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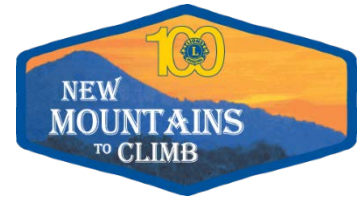
Governor's Message

District A-16



District Governor
Lion David Mills
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Over half-way through this Lions Year! Where does the time go? As a Lions Family, we have accomplished so much in a short space of time. Reading your club reports is almost exhausting while at the same time, inspirational. Thank you for all you are doing.



I hope that my Quarterly Reports are of some value to you. For me it is a check on the goals I set for my year as your District Governor. For you I hope it keeps you informed of those goals so that you can help me to achieve them. I believe them to be relevant and attainable.

Your work, along with the tremendous effort of the Global Membership Team, will help attain the goal of +30 for the current Lions Year. As of the time of this writing we sit at -19 but I know that figure will change because new members have been inducted and I hear of prospective members ready to join our fellowship. I think recruitment and retention can be effectively dealt with if we use these two questions:

What's in it for me?

Would I be missed?

A prospective member will want to know if they would be welcomed, have their ideas valued, feel a sense of satisfaction from being involved, receive support in a new environment and enjoy fun and fellowship. A club would want to know if the recruit would be willing to be involved, bring new energy to the club, share their expertise and be a welcomed and active member.

If any member replies "No" to the second question, then, as a club, we need to take action to reengage that member so that he/she feels a sense of satisfaction and knows that they are

valued. Retention is one of our biggest challenges. We're really good at recruiting members. We are not good at retaining them. Watch out for that "Lion in the corner".

I don't even want to contemplate that any club in A16 would answer "No" to the second question. We are a valued and contributing partner in our communities and we should use every means possible to highlight our accomplishments.

Can we reach our Membership Goals? **YES WE CAN!**

Your Global Leadership Team continues to offer quality workshops for you to increase both your knowledge and skills and this is in addition to the leadership training available to you on-line with Lions International. And it's all FREE! Anyone who has dialogued with Lions outside of our District and Multiple District will confirm that what we offer in leadership development far exceeds what is available outside our areas. More knowledgeable Lions bring more to their clubs and this makes the club stronger in service to the community. Take advantage of these opportunities. You'll be glad you did.

I had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Oshawa West Lions Convention Planning Committee and am happy to report that they, along with District Convention Chairperson IPDG Susan Tate, are working hard to give you a quality convention April 28,29,30 in Oshawa. Currently the number of registrants is low. I know this will increase as we get closer to the date but it is really important for the planning committee to have numbers tallied well in advance for planning purposes. Having co-chaired three District A16 Conventions in the past, I can say from experience that it is disheartening when you work so hard for your members of the Lions Family, not to have them attend and support you. Oshawa West Lions have worked hard to keep the costs reasonable and the location is certainly very accessible. So please get those registrations in as soon as you can! And practise up for the fun karaoke at the Friday Warm Up!!!

Finally, many thanks for the financial support you have shown so far for my Governor's Project... the Music Therapy Program at Sick Kids. On behalf of the children I applaud you for finding room in your budgets to contribute and for individual members buying raffle tickets on my "Lions Pride". And my Centennial Banner is getting pretty full! If you haven't signed it yet, it will be with me at very club visit, every meeting and, of course, at Convention.

Cheers

DG David

I have a therapist. Her name is music.

Reading Action Chair, Lion Mary Brand, brought an example of a "Little Lending Library" to the Joint Zone Meetings. A great Centennial Project!



Handing out Membership Milestone Chevrons is always exciting. Lion Joe Cote of the Stouffville Lions received his for 20 years of service.

Proud to have inducted Lion Josh and Lion Kimberley into the Stouffville Lions Club. Thanks to their sponsors, Lion Richard and Lion Sharon.



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Submission Guidelines

Here are some guidelines that should be followed to submit content to the DG news letter and The Lions Magazine.

