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Governor's Message

District A-16



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Happy Fall Lions! It certainly has been a whirlwind few months since returning from the International convention in Italy. It was truly amazing to witness our very own Lion Patti Hill become 3rd VP for Lions Clubs International.

As we kick off our Canadian Lions Centennial Celebration "Lions 2020", we will be planning events to commemorate our 100 years of service in Canada. More information will be available throughout the year.

Thank you to all the clubs who participated in our service week at the end of October. We certainly lived up to our motto "We Serve"!

As we are now on our second round of Joint Zone Meetings, the focus will be on Membership. IPDG JC will have new and very useful tools to help each club attract new members. We will also be hosting a membership planning session on January 4th with our very own PID Tom Gordon. Details will be sent out soon!

I am so humbled to serve as your Governor this year and I am looking forward to meeting all of you as I attend your meetings and events this year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Deb



We Serve Through Diversity

Immediate Past District Governor's Message



Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

What a great Lions Year 2018-2019 was! I would like to thank all the District A16 Lions, Lioness and Leos for their ongoing dedication to Service and Lionism, all our District Leaders that serve our A16 Clubs & Lions with so much diligence, and all the spouses and friends that supported all of us in achieving a great year! Congratulations to DG Debbie Dawson and VDGs Glenn Conduit and Barry MacDonald; my best wishes as you lead our District, its Clubs and Lions to ever greater levels of Service and Leadership!

Thank you for your amazing support for my District Governor's project, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation; for your support of Lion Dr. Patti Hill in her successful campaign to be 3rd VP of Lions Clubs International!

I am so proud of all of you and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the great memories and friendships.

And most importantly, I would like to thank my wife Lion Dr. Elena Mihi for her never-ending patience and her role as a great partner-in-Service and "Executive Assistant."

Enjoy the pictures from Our 2019 Lions Clubs International Convention in Milan, Italy.

Lion Jean-Claude Lagrange

Immediate Past District Governor, 2019-2020

2019 International Convention

2019 Lions Clubs international Convention in Milan, Italy.



Milan Convention Logo and Pin.



Getting ready for the Milan Parade in the stifling summer heat.



A16 Lions at the Milan parade showing Canadian pride!



Awards from the 2018-2019 District Convention

Presidential Award: Lion Rick Metcalfe – Newmarket Lions Club
 International Leadership Award: Lioness Karen Jackson - Newmarket Lioness Club
 International President's Certificate of Appreciation:
 Lion/Lioness Micheline Lush – Ajax Lions Club
 Lion Rick Lush – Ajax Lions Club
 Lion/Lioness Elaine Umphrey – Beaverton Lions Club
 Lion Danny Leung – Canada H-K New Horizon Lions Club
 Lion Paul Leung – Canada H-K New Horizon Lions Club

Governor's Visitation Contest	Omemee Lions Club
Greenfield/Hill Region 18 Membership Award	Richvale Lions Club
Harrison/McConkey Region 33 Membership Award	Oshawa West Lions Club
Crossland/Brand Region 45 Membership Award	Sunderland Lions Club
Crawford/Finney Region 52 Membership Award	Dunsford Lions Club
PDG E.J. Farr Membership and Retention	Oshawa West Lions Club
Governor's Contest Administrative Efficiency	Newmarket Lions Club
District A16 Best Overall Club	Newmarket Lions Club
The William G Brady Memorial Award	Region Chairperson 33 Gina Heeger
A16 Website Award ODG Peter Jackson Trophy	Haliburton Lions Club
E-Clubhouse Award	Omemee Lions Club
Environmental Photo Contest	Lion Donna Huelin
Colwell Award	No entries for 2019

Please don't forget to support LCIF for the 2018-2019 Lions Year with a Club Donation or, better yet, make a pledge to be either a Maple Leaf or Model Lions Club for Campaign 100. Your Foundation needs you!

Finally, thank you to all the Clubs and Lions and Lioness that have supported my DG Project and Lioness President Suzanne's Project, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation. If you still wish to support our Camp, there is still time to donate! The winners for our draw will be picked and contacted at the June 15th Cabinet Meeting in Greenbank and an announcement of the winners will be in the next DG Newsletter in July.

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

Submission Guidelines



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

Please Send submissions to
governornews@lionsa16.com

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.

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"

If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know.

Just send us an email at governornews@lionsa16.com

Markham Lions Club

Members of the Markham Lions Club amused local spectators on Saturday, June 15th during their whimsical "Tame The Mane" fundraising event which took place on the front lawn of Gentleman's Barber Shop located at 8 Main Street North in Markham. This fun "shorn n' shave" attraction happened during last weekend's Markham Village Music Festival and it was all to help raise money for two of their very worthwhile charities, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation and Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.



In the front, from left to right

Lion Charles Herriot, Lion President Jim Doak and Lion Kelly Ludlow

In the back

Master Barber, Kia Rasnian

According to organizer Lion Kelly Ludlow of the Markham Lions Club, "Along with myself, we had two other heavily bewhiskered Markham Lions who agreed to a clean shave courtesy of master, traditional barber Kia Rasnian from the Gentleman's Barber Shop. In return for our fallen whiskers, we reached out to the community for donations to support both these Lions Club charities. People were very generous, and much fun was had by all."

