#### January 2018

### District A-16 Governor's Newsletter









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### Governor's Message

District A-16



District Governor Lion JC Lagrange jcl@lionsa16.com Happy New Year Fellow Lions,

Here we are in the second half of our Lions year of 2018 – 2019 and I am thrilled to see the great level of Service already accomplished by the clubs and Lions of District A-16. We enter what promises to be a great year of service as the runup to the Canadian Lions Centennial in 2020 begins.

We have had good feedback and support by those in attendance for the new format for our Zone meetings and we are excited for the future as we continue to tweak and improve the format. I would especially like to thank Global Service Team Coordinator Lion Betty Mills for her leadership and skill in preparing a successful programme focused on Service under the new format and for organizing the events around our Global Service Action Week. The A-16 Lions Clubs that participated in this year's Global Action Service Week had lots of fun and several of them used the event to introduce new service projects under one of our five Global Causes. Thank you to all the Lions and Clubs that participated.

We have just finished our first Global Membership Action Week on January 21 - 27 and you may be wondering: "why we have taken the approach of organizing Action Weeks for

Service, Membership, and Leadership?" The goal is simply to encourage more clubs to act on a regular basis in each of the Global Action Team areas (Service/Memberships/Leadership.) The idea of the Action Weeks is to help motivate clubs stuck on discussing plans surrounding the GAT areas to start to set goals and begin to take action.

Let's look at the Membership Action Week. At our November/December round of Joint Zone meetings we conducted an exercise where our Global Membership Team Coordinator, Lion Carolyn Stephenson, asked the Clubs in attendance to **commit** to act on an idea, large or small, to help their club in the area of membership growth or retention. If your Club already has an ongoing recruitment strategy it can as simple as holding a meeting to review the strategy's results and outcomes and to adjust the way forward. It could be an open house, door-knocking in the community, or any other of numerous recruitment campaign ideas. It could even be your Club going bowling to increase club morale and therefore improve membership satisfaction & retention. Remember that the key is to set a goal and do it. Thank you in advance to all the Clubs that are already getting organized to participate in our first Membership Action Week. Many thanks to GMT Coordinator Lion Carolyn Stephenson for her great work on Membership at our first round of Joint Zone meetings.

A big thank you to all the Clubs that have made the commitment and held a Membership focused event during our first Membership Action Week. I would like to highlight the Lions Day at the Mall organized by the Lindsay East Lions Club and involving many Region 52 Clubs, and the social/fellowship building event by the Blackstock Lions Club at the Easthill Outdoors complex in Orono. While the Action week has now officially ended you can still participate by organizing an event and inviting your DG Team to attend.

On a different note, I am truly enjoying my official visits as District Governor to the clubs of A-16 and I am grateful for the warm reception and impressed by the dedication to Lionism and Service I have witnessed. I really look forward to visiting the rest of the clubs in the new year. During Club visitations, one of the best tasks that any District Governor must complete is the recognition of "years of service" by individual Lions through the Chevron Awards. To date I've had the joy of

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celebrating everything from the exciting first 10 years of Service of a Lion to the inspiring dedication of those that have celebrated 60 years of Service through Lionism. The *total* number of years of service celebrated by a Club will vary from year to year I would like to highlight two surprising Club visitations. I have had the distinct honour to recognize 230 years of service by select members of the Oshawa North Lions Club and 255 years of service by select members of the Sunderland Lions Club! Thank you to all Chevron Award recipients for the honour of recognizing your service and for the inspiration your years of service represents to all Lions in District A-16 and for your enduring support of Lions Clubs International.

Finally, please encourage your Club and Lions to support and donate to LCIF's Campaign 100, consider your financial support towards Lion Patty Hill's campaign for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President of Lions Clubs International, and please donate, or buy draw tickets, towards my District Governor's project, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation. Keep up the great work and let's all enjoy an even better second half of the 2018 – 2019 Lions year!

