Warm program. The Sudbury Food bank provides much needed food to over twenty other banks and soup kitchens in Greater Sudbury. Keeping Seniors Warm is a program which provides warm clothing to seniors each year.



IMAX Volunteers Make an Impact!

On September 26, we at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides were thrilled to welcome a group of 15 corporate volunteers from IMAX for their annual Impact Day. Their afternoon began with a tour of our training school, followed by an engaging demonstration from our Canine Vision team and a walk with some of our future Dog Guides in training. The group also enjoyed a short presentation about **The Difference Campaign**. To wrap up their visit, the team rolled up their sleeves to help with stewardship

activities such as writing thank you cards and assembling Difference Campaign packages. Their enthusiasm and teamwork made for an incredible afternoon.

Corporate volunteer groups like IMAX play an important role in helping us continue our mission. If your company is looking for a meaningful team-building experience that gives back, we would love to have you join us for a day of impact.



Capreol Lions

Lion **Linda Wotton** has been a Lion member for many years and has given the Lions her all.



No matter what the job, big or small, she is there to lend a hand with a smile. She exemplifies what a Lion should be. Her club, the Capreol Lions, decided to award her with a life membership for all of her hard work. Congratulations to Lion Linda for this well deserved award.



Port Colborne Lions

A new mural at Lions Field Park is meant to be a vivid display of Port Colborne pride. Created by Niagara artist *Daniel Kozina*, it was commissioned by the City of Port Colborne for the Port Colborne Lions Club.

The City of Port Colborne is located at the south end of the Welland Canal at the northeastern end of Lake Erie. In the centre of the city is Lions Field, where countless baseball games have been played, and where the Lions have held their

annual carnival for over 95 years. It is also where the Lions hold their famous donut day blitz's.

The 60 ft long by 10 ft high mural depicts a canal bridge towering over the entire scene with a powerful lion at one end, a nod to the Lions Club; children playing baseball at either end depicting the community's next generation and the pleasure generated at Lions Field; a ship entering the canal system showing Port Colborne's nautical heritage; a Ferris wheel representing the many

carnivals held here; and of course an image of the "donut" for the Lions famous Donut Day Blitz days held there.

The design process spanned a year, with Kozina later clocking in roughly 100 hours of painting over two weeks. The Port Colborne Lions are honoured to have this recognition from the City and thankful for Mr. Kozina for his expertise in recognizing Lions Field.



Lambeth Lions Fuel Innovation at Westminster Secondary School

The Lambeth Lions Club continue to demonstrate commitment to empowering youth through education and innovation. Their generous and consistent support of the Westminster Secondary School Robotics Club has helped inspire a new generation of young engineers, entrepreneurs and problem-solvers.

Over the past several years, the Lions' contributions have enabled the Robotics Club to achieve remarkable success — from earning high scores at regional competitions to advancing to provincial-level challenges. These accomplishments reflect not only the students' dedication and creativity but also the strong community backing that makes their achievements possible.

This continued success recently led to an exciting milestone: the Robotics Club's move into a newly designated lab within the high school. The new space provides students with a dedicated environment to innovate, collaborate, and grow — an investment that will foster working and learning skills, tenacity and teamwork for years to come.

In the photo, Lion **David Mitchell** (Zone Chair) and Lion **Terry Lane** proudly cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the new lab, symbolizing the Lions' lasting partnership with Westminster

Secondary School and their unwavering support for the London's leaders and innovators of tomorrow.



Lions Club of Merrittion Sight-Awareness Bowl-A-Thon \$8000.00 Raised for Dog Guides



The Lions Club of Merrittion held its 13th annual Bowl-A-Thon on November 1, 2025, at the Merrittion Community Centre. A total of \$8,000.00 was raised through team registrations, event sponsors, and individual pledges. Since the 2009 start of this event, a total of \$105,000.00 has been donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program. Guide dogs are trained to assist with canine vision, as well as alerts for hearing impairment, autism, seizure response, service, diabetes, and facility support.

