District A-16 Governor's Newsletter





October 2018

Governor's Message

District A-16



District Governor Lion JC Lagrange jcl@lionsa16.com It has been three months since our International Convention in Las Vegas and I can confirm what many Past District Governors say, "it will all be over before you know it." And even though clubs don't meet as often during the summer and there are no visitations in July and August it seems like the past few months have passed in a blink of an eye.



Thumbs up MDA governors!



CC Tim Cheung pulling DG JC's ribbon.

It has been a busy summer and it has been truly invigorating to see our 54 Lions Clubs diligently serving their communities. I have never felt so proud to be a Lion as I feel today.



Camp Huronda



Induction of new members into the Oshawa Lions Club with PDG's Susan and Barry Tate

My first duty as Governor fresh out of our International Convention in Las Vegas was to visit Camp Huronda. It was a sunny summer visit to their great facility as we learned about their programmes along with several District A-16 and A-12 Lions. This was followed by the Oshawa West Lions Club's Community Living Annual Picnic at WindReach Farms including the Induction of many new Lions, the Installation of Officers for the Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club and our first Cabinet Meeting.



Induction of three new members by CC Tim Cheung



Installation of the new Cabinet. What a great Team!

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My wife Lion Elena and I also had the pleasure to have attended along with ID Tom Gordon and 1st VDG Debbie Dawson the Officer Installation and New Member induction for the Markham Milliken Mills Lions Club. It was an





evening celebrating Lionism with great entertainment and fellowship. It even included a visit from a fellow District Governor from India, Lion Virender Hans, along with many of his fellow Lions.

On September 15th we held, A Dream Takes Flight, a Fundraising event in support for our endorsed Canadian Candidate to the Position of 3rd International Vice President, Lion Dr. Patti Hill. It was a great event organized by A-16 Lions and Lioness and sponsored by the Newmarket Lions Club. It was a spectacular night with great friends, food, and music that saw our candidate get substantial financial support. I am sure our show of support

energized Lion Patti as she enters the final stages of her campaign. A great big Thank You to all the Lions and Clubs that have sponsored this event, volunteered at or attended the Gala, and already made their donations to Patti's Campaign. Kudos and thanks to our fearless Organizing Committee chairperson 1st VDG Lion Debbie Dawson and the members of the committee: Lions Carl, Glenn, Tim, and Lioness Karen. A special thank you to my friend DG Jeffrey Freidman and his A711 Lions, along with the Lions in other MDA districts, that contributed towards our event. Thank You!

A few clubs are still working at getting their club's



donation in support of our candidate. I hope that very soon we will be able to declare that District A-16 is the first District 100% in support of Lion Patti.

Now that the slower days of summer are gone our District has awoken and Lions are busy at work serving in their communities and working hard to reach new levels of Service. Please remember that we have an amazing District Governor's Team at your disposal and that they are excited to help and Serve our Clubs and Lions.



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Finally, I wish to ask all Clubs to plan a Service Project for this year's Service Action Week, October 22-28, 2018, and to reach out to our GST Coordinator, Lion Betty Mills, with the details of your project. A member of the DG team or your District Officers will make every attempt to join and work with you at your Service project. Let's join in the spirit of Lionism, show our communities and neighbours that Lions are ready to Serve, and invite others to become Lions!

I look forward to meeting all of you as I travel our great District and visit your Club.

Lion JC





Lions Clubs International Global Causes

We Serve.

Our Global Causes focus the efforts of Lions and Leos on five service areas with the goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million people per year by 2021. Our Global Causes complement all of the great ways that clubs serve locally and give Lions and Leos new opportunities to help meet the growing challenges facing humanity.

No matter how you choose to serve, Lions matter now more than ever!



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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:

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Committee submission

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

Honourary Committee

SUCCESSION PLANNING

As Lions members, both at the District level and the Club level, our tendency is to think "short term". 'Our focus is on achieving this year's goals by the end of June, making this term of office a success' (Leader Network – 2013-2014). However, we must not lose sight of "long term".