These guidelines will make it easier for us to make sure your submission is properly processed. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in your submission being missed or directed incorrectly.

Do not submit multiple submissions within the same email. Please separate them, this will help us keep track of each submission.

Do, include all content in the email. If content is too much for a single email then please make sure to reference that there are multiple emails related to your submission (Example: You can add "Email 1 of 3" in the subject line)

The Email's subject should include:

"Club Name" **or** "Committee name" **and** "DG Newsletter" **and/or** "Lions Magazine" submission.

Club submission

Sample Subject: "Ajax Lions Club – DG Newsletter and Lions Magazine Submission"

Committee submission

Sample Subject: "Webmaster/IT – DG Newsletter Submission"

Cabinet Officers Submissions

Region Chairperson 33



District A-16, Region 33 Update – February 2017

Lion Micheline Lush – Region Chairperson

Well, we now have half of our Lions year under our collective belts. Have had some ups and downs in membership. Now its time to buckle down for the last half of the year.

Time to get back to our meetings, service work, club visits and also have fun while doing these activities.

Region 33 has completed the following, successfully, 33 North Zone meeting in Greenbank and 33 South Zone Meeting in Ajax, as well as, our first Joint Zone meeting in Blackstock-Cartwright. Our second Joint Zone meeting will take place on March 22, 2017 in Claremont. Looking forward to it.

Some members from Region 33 have also attended three successful Cabinet meetings. First being in Kirkfield in August, second being in North Newmarket, and our most recent one, just a couple of weeks ago, in Markham. All well attended and entertaining.

Looking forward to what the remainder of this Lions Year has in store for us all. Looking forward to seeing you all at the A-16 Convention in Oshawa from April 28-30. As most of you know, Lion Wilbur travels around the district with me, and he will be doing it for the rest of my visit. He will also be there for convention, having fun right along with everyone else. He may even visit the hospitality rooms as well.

Until next time.

Lion Micheline Lush
Region Chairperson 33

Committee Submissions

A-16 District Convention

This year, it is the Oshawa West Lions turn to shine as we put the final touches on hosting 41st annual A-16 District Convention from April 28th – April 30th 2017.

Not only are we excited about celebrating 100 years of Lionism worldwide, as a club, we are excited to celebrate 35 years of service in our own local community through initiatives that support others in Durham Region.

Planning has been underway since 2016 to ensure that this convention will be memorable. We anticipate over 300 Lions members from around the region will congregate in Oshawa for this weekend event. We look forward to having you join us.

We know of all the good work you do for your community and Lionism. We want to recognize all your work by having some fun!

On Friday April 28th we are looking for you to bring your club spirit to help us kick start the convention for the Friday Night Warm-Up. District Governor David Mills has chosen music as the theme of his term. As such, we will be hosting a Karaoke night unlike no other. We are looking for crazy, zany fun filled acts to put on a show. Dress up, dress down, wear a costume or not. The crazier, the better. There will be prizes not for who sings the best, but who has THE MOST FUN!

Our goal is to make this convention a most memorable one in keeping with the celebration of 100 years of Lionism. We want YOU to be a part of it.

Let's start something here that will carry to the International Convention in Chicago as Lion Tom Gordon represents us all!

It is GREAT to be a Lion!

Lion Tony Gentile

A True Knight of the Blind
Lion Roger Larocque
 Eyeglass Recycling



Lion Roger Larocque is closing in on a milestone. In almost a full 11 years of collecting eyeglasses, as of February 1, 2017, Lion Roger has packed up some 244,237 eyeglasses. Lion Roger before the end of this Lion year will collect the last

5,763 and reach over 250,000 eyeglasses pack and shipped to the Canadian Eyeglass Recycling Centre. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to be “Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness”. Today that challenge has extended to the Lioness and Leos. Lion Roger is fulfilling this charge. He is a True Knight of the Blind.