The Bowl-A-Thon is a Dog Guide fundraiser, intended not as a competition but rather as an opportunity to raise awareness of what it is like to conduct daily activities with a visual impairment. Teams of five are encouraged to experience simulated blindness, using a blindfold or glasses

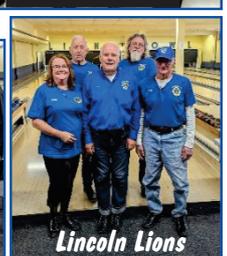
that replicate glaucoma. Fun and fellowship are encouraged during the two-hour sessions. A total of 20 teams participated.

Bowl-A-Thon Co-Chairpersons Lions **Ev Davidson** and **Dawn Bell** want to extend their sincere appreciation to Lions Club members from **Grantham, Lincoln, Stamford, St Davids and District, Fonthill, and Merrittion**, along with teams from Heidehof, Pizza Jerry's, Pirie Appliances, WMKL Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 138 Merrittion and Legion Branch 138 Ladies Auxiliary for participating.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Pur & Simple – Breakfast and Lunch, located at 4-290 Glendale Ave, St. Catharines, as well as ES Fox Contractors, the City of

St. Catharines Mayor's Office, and to the many individuals who made personal pledges to this great cause.

Submitted by Lion Keith Brown.





District A15 Tag Days for Diabetes Project

This year, many A15 clubs held Tag Day for Diabetes. This disease is a growing problem with seniors and children alike.

With increasing costs associated with treating diabetes, there is an even a greater need to raise funds and conduct more research to help find a cure in our lifetime. Here are a few pictures of some of our clubs during tag day (week).

Where there is a need, there is a Lion.



Upper Left: Sault Ste Marie Lions; Middle Left: Whitefish and Walden Lions; Lower Left: Cochrane Lions; Upper Right: Valley East Lions; Middle Right: North Bay Lions; Bottom Right: Minnow Lake Lions; Bottom Middle: Coniston Lions

Mount Forest

From the WELLINGTON ADVERTISER – The Mount Forest Lions Club, which boasts about 60 members, recently installed a friendship arch on Main Street at the northwest edge of Mount Forest. Last year, past president *Crystal Steffler* wished to install the friendship arch as her president’s project. “The Lions friendship arch is symbolic of a successful Lions Club and the community that supports and cares about the great work we do,” said current club president *Joanne Klonikowski*.



Valley East

The Valley East Lions held their annual Children's Games & Activities Day at the club house., a free event for children and parents/guardians to attend with plenty of games (basketball, ping pong, fish pond, crafts, face painting, button making, wagon rides, and numerous prizes and giveaways.

The fire department brought a truck for the children to tour. There was 183 children along with parents and guardians who attended. 24 members and volunteers participated that led to the success of the event.



Lion Brian Eveleigh giving wagon rides to some of the children



Lion Lucien Larivière making buttons for the children



Lion Sylvia Lagrove-Emmell and Lion Jackie Labelle making crafts with the children

St. Joseph Island Lions

The Lions of St. Joseph Island believe that we need to remember and learn from our history and they have helped with this at the St. Joseph Island Museum. The museum is a non profit with six historic buildings that require maintenance. The Curator and Museum Board felt it would be beneficial to add areas of interest and activities for children.

The St. Joseph Island Lions Club was pleased to donate \$2500 and allow them to proceed with their plans right away.

With the funds, a beautiful children's play kitchen was built, complete with enamel cookware, crocheted play food, enough enamel dishes

and craft supplies for twenty children. It has been added to the Pioneer Day Camp children's program.

The Museum thank the Lions for the generous donation. The Lions want to thank the Museum Curator, board and volunteers for all the hard work you do to preserve their Island's history.