Your proud governor serving the best district in all of Lionism. Lion Jean-Claude "JC" Lagrange



DG Official visit to Kinmount & District Lions Club, Lion Dave Anderson receiving Melvin Jones Award



DG Official visit Canada Hong Kong New Horizon Lions Club - Induction of Lion Peter Sun



Markham Lions Club's 75th Charter Anniversary - Lion John Bell receiving Lions Foundation of Canada Fellowship Award







DG Official visit to Oshawa Airport Lions Club - Presentation of Chevron Award to 1st VDG Lion Debbie Dawson





DG Official visit to Markham Lions Club - Lion William "Bill" Dewberry receiving Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship













## Submission Guidelines



Following these Guidelines will help us make sure your story is processed appropriately

Please Send submissions to <u>governornews@lionsa16.com</u> Emails sent to any other address, may be misplaced

# Here are some guidelines that should be followed to submit content to the DG Newsletter 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 as this will help us keep track of each submission.

<u>Do</u> 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" <u>or</u> "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"

If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know. Just send us an email at governornews@lionsa16.com

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## Global Membership Team



### **Best Practices**

**JUST TALK**; talk to as many people as you can, let them know what being a Lion means to you. Take time in recruiting members, it is not about the numbers but attracting the right person. **Talk to people.** Show an interest in them; brag about the differences we are making in the community, (eye glasses collection, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes Awareness etc)

If a potential member is at a meeting make them **feel part of the meeting**; Offer to bring them to the meeting, people need to feel that they are part of something important, special and exciting - get them involved as quickly as possible.

Follow-up with potential members about their observations when they visited your club, take time to listen to their opinions, they may see something that can help your club be successful.

**Signage**, promote and advertise your events. Wear something that indicates you are a Lion and be proud of it. This creates interest. Always have information about Lions readily available for distribution.

**Volunteer** at schools; example - help with school BBQs, (parents see you helping and appreciate this); Seniors Homes, Hospitals, Retirement Centres etc This demonstrates **Lions in Service**.

Look at Club alternatives - people have busy lives - Adjust meeting dates/times/frequencies; consider Online meetings vs Face to Face - show that **you are flexible**.

Remember we are an **all-inclusive** vs exclusive organization. Women, Family, different cultures - **ALL are most Welcome**. Open up your Club by listening to the needs of the community, (work with town councilors on what needs to be done and how the Lions Club can be involved); get your neighbours to partner with you in local activities and **demonstrate your passion in service**.

Most importantly - Have fun, make meetings and events an enjoyable and fun thing to be a part of. Remember "We SERVE."

## Global Leadership Team

Lions Learning Centre – where you learn at your own choice and pace

The Lions Learning Centre provides online courses relevant to all Lions including topics such as communication, managing and motivating others, achieving results, and leadership: <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lions-learning-center">https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/lions-learning-center</a>

In order to take the online courses, you need to register and login to the centre. Go to the following website: <u>https://secure.ascentis.com/LCI/TMS/Security/Login.aspx</u>

Enter your Member ID and chosen password and click Login.

If you are a **new user**, you will need to **create an account** first. To do this: Click **"Create Account"**.

Then enter your Member ID, choose and confirm a Password, First Name, Last Name, Contact Email. Then click "Create New Account".



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Once you log in, you will see in the top cross bar, the "Course Catalog".

Click "**Course Catalog**". From the course catalog, click on any course title. This takes you to the course instructions where you can launch the course in a new window.

You can also create your own **Lions Profile.** Edit your profile and **training history**. Your Training History in the Lions Learning Centre Training includes all of the online

courses that you have completed or courses in progress of completion.

These are some of the many courses for you to choose from:

Introduction to Leadership / Writing Your Personal Mission Statement / Decision Making /Delegation / Effective Listening / Effective Teams / Meeting Management / Providing Community Service / Goal Setting / Valuing Member Diversity / Effective Speaking / etc. Learning is a journey! Have a good one!

Submitted by Lion Tim Cheung, A-16 GLT Coordinator.

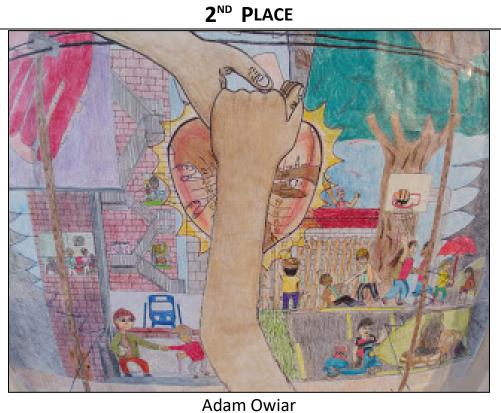
Congratulations to the District A16 Peace Poster Winners Thank you to all the participants. A job well done.