In 2006 Lion Ray Howlett, at the time District Governor Elect, took a chance and asked Lion Roger Larocque to be the person to collect eyeglasses for District A-16. Now PDG Lion Ray never expected Lion Roger to do what he has done since then. Lion Roger started asking the Lions and Lioness of our great District to collect eyeglasses for him. His first goal was to collect 20,000 pair of glasses in that first year. Lion Roger did not get what he wanted he came up a little short, collecting 15,003 pair of glasses that year. He was asked the following year by Lion Dick Peel (PDG) to continue collecting the Eyeglasses for District A-16. Thus, Lion Roger continued and over the past 11 years has been the person to collect for District A-16. In the 11 years Lion Roger, has been collecting and recycling eyeglasses he has had many good years. Every year over 15,000 pair of glasses with 4 years being over 30,000 Pair. His best year being the 2010 – 2011 Lions year where Lion Roger collected and Packed 33,011 eyeglasses. That year Lion Roger accounted for 44% of all eyeglasses shipped by Multiple District A.

Not only does Lion Roger collect eyeglasses, he tries to repair broken frames. Tries to match up arms to similar frames. If the frames cannot be fixed he takes out the lenses and tries to find another frame to put them in. He also tries to match up the magnetic sunglasses to the glasses. Lion Roger will travel to any Lion, Lioness or Leo Club in the District to pick up eyeglasses. Lion Roger even got a surprise one day at work. When his day was done, and got to his van he found his van filled with boxes of eyeglasses. PDG Lion Larry Bell was driving by and saw Lion Rogers van in the parking lot and took a chance that a door might be unlocked

and filled the van with a bunch of eyeglasses that he had picked up for Lion Roger at a meeting he was at.

Lion Roger has also kept the eyeglass recycling program as cost neutral to the district as much as possible. Lion Roger recycles everything to do with eyeglasses. Lion Roger checks every eyeglass case he gets. If it is of a cardboard, plastic or a soft cloth he puts them into the proper recycling bin for his area. However, if the cases are made of aluminum or metal he separates them cleans off the outer layer, in most cases vinyl puts them on separate bins and takes them to a scrap yard for the money. With the money he collects from this, Lion Roger uses this to offset the cost of travel and meals for all 16 of the A-16 District Governor's Advisory Meeting, this does not include if Lion Roger goes to any of our District Lioness meetings. In addition, Lion Roger keeps the eyeglass cleaning cloths he finds and has found someone, or they found him, and some wonderful and talented ladies of the Lioness are planning to make small lap quilts or something like that with them.

Though he does most of the work himself he has at times enlisted the aid of his family (his many grandchildren love to help grandpa, help others be able to see well), his fellow club members, and various other individuals across the district. Lion Roger's enthusiasm for the program is unparalleled as a truckload of man hours, over 50 Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs, and 11 years of relentless determination have all led up to one amazing story about a true Knight of the Blind.

Lions Clubs International Foundation



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

On January 15th Susan and I attended a reception for Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada (chair of LCIF for 2016-2017). He was in town to see firsthand the work of the foundation's money. He visited the Dog Guide School in Oakville, the Hospital for Sick Children and the Humber River Hospital. These are all institutions that benefited from receiving a grant from LCIF. He brought news from the recent Executive Trustees meeting. One of the key changes designed to enhance our organization's effort to Serve is the expansion of the focus on Vision to include Environment, Diabetes, Hunger and Pediatric Cancer.

When we as a District have requested money for a needed project or money to help in the case of a disaster (Minden), LCIF was there for us. It is our duty to respond to the needs of the Foundation which helps us but requires money to continue their mission to SERVE.

Help us to be a 100% District by encouraging your club donate to our Foundation.

Lion Barry Tate LCIF Chairperson

PLEASE continue to **SUPPORT LCIF**

Club Submissions

Newmarket Lions Club

LIONS OF NEWMARKET READING ACTION

In response to Lions International's request for local clubs to develop Reading Action Programs in their communities, the Newmarket Lions, North Newmarket Lions and the Newmarket Lioness teamed up to continue and expand last year's local program to 800 kindergarten students in 11 schools involving 50 teachers.