Minnow Lake

This past summer, Minnow Lake Lions and the Minnow Lake Community Action Network (CAN) were invited to have a BBQ each week at the Rona store in Sudbury. The manager reached out to our two groups to make this happen. Each week, come rain or shine (and it rained the 1st four weeks), we were selling hamburgers and hot dogs to the residents and visitors to the store. The Lions thank the volunteers and Lions members who came out to help including Lions **Mark, Leanne, Brian, Claude, Shirley** and **Brenda**. Lion **Rick** is also the president of the CAN and was there to represent that organization as well.

The proceeds for the summer were divided between the Minnow Lake CAN, the Minnow Lake Lions and the Rona Foundations Home Sweet Home Campaign. Store manager, Shareef Mohammed, explained that each store gets to decide where the monies they would go. This year their charity is the Inner-City Home Foodbank in Sudbury. We look forward to doing this again next year.



Presenting a cheque is Lion Brenda Lalonde, Rona's Louise Vendette, manager Shareef Mohammed, and Lion Rick Charrette from the CAN

Pt. Colborne Lions

The PC Lion completed their annual food drive in the City of Port Colborne, with all goods received going towards "Port Cares." Over 20,500 lbs of groceries were collected, an increase of 2,000 lbs over last year, as well as over \$2,700 in monetary donations.



Port Colborne Lion Jerry Ursacki and VDG Pamela Bullah

Dunnville Lions 100th Anniversary

Congratulations to the Dunnville Lions Club on their 100 Years of Service. Zone Chair **Scott Brownell** and Lion Tink were pleased to be joined by Lion Judge Brian Stevenson at the event. The club is marked a century of service on October 24th, a milestone that reflects generations of commitment to community, fellowship, and the Lions' enduring motto: "We Serve."

Founded in 1925, the Dunnville Club was among the first clubs to be established in Canada. **Steven Allen**, a 30-year member, said its origins are closely tied to local history. "It started with about 22 members. "One of the most interesting connections is **Harry Newman**, who grew up in

Dunnville, went on to become a lawyer and later served as President of Lions international 1924. His influence helped inspire the formation of the Dunnville club."

"Some of the original members were involved with establishing the first hospital board in Dunnville," said Steven. "The club also played a major role in pushing for an arena to be built, encouraging donations and support. That was a huge part of community life."

Over the decades, the Dunnville Lions invested in many local landmarks. Lions Park remains one of their signature contributions, built and expanded through generations of effort. The club's legacy also includes funding equipment for the hospital, supporting libraries, and contributing to cultural life with events.

"In the 1940s, the Lions hosted big carnivals that brought thousands out," recalled Lion **Joan Allen**. "They raised money, but more importantly, they created experiences the community counted on.

In recent years, the Lions have focused on new needs while staying true to their tradition of service. They led the way on Dunnville's skateboard park and continue to host the popular Home and Garden Show. The club supports scholarships, contributes to food banks, and supports dog guide training. They have sponsored about eight dog guides over the years.

Through Lions International, the Dunnville Lions have supported broader causes like disaster relief,



Table Centrepiece

blindness prevention programs, and youth camps. Locally, they remain dedicated to volunteerism.

A highlight of the night was Judge Brian Stevenson, a past international president of Lions Clubs, who gave an interesting presentation and entertained with a song.

As the club reflects on 100 years, members stress that the celebration belongs to the whole community.

An archived photo from the Dunnville Chronicle is captioned: "With a combined total of 412 years of Lionism among them, some of the most senior members of the Dunnville Lions Club met at Chestnut Lane Thursday evening to share recollections of being a Lion."



Zone Chair Scott Brownell and Lion Tink are joined by Lion Judge Brian Stevenson



Lion Ellen Craddock, Judge Brian and PDG Dennis Craddock



Judge Brian and VDG 2 Pamela Ballah.