Is it too early to be thinking about the next step, the step up to 2nd Vice District Governor? No, the time is just right. Check out the A-16 Constitution & By Laws on the District Website (page 21) to be sure that you qualify. Then consider your responsibilities with family and work as well as your other community interests. Ask yourself if you have the time to commit. Since this is a four-year commitment (2nd VDG, 1st VDG, DG, and IPDG) you will want to be very sure that you have your spouse/partner's support because he/she will be your partner-in-service for the duration. Then, you will want to check that your Club is on board with your plan, as your members will travel with you and support you going forward.

If all of this seems to be in place, then take a good look at yourself. Do you have the knowledge of Lionism, or is it just too soon? Do you possess the 5 C's of Leadership: Commitment, Compassion, Caring, Confidence, and Courage?

Forbes Coaches Council suggests that "leadership development is a necessity in today's fast-moving environment. What worked last year may not work this year. Leaders who are best prepared to adjust, keep people engaged and projects moving forward". Our District and our Multiple District have a longstanding record of providing the very best Lions leadership for our officers, so you can count on support going forward.

If the time is not right for you, look around you and encourage someone whom you think is ready. Work with them, campaign with them and support them. Who knows, you might learn something about yourself that you hadn't considered before.

Lion Eleanor Colwell PDG

<u>Greetings from Lion Patty Ko</u> <u>District Lions Foundation of Canada Committee Chairperson</u> <u>(pko@lionsa16.com)</u>

Dog Guides Fall Open House October 13, 2018

Our Dog Guides School in Oakville will be hosting the Fall Open House on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The Open House features a tour of the training facility, a silent auction, and live demonstrations from each of our Dog Guide programs. It's also your chance to learn about our volunteer and foster puppy programs – and to meet future Dog Guide puppies!



There's no need to register to attend the Open House, as tours will be held throughout the day on **October 13**. The Open House is a free event. Donations in support of each of the <u>seven Dog Guides programs</u> are most welcome.

I hope to see you at this family-friendly event at our main facility at 152 Wilson Street, Oakville, ON L6K 0G6.

Pull Tabs for Pups

I would like to announce a new program that in partnership with the Lindsay East and District Lions Club, District A-16 Lions Foundation of Canada Committee is promoting the collection of **pull tabs** from all types of beverage tins, consumer and pet food tins to raise funds for Lions Foundation of Canada.

Since Pet Valu is the national sponsor for the Walk for Dog Guides this could be a good place to start collecting the tabs from pet food tins.



The pull tabs will be separated out and recycled with the funds raised from the aluminum tabs donated to Lions Foundation of Canada.

Where schools are involved, the money raised could be used to purchase an "Adopt-a-Puppy" certificate in the name of the school that collected the tabs. This can also help teach our youth about recycling for the environment. The youth of today are our Lions of tomorrow.

Should your clubs be interested in participating in this "Pull-Tabs for Pups" campaign,

please let me or Lion Ken Huelin (khuelin@lionsa16.com) know. We will be happy to provide additional information on how we can work together for the benefit of all.

Vision Screening

Free Children's Vision Program Expands

Today the Greenbank Community Association Inc. has received \$ 3500 from the Canada Post Community Foundation for a vision screening program that will benefit young children in Durham and York Region and beyond starting in September 2018. This plus another \$4000 from the District A-16 Vision Screening Account will complete the purchase of a vision kit.

The project will be carried out by Lion/Lioness volunteers in over 60 clubs. These volunteers provide free vision screening for senior kindergarten children in hundreds of schools. The vision program identifies potential vision issues that will affect the ability of a child to learn to their full potential. This grant will provide funding for a new Plusoptix vision scanner and allow the current program to expand to additional schools. It is all part of a Canada Post/Lion/Lioness Program that helps make a difference in the lives of Canadian children.

Notes to the editor

The Greenbank Community Association was established as a Corporation to apply for grants that would benefit the local community and beyond by means of a variety of projects that would increase the quality of life for all those involved.