Schools were selected based on need of students, the agreement of the York Region Board and the support of local school principals.

In partnership with Scholastic Books Inc that gave a 50% discount per book and with input from kindergarten staff, 14 book titles were selected.

Letters were sent home informing and explaining to parents the international nature of our Reading Action Program. Too, parents of students in need were asked to call the clubs if our services were needed, especially in providing free glasses and hearing aids.

A team of 6 to 8 Lions would visit a school, set up the book display in a vacant room, usually the library. Class by class one of the Lions would explain how the experience they were having was being repeated world-wide daily. The stamp that they would get on their book with their finely printed name and the Lions International logo was a remembrance of this day when they received their "forever book".

Classes would be divided into three groups: 1 group to select a book with the guidance of Lions and 2 groups to hear stories read by Lions. Teachers received a Robert Munsch Anthology. This project to promote literacy involving so many students was made possible by our three clubs agreeing "together we're better".

For more information on how to get started, contact Kirby Brock at ksbrock@rogers.com



Lion Megan Bennett, Lion Sylvia Brock of the Newmarket Lions Club personalized the students 'forever book' with their names and the Lions Logo as a reminder of this special day



International Director Elect Lion Tom Gordon reads to the children as part of the Reading Action Program.

Markham Lions Club

On November 19, 2016, PDG Lion Dick Peel was awarded the Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship from the Markham Lions Club. This fellowship was presented by DG Lion David Mills.



North Oshawa Lions Club

A recent study of North Oshawa Lions donations to licensed charities revealed they have surpassed \$285,000. Those funds have come primarily from our annual classic car draw held every year in late August. One of our primary recipients has been Grandview Childrens Centre located in Oshawa. The attached photo shows our donations chairman Lion Kevin Pumphrey presenting a recent donation to Brigitte Tschinkel Foundation Development Officer.



Omeme And District Lions Club

THE OMEMEE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO SHARE ITS

60TH CHARTER ANNIVERSARY



Saturday, April 1, 2017

at

Coronation Hall, Omeme

From 4 – 8 PM

Social: 4 PM Dinner: 5 PM

Tickets \$35.00

Coronation Hall, 1 King St. W. Omeme, K0L2W0

You will make our day even more special by attending.

Greet and meet old friends and new and share the fulfilment of Lionism. Enjoy our guest speakers, a catered gourmet dinner and entertainment that will knock your socks off.

Tickets can be paid by cheque, payable to: Omeme Lions
Mail to: 15 James St. N. PO Box 188, Omeme, ON K0L2W0
OR e-transfer to: vjwickens@gmail.com

Bobcaygeon and District Lions Club

On January 4, 2017, the Bobcaygeon and District Lions Club dissolved a trust fund and split the proceeds to 3 of our club's favorite charities.

Chimo, a children's mental health organization in Kawartha Lakes, Dog Guides, and Camp Kirk.

Kelly Whyte on behalf of Chimo accepted \$2089.00.

Chairperson, Elaine Umphrey of LCCKF receiving a cheque for \$2089.00

Our third donation to Dog Guides we sent with our Region Chair 52N Darryl Moore to present.



Kelly Whyte behalf of Chimo accepted \$2089.00.



Chairperson, Elaine Umphrey of LCCKF receiving a check for \$2089.00

Oshawa West Lions Club

The Oshawa West Lions Club will be hosting the 8th Annual Steve Hackett Memorial – Dogs Fore Autism Golf Tournament.

Lion Steve Hackett was the driving force behind establishing the tournament as our club's marquis event of the year. Unfortunately, Lion Steve passed away in 2015, but his drive and determination lives on in all of the Oshawa West members who work to ensure each year is better than the last. This year, the tournament will be held on Saturday May 25th at Oakridge Golf Club. The cost is \$150 per golfer, and includes the passport to all prize events on the course (hole in one, closest to the hold, putting and so on), plus an always amazing dinner and prizes.