Judge Brian and DG Louise Agnew



Lion Joan Allen



Archived Photo

Lions from Ukraine: Strength in Service Amidst Adversity

Recently, I had the privilege of meeting extraordinary Lions from Ukraine who were visiting Canada to see family and friends. The Bonfield Lions, together with Zone Chair Lion Margo Oleskiw, hosted a reception to welcome President Lion Nataliya Koval, Lions Oksana Demchenko, and Robert Steele, all members of the Kyiv Lions Club. This gathering offered Lions an opportunity to learn about the Ukraine, its challenges, and the vital work Lions are doing to support those affected by the war.

A Brief History of Ukraine and Lions

Ukraine was annexed into the Russian Empire in 1793. In 1918, Ukraine declared independence, but it was short-lived, as the country was absorbed into the USSR in 1922. With the collapse of the USSR in December 1991, Ukraine regained its independence. Ukraine is divided East to West by the Dnipro river. While Ukrainian is spoken throughout the country, the East side speaks mostly Russian. Following independence, many city names were restored to Ukrainian spelling — i.e. Kyiv. Their club was founded in 2004. Fundraising efforts often exceeded \$50,000 per event, supporting projects such as emergency care hospitals, elder care homes, orphanages, and other community initiatives. Lion Nataliya's journey in Lionism began in 2007 when a friend shared how Lions had purchased more than 400 pairs of shoes for orphans. Inspired, she joined the Lions and has remained a dedicated member ever since.

Lions in Times of Crisis

The Lions were very active until 2019, when COVID hit the world. With all the shutdowns and limited supplies, the Lions were needed more than ever. Then, in 2014, Ukraine was attacked by Russia, and the war began. The all-out invasion of Ukraine in 2022. In this year, the Kyiv Lions

folded, with many members leaving Ukraine. Nataliya and her family stayed in Ukraine until severe blackouts in the fall of 2022. Lions from the Netherlands, who were members of the Kyiv Lions Club, invited Lion Nataliya and her family to come to their house near Maastricht getting them out of the war zone. Lion Nataliya credits these Lions with saving her sanity and helping her continue her charity missions. Lion Nataliya and her daughter stayed there for about 2 ½ months while her husband and son stayed behind in Ukraine. Then Lion Nataliya and her daughter returned to Kyiv to rejoin the rest of her family because Ukraine was their home and they wanted to be there to continue their business and charity work.

In July 2022, the Kyiv Lions (though the club had folded), organized a charity concert that raised more than \$64,000. Support also came internationally: Dutch Lions provided school monitors, while Lions in Italy donated €3,000 for medical supplies. Other campaigns included sewing trousers for wounded soldiers who often arrived at hospitals with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Re-Chartering the Kyiv Lions

In October 2024, the Kyiv Lions re-chartered with 20 members, determined to continue their service. Today, they focus on four major initiatives:

1. Emergency Care Hospital – Under Lion Julia Gasjuk's supervision, the Lions secure vital supplies and equipment at discounted rates, ensuring they reach those most in need.
2. Elder Care Home – A modest two-storey house provides shelter for 31 residents. With five or more beds per room, urgent needs include a functioning boiler, medical supplies, laundry equipment, and a sewing machine.
3. Boarding School for Children – This school houses up to 174 orphans with mental disabilities, aged 4 to 35. Shoes, books, and

toys bring immense joy and dignity to their lives.

4. Lviv Orphanage – Home to about 50 children with physical disabilities or in need of a family, this facility urgently requires portable sonogram devices. Many buildings lack elevators, making it impossible to move heavy equipment between floors.

Living Through War

Even amidst destruction, Ukrainians strive for a sense of normalcy. Schools remain open, businesses adapt, and people continue to work. Constant threats shape life, and citizens rely on air-raid apps to locate shelter. To get to Ukraine safely, you need to fly to Poland, Moldova, or Hungary, then use a car, bus, or train. Through it all, citizens remain fiercely proud of their independence and determined to protect it. The Lions of Kyiv embody this spirit, working tirelessly to support their communities despite challenges.