The Canada Post Community Foundation for Children's vision is to help ensure that every child in Canada is happy, healthy, and part of a community that supports and cares for them. Its mission is to have a positive effect in the lives of children in the communities. Canada Post serves by supporting registered charities, school programs, or local initiatives that benefit children. It has granted more than 6 million dollars to over 500 community organizations across Canada. To learn more about the foundation, visit canadapost.ca/community

For further information contact larrydoble@hotmail.com





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Let's Create a Sleep Day and Raise Money for SCAW

Fellow Lions, Lioness, and Leos

As I perused the SCAW website, I discovered "Sleep Day". For a small donation one can wear their pyjamas to work (\$5) or school (\$2) that day. I would like to see all the Clubs of A-16 organize a "Sleep Day" in their town.

I am suggesting we try to arrange this during A-16 Service Week Oct 22 thru Oct 28 – specifically Wed. Oct 24 2018. It gives us time to contact the schools and do the organization needed.

I have a letter to give to the school administration, a letter to send home to the parents and last year's (2017) Educational Resource Info. Just let me know and I will forward them to you.

As this is my first year, I do not know all the mechanics of the event – but these are my thoughts.

A) Meet with the school Principal or person in charge of events. Determine the number of students and the number of home rooms. This will give you numbers for the letter to the parents and for collection boxes. Also, this will determine the actual date of the "Sleep Day" depending on the school calendar.

B) On Sleep Day, be at the school to hand out contribution boxes to each Home room. Ask each teacher to bring the full box to the office as soon as time permits.

C) Either at the school or at another location, count and roll the donations. Have your treasurer deposit this money and write a cheque to Gail Neiman, Cabinet Treasurer with the name of the school and SCAW in the memo. Mail the cheque to Gail at 2 Manor Dr, Apt 217, Millbrook, ON LOA 1G0 Seems pretty easy – I hope.

Thank you all and good luck. Let me know how it all works out for future "Sleep Days". Sincerely;

Lion Kathi Lewis <u>lewdj@sympatico.ca</u> 905-727-9611 District A-16 Committee Chairman Sleeping Children Around the World



Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation

Memorial Grove

It was brought to my attention recently that we have many newer Lions Family Members who are not familiar with the history behind our "Memorial Grove" at our camp.

As you drive into the camp, the Grove is situated on the right-hand side at the top of a hill just before the ball diamond.

Many years ago, Lion Tom Goldring built the memorial recognition board we still use today to remember our Lions Family members, and supporters who have gone before us.

Every year on the Sunday morning of our "Lions Family Weekend" we all trek up the hill to our shady grove for quiet reflection on the new names installed on the Memorial Board thanks to Lion Tom. This is a nonreligious service, allowing each of us time to silently reflect on members and loved ones lost over the previous years.

The Minden Lioness had two memorial benches installed some time ago for visitors to sit and reflect on memories of loved ones lost. Last year Sharon Lions Club had two more memorial benches installed for additional seating. Many of us find the hill a little difficult to climb as we age, so this past summer our lawn maintenance crew have cleared away a path that vehicles can now drive up and around our "special place" of reflection.

If you wish to have a name engraved for our Memorial Board, please contact Lion Tom or myself and for a donation of \$50.00 an engraved plaque will be added to our Memorial Grove Board

Next time you visit our camp, take a few minutes to trek up the hill to sit, relax and reflect on the many dedicated Lions, Lioness, supporters and family members who are remembered there. Thank you, Lion Tom.

Submitted by L/L Elaine Umphrey, Chairperson, LCCKF Garlane_u@hotmail.com

Lion Tom Goldring (905) 294 1561

September 18, 2018



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Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation

After a late and very wet Spring, we had relatively smooth-running summer months at our camp. Friends of the Learning Disabled-Camp Kirk as expected, experienced some problems but our Property Manager Lion Tony Weerdenburg was always quick to get any problems resolved.