### 2018-2019 A16 Peace Poster Winners Kindness Matters

### **1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**



Olivia Jackson-Cooke Maple Leaf Public School Sponsor: Newmarket Lions Club



Kedron Public School Sponsor: North Oshawa Lions Club



3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE (TIE)

Sydney McKinley, Sunderland Public School Sponsor: Sunderland Lions Club

Nicole Giannini Greenbank Public School Sponsor: Greenbank Lions Club



Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre. Bay 2,1216 – 34 Ave NE Calgary, Alberta. T2E 6L9 Canada Ph: (403) 640-1056 email:info@clerc.ca Web page. http://www.clerc.ca



### **CLERC/LERS**

July 18, 2018

Lion Roger P. Laroque District A16 63 Otter Lane Lindsay,ON, K9V 0K1

Dear Lion Roger,

Thank you for your donation of 4 pallets of glasses or about 25-30,000 pairs. Please find attached our yearly distributions to the 89 countries, the 2017-18 income & expenses and what countries Canadians take your glasses. We have processed over 5 million pairs since we started our association with Operation Eyesight Universal in 1996 and our complete take-over in 2003. You have been very generous with your money or time or collecting glasses. We need all the raw glasses you can collect for us. Hard decisions had to be made about the shortage of glasses so if you are planning to come

to our workshop check ahead with Chairman James Lee at 403-852-2407.

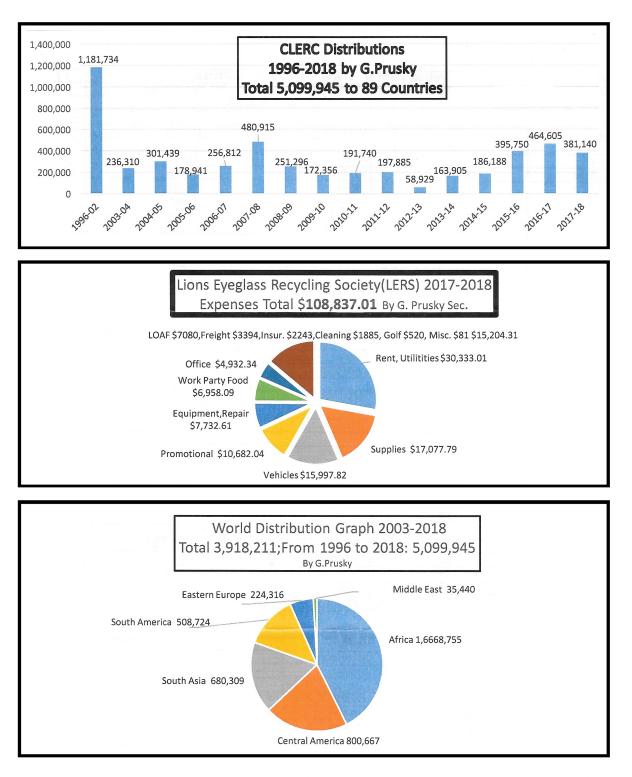
In 2017-18 we received \$40,500 from designated gaming funds from 21 Lions Clubs with the folding Lions Club of Mountainview in Calgary giving us \$10,000. We also received gaming funds from 2 community associations. We are very grateful for your contribution be it large or small. On behalf of BP retirees BP Canada gave us a donation of \$3,000. Their retirees come faithfully every Wednesday to assist us in the processing. Esso retirees have been excellent volunteers on set Fridays. Five Lions Clubs gave us \$8000 non-designated gaming funds. Foothills Lions Club charity golf Tournament made us \$7,500 and Okotok's Lion Bob Airth's mother's memorial fund raised another \$890.