For those wishing to help, contributions can be made through Lion Nataliya's group, Lions Stand with Ukraine, via WhatsApp:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/HipT2NlqGAv23IOh4uAhym?mode=ems_share_t

submitted by: Lion Brenda McLay Lalonde,
A5 Reporter, A5 Historian



Camp Dorset Fund Raiser (LCD, Lions Camp Dorset)

This event was a true District Collaboration led by A2 Camp Dorset Chair **Gary Eves**. Great support from the **Port Dover Lions Club**, especially Lion **Bob MacKinnon** and President Lion **Nigel Kean**.

Support from various clubs, especially **Townsend** and **Caledonia** and key support from Lion **Blair Oatman**, PDG **Tom McLarty**, PDG **Bill Mackenzie**, VDG 1 **Scott Hill**, ZC **Scott Brownell** to make this event a great success.

donations brought in \$79,000.00 for the LCD Medical Building Campaign!



DG Louise and son Paul at the Nov. 9th LCD fundraiser event



RC Barb Margeson Eves, Lion Donna Brownell - Caledonia Lion, DG Lion Louise



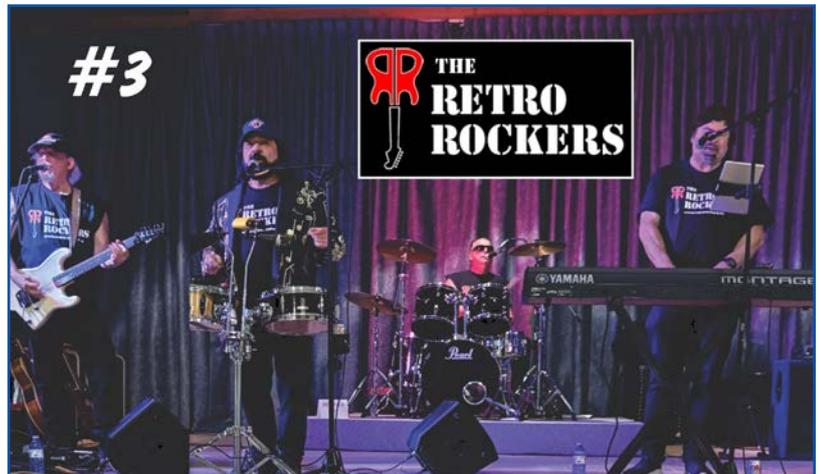
PDG Lion Bill Mackenzie, Townsend Lion, vice-president Lions Camp Dorset Board



Lion Gary Eves: A2 Camp Dorset chair and event coordinator



VDG 1, District A-15 Lion Rick Mallon



Retro Rockers with Lion Rockin Ray Michael's - Hagersville Lion



Artist's conception LCD Medical Building

Lambeth Lions' "Memory Box" Project: A Legacy of Compassion and Community

Since its heartfelt beginning in 2006, the *Memory Box* project by the Lambeth Lions Club has become a touching symbol of community care and compassion. Over the years, the Lions have delivered more than **1,000 Memory Boxes** — each one created with love and given **at no cost to local Childrens Hospitals**. These special boxes offer comfort to families experiencing the loss of a child, providing a space to preserve keepsakes and precious memories during an incredibly difficult time.

The Memory Boxes are **handcrafted through partnerships with area businesses**, who generously contribute through funding, time, and craftsmanship to bring each one to life. This collaboration reflects the spirit of unity that defines Lambeth — a community where volunteers and businesses come together to make a meaningful difference. On average, **56 boxes are delivered each year**, ensuring that families in need continue to receive support when it matters most.

To sustain this important initiative, the Lambeth Lions host an **annual fundraising** event that has become one of the most popular gatherings in the area. The event brings together residents, local sponsors, and volunteers for a day of fellowship, generosity, and remembrance. The funds raised ensure that the Memory Box project can continue its mission

year after year — a testament to what can be achieved when a community stands together in kindness and service.