Our annual LCCKF Golf Tournament in June was a great day, thanks to Lions Adam Jackson and Amanda, along with Lioness Karen Jackson for organizing the event. Great day of golfing, prizes for all, delicious dinner, and let's see everyone back next year.

Our annual 50/50 draw was won by Grantham Lioness Club (\$14,690.00) and the early bird winner was Timiskaming Lions Club (\$500.00). Not bad for a \$10.00 ticket. Our thanks go out to Lion Tom Goldring and Lion Ray Howlett for the work involved this year.

The annual Steak Dinner draw was won by Fowlers Corners Lions Club and it was a packed house September 11th when Lion Tom and his crew – Lion Ray Howlett, Lion Bill Hodges along with Susan Hodges, Kelly Holden provided the Steak BBQ to the many appreciative members and guests. Elaine & Garry also attended to help.

Attendance was down this year for Family Fun Weekend, however the fun and comradery sure was enjoyed by all, and lots of new ideas for next year. Special thanks to Lioness Karen Jackson for chairing the event, while only attending evenings due to full time employment.

Great job Karen and the many helpers. Thanks also to everyone who chaired an event, or assisted with maintenance issues, meals, games, fun activities, fireworks, and the time-consuming job of final cleanup. You are all appreciated.

Our Spring and Fall weekend rentals have been successful to date, special thanks to Lioness Pat Aitken our Chair and her helpers. We have weekend rentals until the end of October, then we have our Close-up date scheduled for Saturday November 2^{nd} . Notice will be E Blasted soon.

I apologize if I have missed recognizing anyone's efforts, and I hope all event chairs submit articles to recognize the many great individuals and Clubs who made the above events so successful.

Last, but so important, our appreciation to our Governor JC Lagrange and Lioness President Suzanne Best for jointly naming Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation "kitchen addition and other camp improvements" as their District Project for this Lions year. We truly appreciate you both and will support you in any way we can.

Lion/Lioness Elaine Umphrey, Chairperson, LCCKF

North Oshawa Lions



Service Recognition

At the North Oshawa Lions Club meeting of Sept 13th, Lions Bob Moore (on the right) and Bob Tumey (on the left) were congratulated by President Lyle Hargrove on reaching 90 years of age with a combined service record of over 100 years. Lion Bob Moore is familiar to many as a result of his participation in A16 activities and Lion Bob Tumey should be congratulated on his record as one of the founding members of the North Oshawa Lions Club.



The car raffle for 2018 concluded with the presentation of the keys to a 1967 Camaro RS to Mr Tony Dupee of Wyoming Ont., by the North Oshawa Lions Club President Lion Lyle Hargrove. The car raffle was a success with profits of over \$31,00 which with be used to support various charities.

Lindsay East & District Lions



Lion Art Thompson 705-928-5503 CELL Lion Steve Cate 905-721-1603 CELL lindsayeastlions@gmail.com We have been doing this program for over a year in the Lindsay area. Response has been wonderful and growing. Many of our members have contacted licensed facilities, bars and legions and we provide pails with the attached flyer on it.

We collect the caps and then they are taken to a scrap metal dealer where they are weighed. We put the cash towards Camp Kirk. The caps are recycled along with other scrap metal our members contribute. We were able to donate \$200 to Camp Kirk just from this last year.

Our club is new and doesn't have much money. We are excited to do this as a service under Environment that gives back to a cause we love!

Thanks!

Lion Karen Thompson Lindsay East & District Lions Service Chair

Lindsay East & District Lions recently did a road cleanup on a nearby highway that we are adopting. In mid July, our crew of Lions collected over 130 kg of garbage and recycling from the roadside. We are gearing up for another cleanup of the same busy area during our District Governor's Service Week in late October.





Haliburton Lions



Haliburton Lions sponsor the Kid's World tent at the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair

Camp Kirk Campers and Councillors help

the Haliburton Lions

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE CAMPERS AND COUNCILLORS OF CAMP KIRK FOR HELPING US AT OUR WILBERFORCE AGRIGULTURAL FAIR AND THE OUTBOARD POWER BOAT RACES IN AUGUST. YOUR ARE THE BEST!!!