Contact tournament director Tony Vanderlay at dogsforeautism@gmail.com to register your foursome or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

It's GREAT to be a Lion!

Lion Tony Gentile

Greenbank Lions Club

On Saturday January 7, 2017, seventeen of the Greenbank Lions and several Lion helpers ran a Pancake breakfast to support the family of a local cancer victim. The meal was free and in 2 hours over 200 people were served and over \$ 10,000 was raised to support the family. Lions can make a big difference in a small community.



Our wonderful group of dedicated people. (Left to right) Leanne Baker, Mike Morton, Nancy Dempsey, Daphne Kaliomaki, Kari Kuebeck, Carla Dempsey, Kiera Kuebeck, Bruce Dempsey, Jacob Morton, Jessica Morton, Larry Doble, Marg Prohaska, Jeff Taylor and Dot Hooker.

Nominations

The 2017 Convention will be on our doorstep before we can turn around. Nominations for the Cabinet Officers need to be submitted soon. There are still a number of gaps in the positions for 2017-18. If you are at all interested, why don't you give it a try. It is fun and rewarding, and if we have a contest at Convention, it makes that a whole lot more interesting.

Here are the positions for which we have nominations at the present time:

District Governor	Lion Tim Cheung	Angus Glen L.C.
1 st V.D.G.	Lion Jean Claude Lagrange	Kinmount L.C.
2 nd V.D.G.	Lion Debbie Dawson	Oshawa Airport L.C.
Region Chair 18	Lion Paul Crowe	Stouffville L.C.
ZC 18 East	Lion Barry MacDonald	Markham L.C.
Region Chair 33	Lion Micheline Lush	Ajax L.C.
Region Chair 45	Lion Glen Conduit	North Newmarket L.C.
ZC 45 West	Lion Leah Springford	North Newmarket L.C.
ZC 52 North	Lion James Lawr	Haliburton & Dist. L.C.
ZC 52 South	Lion Georg Jack	Oakwood L.C.

We cannot accept nominations for District Governor or 1st Vice District Governor, but all the rest of the positions are open to a member in good standing of a Club in good standing who has served as Club President.

Nominations must be made on the official Nominations form found on the District website and must be submitted to the IPDG Susan Tate with copies to DG David Mills, 1st VDG Tim Cheung and 2nd VDG JC Lagrange.

IPDG Susan Tate

NOTE: Positions without nominations at the time of publication

ZC 18 West	ZC 33 North
ZC 33 South	ZC 45 East
Region Chair 52	

Campaigning



Lion Micheline Lush

For Region Chair of Region 33

2017-2018

Committed to the Lions Clubs Slogan

“We Serve”

In my community and District A-16

Using my talents and skills to help those in need

Looking for your vote of support at the A-16 Convention on April 28-30, 2017



Lion Debbie Dawson

For

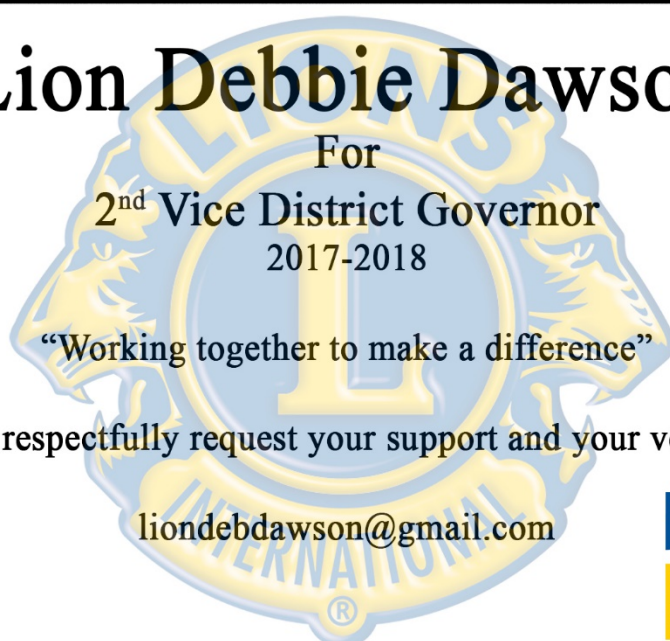
2nd Vice District Governor

2017-2018

“Working together to make a difference”