For nearly two decades, the Lambeth Lions have shown what it means to live by their motto: "*We Serve.*" Through the Memory Box project, they have turned compassion into action and left a lasting impact on countless families — one box, and one memory, at a time.



Cave Leos

The Cave Leos, a combination of youth from both **Capreol** and **Valley East**, held a "yarn bombing event". They installed knitted or crocheted squares and put them up at the Valley East Lions club house in various locations. They displayed information at their kiosk in the Hamner Valley Shopping centre to create awareness and support for the three Deaf Blind Homes that are located in the Sudbury region.



Several members of the CAVE Leo's club and local Deaf Blind representative and residents



Several members of the CAVE Leo's along with Valley East Lion Francine (far left), Lions Emma and Stephanie from the Capreol Lions

District A2 – Soles4Souls

In the past 9 months, lions clubs across District A2 have been collecting gently used shoes from their local communities. Lions move the shoes across the District, in trucks, cars, vans to our Central Depot at the **St. David's** lions club, where Soles4souls Canada, provided a 40 ft. Sea Can to collect them.

On Sept. 27th, that sea can was FULL! A 50 ft. Tractor trailer arrived at 9 am. With 17 Lions, farmers bins, a Tow Motor, driven by PID **Allen Snider**; the 40 foot sea can was full in 2 hours! the shoes were moved into the trailer to be transported to Soles4Souls depot in Toronto where they will then make their way to Developing Countries as a means of entrepreneurial development, typically for women in their communities.

Top club contributors: **Grimsby and District** with 8500 pairs of shoes and **Long Point Lions** with 2500! Now that the Sea Can is empty, we start again!



District A-5 Hospice Project



Arch Hospice in Sault Ste. Marie – Kim Streich-Poser hospice director, Lions Barb Perry, PDG David Kidd, IPDG Sam Khoury, Deb Kidd and Julie Premo operations manager of the hospice

One of PDG's **Sam Khoury's** project to support the hospices in our district. They are in Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Sudbury and the palliative care in Timmins. Each club was given the choice to donate to the one located in their area, or to donate to the overall project. Any amounts not designated were divided between the 4 groups. The total donations raised for the project were over \$57,700.00. A5 is dedicated to helping those who need help the most and this project helped those who just want to live their last days with dignity and surrounded by those who care.



Maison McCulloch Hospice in Sudbury – 1st VDG Jerome Lesney, Ashley Bertrand from the hospice, Lions IPDG Sam Khoury, DG Bob Lachance, PDG Carmen Portelance



Timmins Palliative Care – left to right Lions Mark Barkel, Claude Lebelle, Hans Biemann, President Jim Nault, Gabrielle Nault, Mike David, 1st Vice President Robert Huff, Zone Chairman Danny Ansara, Mike Charrette and Timmins District Hospital fundraising chair Jason Lanville



Serenity Hospice in North Bay – Lions Margo Oleskiw, PDG Gerry Bertrand, IPDG Sam Khoury, Gil Pharand hospice director, Lion Wendy Porter Gleason

MDA Directory Information

Council of Governors' Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting September 5/6, 2025
- Council Meeting October 17/18, 2025
- Council Meeting February 20/21, 2026
- Council Meeting Convention May 30, 2026

District Conventions

Dist	Location	Date
A1	Port Edward, Ontario	April 10-12, 2026
A2	Holiday Inn, St. Catharines, Ontario	March 27-29, 2026
A3	Cobourg, Ontario	April 10-12, 2026
A4	DEV Centre - Cornwall, Ontario	April 18-19, 2026
A5	Sudbury, Ontario	May 1-3, 2026
A711	Mississauga, Ontario	April 10-12, 2026
A9	Brussels, Ontario	April 24-25, 2026
A12	Allure Hotel - Barrie, Ontario	April 11-12, 2026
A15	Best Western - Brantford Ontario	April 17-19, 2026
A16	Holiday Inn - Peterborough Waterfront, Ontario	April 24-26, 2026