Yours in Lionism,

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Gordon Prusky PDG Secretary CLERC

Canadian Lions Eye			art) to June 30, 20		
AFRICA -35 countr				ASIA - 18 Countries	
Ghana	916,727	1	Philippines	178,080	48
Liberia	117,104	2	Moldavia	111,806	40
Malawi	124,488	3	Fiji	95,846	50
Morocco		4	India	77,997	51
Sierra Leone	60,150	5	Sri Lanka	71,060	52
Swaziland	<u> </u>	6	Thailand	40,032	53
Ivory Coast		7	Myanmar	31,939	54
Kenya	<u> </u>	8	Cambodia	24,054	55
Sudan	37,621	9	Indonesia	22,819	56
Guinea		10	China	10,472	57
Angola	36,428	11	Tibet		58
Tanzania	29,935	11	Mongolia	4,545	59
Nigeria	25,872	13	North Korea	4,250	60
Lesotho	23,230	14	Afghanistan	2,737	61
Rwanda	15,000	14	Vietnam	1,200	62
Nairobi	10,926	15	Palau Islands	1,142	63
Senegal	10,850	10	Nepal	992	64
Zambia	10,500	17	New Guinea	1,188	65
Cameroon	9,529	18	<b>18%</b>	150 <b>680,309</b>	05
	7,200	20	SOUTH AMERICA -		
Uganda Congo	7,209		Peru		66
Tunisia	6,410	21	Ecuador	189,851	
	6,110	22	Bolivia	102,192	67
Niger	4,508	23		95,485	68
Benin	4,412	24	Colombia	59,993	69
Ethiopia	4,313	25	Belize	25,460	70
Zimbabwe	3,272	26	Paraguay	14,760	71
Timbuktu	1,405	27	Chile	13,850	72
Chad	992	28	Guyana	4,129	73
Madagascar	992	29	Suriname	2,129	74
Burkino Faso	835	30	Brazil	875	75
South Africa	629	31	13%	508,724	
Burundi 600		32	Eastern Europe- 8		
South Sudan	600	33	Romania	171,896	76
Mali	355		Uzbekistan	21,000	77
Egypt	350	35	Ukraine	15,400	78
43%	1,668,755		Poland	14,930	79
CENTRAL AMERIC	1		Kyrgyzstan	350	80
Mexico	295,391	36	Serbia	340	81
Guatemala	151,310	37	Macedonia	250	82
Haiti	105,587	38	Kosovo	150	83
Honduras	68,082	39	6%	224,316	
Nicaragua	65,678	40	MIDDLE EAST-6 C		
Costa Rica	35,444	41	Armenia	15,769	84
Jamaica	25,542	42	Lebanon	7,100	85
Dominican Republic	24,132	43	Turkey	6,000	86
El Salvador	16,413	44	Israel	4,704	87
Trinidad	7,109	45	Jordan	992	88
Panama	4,829	46	Jerusalem	875	89
Cuba	1,150	47	1%	35,440	
20%	800,667		Total 2003-17	3,918,211	10.01.15 H
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# Please note that we have given over 5 million pairs of recycled eyeglasses to the world.

The Lions Clubs took full control of the recycling of glasses from Operation Eyesight Universal in 2003. We started in 1996 at the Calgary Correctional Center and are still operating from there. We also have rented a space since 2014 where we Lions recycle the glasses. We have 2 Maritime satellite stations one in Bishop Falls, Newfoundland and one in PEI to serve the Maritime provinces. Both of those locations are in correctional facilities. We are also known as the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center the only one in Canada but with 18 others in the world.



5 Millionth Pair Recipient in Mangochi, Malawi (Africa) L to R Vicky Rochefort, Peter McGuigan, recipient, Wayne Klettke all from Canadian Vision Care 2017 [Photo courtesy Lion Mike Rochefort Calgary North East Eyeopener]





### Beaverton Lions Club 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Elimination Draw



Our 2018 Winners Deborah and Wayne Arsenault being presented with their \$25,000 cheque from Lion Chuck Gillespie who sold them the ticket.

**Our 2018 Elimination Draw Committee** 

Our Annual Elimination Draw took place on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> and was a HUGE success! We sold 1000 tickets and had over 600 guests in attendance. The draw kicked off at 7pm and included 30 cash prizes as well as our grand prize of \$25,000!

We had two live local bands "Therapy Seekers" and "M T Pockets" playing throughout the night and they kept the dance floor hopping!