I respectfully request your support and your vote

liondeb Dawson@gmail.com



For the Good of Lionism

Harry A. Newman Memorial

The Harry A. Newman Memorial stone is just about refurbished with a Lions Logo and a design showing that Lion Harry was a Lions International President for the years 1924-1925. The stone will be replaced in Salem Cemetery in Pickering when spring returns.

A special presentation 'A Tribute to Past International President Harry A. Newman' will be presented at the MD A Convention on Sunday morning, May 14, 2017, by MD A Historian Lion Ray Charbonneau.

A commemorative tree has been purchased by the Past District Governors Association and will be dedicated on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Breslau Forest.

A rededication of the Harry A. Newman Memorial Stone will take place on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 2 pm at Salem Cemetery which is located on the corner of Salem Rd. and #7 Highway.

Membership Statistics

As of Feb 27th 2017, LCI reports that there are 1,404,215 Lions Members world wide.

According to LCI, in District A-16, there is a total of 53 Active clubs, and 1,242 members.

Region 33 - 234 Members

Region Chairperson Micheline Lush

Zone: 33 north - 115 Members

Zone Chairperson Rob Rice

- BLACKSTOCK CARTWRIGHT
- BROOKLIN ASHBURN MYRTLE
- CLAREMONT DISTRICT
- GOODWOOD
- GREENBANK & DISTRICT
- PORT PERRY
- UXBRIDGE & DISTRICT

Zone: 33 South - 119 Members

Zone Chairperson Gina Heeger

- AJAX
- DURHAM REGION COMMUNITY
- OSHAWA AIRPORT
- OSHAWA NORTH OSHAWA
- OSHAWA WEST
- WHITBY

Region 45 - 362 Members

Region Chairperson Adam Jackson

Zone: 45 East - 209 Members

Zone Chairperson George Ranich

- BEAVERTON
- BRECHIN DISTRICT
- CANNINGTON
- PEFFERLAW DIST
- SUNDERLAND
- UDORA & LEASKDALE

Zone: 45 West - 153 Members

Zone Chairperson Glenn Conduit

- HOLLAND LANDING & DIST
- KESWICK & DISTRICT
- MOUNT ALBERT DISTRICT
- NEWMARKET
- NEWMARKET NORTH
- SHARON
- SUTTON & DISTRICT

Region 52 - 310 Members

Region Chairperson Daryl Moore

Zone: 52 North - 147 Members

Zone Chairperson Shawn Currie

- BOBCAYGEON & DISTRICT
- COBOCONK
- FENELON FALLS & DISTRICT
- HALIBURTON & DISTRICT
- KINMOUNT & DISTRICT
- KIRKFIELD DISTRICT
- MINDEN & DISTRICT

Zone: 52 South - 163 Members

Zone Chairperson Georg Jack

- DUNSFORD & DIST
- FOWLERS CORNERS & DIST
- LINDSAY
- OAKWOOD & DIST
- OMEMEE DISTRICT
- WOODVILLE & DISTRICT L C

Region 18 - 336 Members

Region Chairperson Kenneth Drynan

Zone: 18 East - 199 Members

Zone Chairperson Patty Ko

- ANGUS GLEN
- BOXGROVE
- MARKHAM
- MARKHAM MILLIKENS MILLS
- ONTARIO YORK REGION HERITAGE
- STOUFFVILLE
- VICTORIA MARKHAM SQUARE

Zone:18 West - 173 Members

Zone Chairperson Ra'ed Dallal

- AURORA
- CANADA HK UNIONVILLE DONCREST N HORIZON
- KING CITY
- MAPLE
- OAK RIDGES
- RICHVALE
- THORNHILL DISTRICT



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