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides assists Canadians with medical or physical disabilities in need of a Dog Guide by providing one at no cost. As well, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation supports the special needs of children with learning differences, attention deficit disorders,

and high functioning autism by offering a safe camping experience each summer where they will learn new skills and build confidence in a non-competitive environment.

"It was an exciting event since our Lion President Jim Doak had his beard shaved off which he's been wearing for 30 years!" said Lion Kelly. "Then for another sizable amount of money that was raised on the spot, Lion Charles Herriot agreed to not only have his beard shaved off but also most of the hair on his head down to nothing more than peach fuzz!"

This is the second such fundraising event the Markham Lions Club has done to raise money for the good of Lionism.

Charles

North Newmarket Lions Club

Fellow Lions, I just wanted to share with you something that may seem not so significant if you are sighted, but if you lost all your vision as I did 5 years ago you would come to realize that many of the every day pleasures in life are not accessible anymore. I was very fortunate for several reasons, shortly after I became blind a family friend, a Lion from the North Newmarket Lions Club sponsored me and introduced me to a wonderful group of people. Not only do I have an amazing vision guide dog from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School, but these great people have sponsored myself and several other blind people in our neighborhood to a week or two at the CNIB Camp Joseph at Lake Joseph. It was at this camp that I learned that you can have fun after vision loss, and you can meet people just like you. This is so, so important and I thank the North Newmarket Lions Club for their help.



Last year I met a fellow Lion from the Aurora Lions club who is also visually impaired, His name is David Burnett and we were introduced at the A-16 District Convention in Oshawa, Ontario. David mentioned that he was going golfing in a tournament for Visually impaired people and I could come and join. I mentioned to my dad and he quickly pointed out that it wouldn't be a bad idea, after all nobody would be able to tell I had never golfed before or that I was cheating. They are all visually impaired. Seemed like a perfect fit for the sport of golf. Anyways I have now been to two tournaments, I am not a good golfer, but I sure did have fun. I have included a picture of my vision guide dog Nutmeg because I think it is important that you know that the gift of a guide dog lets people like me get out in the world and have some fun. Just as a side note the owner of the first club we played in was a little worried about having the guide dogs on his course, but after the tournament he told my father and I that the dogs were better behaved than any of his other customers and they were welcome back next year. That is a testament to the great training they receive at the Lions Foundation Dog of Canada Guide School.

Thankyou,

Lion Khristina Engel
North Newmarket Lions Club

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The North Newmarket Lions Club has had a busy start to the 2019/2020 Lions year. Numerous projects have yielded excellent results financially towards our many projects. We started the year on July 1st with our annual Canada Day BBQ and Beer Garden. This is a big event in Newmarket and every year our club members rally together and BBQ hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers and served with a cold beer or cooler. The weather was hot and sunny, and the crowd was hungry and thirsty. The perfect combination for fund raising.



We rolled out of the summer and into our fall program beginning on September 7 and 8 with the annual event known as "NewBarket". This is a huge event held in the Newmarket Lions park every year. Dogs, dog owners, dog vendors and suppliers come from all over. There are jumping dogs putting on a show

flying into a huge pool. Dog trainers and sports competitions. All the dogs get to swim in the town pool for \$5, signifying that this is the end of the summer program for the town's outdoor pool. Our Lions faithful BBQ team were there for two days cooking hot dogs, hamburgers, pea-meal bacon and of course the Great Canadian Burger.



New to our event this year was the North Newmarket Lions information booth. This was set up by the club to bring awareness to the Lions Foundation Dog Guide program. Lion Khrisstina Engel and Past International Director, Lion Tom Gordon, manned the booth for two days. They were accompanied by Lion Nutmeg who is a working vision guide dog sponsored by the North Newmarket Lions Club and with Teddy who attended the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School in Oakville. Teddy is a career change dog who now is a pet dog. Khrisstina organized this booth and was able to use her

networking skills to bring several local families with dog guides provided by the Lions, to be with us. Some of these dogs were for autism and hearing. And of course, puppies in training Elder and Figaro were a hit with the crowds. All in all, this was a good addition to our program for the Vision Pillar.

Our BBQ tent and crew followed up the following Sunday in much less desirable weather cooking up 600 hot dogs for the annual Terry Fox run. The runners made it to the finish line just as the rain came pouring down, but true to the spirit of Terry nobody complained, they ate their hot dogs happily, we put our wet tents and tools away to be dried out later, and we will be there again next year.

The hot dog wieners and buns left over uncooked were delivered to a local shelter. Looking Forward to a good year.



Lion David Engel
President
North Newmarket Lions Club



North Oshawa Lions Club

Presentation made to two long-standing members of the North Oshawa Lions Club; they are being presented with Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards.



**Lion President
Lyle Hargrove**

**Lion Secretary
Peter Stephenson**

Together We Are Stronger



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