The price of the ticket includes Admission for Two, Entry in the Draw, Beef BBQ and a night of Live Entertainment.

In recent years this event has financed the Randy Skinner Family Splash Pad, Foster Hewitt Harbour Playground, Lions Paved Accessibility Walking Loop, Skateboard Park Refurbishment and the Arena Scoreboard.



From Left: Lion President Andy Haines, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Lion Erika Josephson, Lion Erin Emery, Lion Stephanie King, Lion Chuck Gillespie, Winners Deborah and Wayne Arsenault, Lion Ryan Lloyd, Lion Chris Gillespie and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lion Cody Windebank

### BOBCAYGEON LIONS SUPPORT FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS EVENT

This year, Bobcaygeon Lions stepped up its support of The Bobcaygeon Helps Food Bank, by providing plants and personal gifts to Senior Citizen Clients at the Annual Christmas Program. Lions purchased 40 potted plants - 20 Christmas Cacti and 20 Poinsettias - along with personal gifts for each Senior Client.



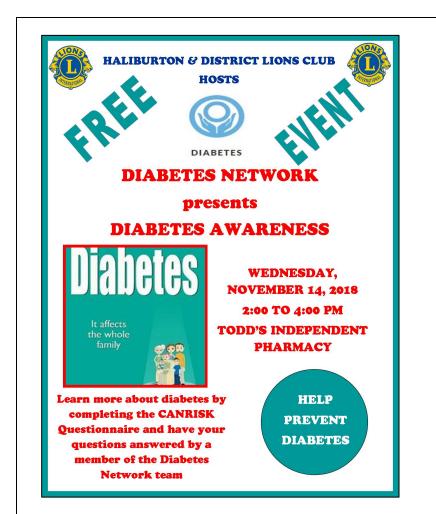
Dec. 12, 2018. Lion Janet McMann ready to distribute plants and gifts to Senior Food Bank Clients

Bobcaygeon Lions Club has been running an Emergency Delivery Service for 18 months and has delivered food supplies on close to 40 occasions, to Food Bank Clients who cannot get to the Food Bank on their designated collection day, due to injury, illness or mobility issues. This project was the brain-child of Lion Janet McMann. Lion Janet organized the purchase of the plants and gifts, along with Lions Lynda Darling, Marnie Durham and David Savournin.

More service-oriented projects supporting the Food Bank, are in the works for 2019.

Lion David Savournin President, Bobcaygeon & District Lions Club Home: 705-738-1892 Cell: 416-414-6474 E: <u>davidsavournin@gmail.com</u>

## Haliburton & District Lions







Haliburton Lions provide the transportation so that the Cardiff Elementary School students could attend the Nutcracker event in Haliburton on November 30, 2018

## Haliburton & District Lions

Haliburton Lions donate \$1000.00 from the proceeds of their summer fundraiser, Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest to the Haliburton Junction Skate Park





Lion Ray Howlett and his grandson laid a wreath at the Wilberforce Cenotaph and President Kathryn Kidd laid a wreath at the Haliburton Cenotaph

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## Haliburton & District Lions



The Haliburton and District Lions Club held their business meeting at the Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC), a centre of excellence in whole person care and integrative cancer programs, on Monday, Sept. 10. After touring the facility and enjoying light refreshments provided by Abbey Gardens. Lion president Kathryn Kidd, Lion David Mills, Betty Mills and Sheldon Nicholls presented ARC's director, Thea Patterson and executive director, Donna McCallum with a donation of \$500, For complete details of ARC and their programs, please visit their website at abbeyretreatcentre.ca. /Submitted



## Lindsay Lions

On October 5, members of the Lindsay Lions Club participated in the Fun Four Hours by helping children decorate pumpkins. Over 100 pumpkins were decorated, and we had a blast. Lion President Marilynne Golden was thrilled to welcome the BIA Fun Four Hours mascot to our location. We are looking forward to decorating cookies with the children in mid-November.





## Maple Lions

Maple Lions Club hosted a Breakfast with Santa (played my Lion Fred Cook) for local Vaughan family. Sabrina, who turned 15 that day, suffers from Cerebral Palsy.