The Halliburton Lions had an information booth at the annual "Seniors Seminars" on June 25th

Haliburton Lions

Backpack program celebrates 12th year with 120 backpacks

Since its inception, the Bell Canada Backpacks for Kids initiative has grown from 18 backpacks to 120 in just 12 years.

The backpacks, donated by Bell, have been filled with back to school supplies thanks to generous donations from Haliburton area Bell employees and the Peterborough engineering office. Donations have also been received from community sponsors WRD Cottage Rentals, Gooderham Firehall, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Haliburton Legion Branch 129, the Haliburton Lions Club and Bank of Montreal employees.

Also instrumental in the success of Backpacks for Kids have been two additional community partners, Needful Things and Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things, supplies the items at a discount and generously donates her time and that of her family members to fill all of the backpacks. Each backpack contains supplies such as pencils, crayons, coloured pencils, markers, paper and notebooks, a ruler, pencil sharpener, etc. The backpacks are given to Point in Time, ensuring

The backpacks are given to Point in Time, ensuring they are delivered to children in need throughout Haliburton County.

Backpacks for Kids began in eastern Canada in 2003. -Submitted



Representatives of the community gather around 120 backpacks piled high in a Ford Escape to present them to Point in Time on Aug. 14. The Backpacks for Kids campaign is initiated by Bell Canada and is done with support and sponsorships from the community, including from the Haliburton Lions Club. WRD Cottage Rentals. Goodenham Firehall, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Haliburton Liong Branch 129, and Bank of Montreal. From tieft, Dawn Hurd of Point in Time, Joan Wilson of Point in Time, Richard Wannan of BMO, Jim Frost of the Lions Club. Jim Winn of Bell Canada, Kathryn Kidd of the Lions Club, La Baxall of Bell Canada and Lisa Hamiton of Point in Time. /ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Fellow Lions, Lioness and LEOs

As you are aware several years ago the Federal Government decided to do away with the 1¢ coin. This was the end of the "Pennies for Pups" campaign that raised funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program.



The Lindsay East and District Lions Club, in partnership with District A-16 Lions Foundation of Canada Committee is promoting the collection of **pull tabs** from all types of beverage tins, consumer and pet food tins to replace the Pennies for Pups initiative.

Do you have a Pet Value store in your area? Since Pet Value is the nation al sponsor for DogGuides this could be a good place to start collecting the tabs from pet food tins. Other places to collect from could be local public schools. Children and dogs have a natural connection. This can help teach our youth about recycling for the environment. The youth of today are our lions of tomorrow.

The pull tabs will be separated out and recycled with the funds raised from the Aluminum tabs donated to Lions Foundation of Canada.

Should your club be interested in participating in this "Pull-Tabs for Pups" campaign please let me know and will be please to provide additional information on how we can work together for the benefit of all.

Lion Ken Huelin

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Lions Paint The Night

Team Building Social Fundraiser



A16 Lions, Lioness, Leos, Family and Friends; **The Lindsay East and District Lions Club** invites you to a Paint Night, where, regardless of talent or experience, *we will enjoy a night of laughter, fun & fellowship* as we take a brush and paint our own masterpieces with guidance from a team of paintslingers from Spirits and Splatters (Millbrook)

Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 6:30 pm Social, 7 to 9:30 pm Paint Masonic Banquet Hall, Lindsay

Pre-registration a **MUST** (limited spaces) You will be painting on a 16 X20 canvas, all supplies included. \$45 + tax per person = \$50.85 Register at www.spiritsandsplatters.com Visa, M/C or Paypal Password: **lionsrock** or contact: Lion Karen @ 705-878-5503 **Register by October 24th!** Cash Wine Bar with soft drinks & complimentary snacks, door prizes & MORE! lindsayeastlions@gmail.com