Londesboro

At the October 16, 2025, Londesboro and District Lions Club meeting, five new members were inducted into the club by Past District Governor **Charles Liddle** of the **Ripley and District Lions Club**.

submitted by Lion Ron Nesbitt



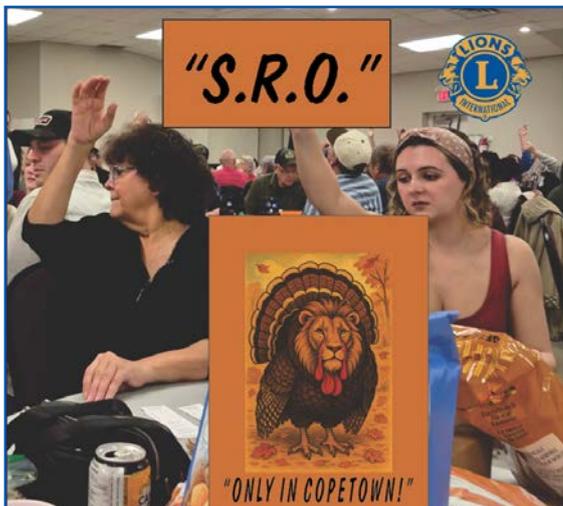
L-R: New Lions Paul Middegaal, Mike Pawitch, Tim Elliott, Cal Taylor, Jason Fleet



At a past Council Meeting A-2 D.G. Louise Agnew and her highly organized team created a contest, matching "THEN" baby pictures and 'NOW" images. It was a fun event, looking forward to more of the same!

Copetown Lions

On November 15th, the Copetown (a.k.a. "The Hub of the Universe") held its annual Turkey Roll, and as always, it was a successful, sold-out event. Proceeds, combined with funds on hand, made it possible to donate \$10,000.00 to the LFC Difference campaign.



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2026	St. Catharines	May 29 - 31, 2026
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International Conventions

108th	Hong Kong	July 3 - 7, 2026
109th	Washington, DC, USA	July 2 - 6, 2027
110th	Singapore	June 23 - 27, 2028
111th	Minneapolis, MN	June 29 - July 3, 2029
112th	San Antonio, TX	2030

USA - Canada Forums

Sept 18 - 20, 2025	Atlantic City, New Jersey
Sept 3 - 5, 2026	Memphis, Tennessee
Sept 2027	Huntsville, Alabama

Cochrane Lions



Lion Roxanne Ross is accepting donations from passing cars

The Lions of Cochrane were busy in their community. They believe in supporting cancer research not only by having a walk but also by having a Terry Fox Day. At a member's house, they set up tents and the walk began. A group of enthusiastic Lions and community members were taking pledges and donations. If you didn't want to walk, you could join in the festivities. In addition to the walkers, the Lions also took donations from those driving by who wanted to support the cause



L-R: Gisele, Lion Carrie, Lion Cindy, Heather, Sandra, Christianne, Terry Fox Chair Lion Findlay, O.P.P. Constable Saroa

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Magnetawan Lions

The Magnetawan Lions club completed another successful annual swim program in August. It is the 58th year of free Lifesaving Society swim and lifesaving lessons. There were 121 children involved aged 5 to 16. Those who continue each year in the program can move up through the levels from basic swimmer to Bronze Cross.

Lifesaving Society certified Swim and Lifesaving instructors provide the program and are supervised by volunteer *Juanita Bueschleb*,



a past president of the Lifesaving Society and Lion's club member.

Photos were taken on awards day with a picture of the 5 instructors and a picture of the swimmers with some of the Lions members.



Kincardine Lions

On September 19th, members of the Kincardine and District Lions Club staffed the charity BBQ at the annual Kincardine and Community Hospital Foundation Radiothon held at Sobeys and presented the Club's donation.

Later in the afternoon, members of the Club attended the inaugural home game for the Knights Football Association. The Club sponsored the purchase of uniforms for the team.



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