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## Governor's Message

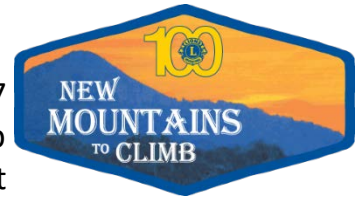
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### District Governor's Message

This final Governor's Newsletter for 2016-2017 allows me once again to express my deep appreciation for all that the Lions Family of District A16 has done to enhance the lives of our community members. To highlight the tremendous volume of good works we do would take a huge document. The formation of three new clubs and a net district growth of 54 are certainly numbers of which we can be justly proud. The strong ties between our Lioness and their Lions clubs are a huge source of teamwork and service. And don't forget the great efforts of our Leos. We don't often hear of their good works, but they represent us well.



On May 6, the Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency because of flooding. Minden Lions took the lead and, as Governor, I was able to secure a 10,000 USD grant from LCIF for emergency relief efforts. Minden, Haliburton, Kinmount and Kirkfield Lions came together to provide much needed basic supplies of food, water, and personal hygiene items. I have included some photos later in this newsletter. The community and other agencies rallied so much that we were able to return some of those funds back to LCIF so that others could benefit. This is a prime example of why every club in A16 should donate to LCIF. We get back from them much more than we donate.

I am happy to see that DGE Tim has assembled a fine team of leaders for next year. Thanks to those who stepped up to the plate. I know that you will support DGE Tim to the fullest as he leads us into the next century of service. Soon some of us will be off to Chicago where we'll see two great leaders from A16 installed...DG Tim and ID Tom. Once again, we show that the leadership from A16 is second to none.

Four Lion leaders have completed their three-year commitment to our District: PDG Larry Bell (GLT), PDG Brian Moore (GMT), PDG Jane Taylor (Lions Quest) and Lion Betty Mills (Leos). Thank you for setting an outstanding example of dedication and leadership. Next Lions year we will be adding another component to our leadership team...Global Service Team. We'll know more about that after the convention in Chicago.

The training opportunities we provide to our members are outstanding. I am especially thrilled to have seen the development of two social media workshops. Lions helping Lions...what a great sight! This will provide positive growth for us in the future. And we plan to do more so take advantage of the opportunity.

My Governor's team worked so hard this year and we initiated some significant changes. The Cabinet approved an amendment to our Policy Manual that will free up some of the Region Funds to be used for regional training. This will help us provide us the opportunity to have training sessions in more local venues and cut down on travel time. The Governor's team has also decided to abandon the use of the District Activity Report for a variety of good reasons. Clubs will be hearing more about this from 1stVDGE JC in the near future. This, of course, makes the completion of the monthly Service Activity Report to LCI even more critical. So if club officers did not attend training because it's the "same old same old"...guess what? Same old does not exist anymore!

Finally, let me thank you again for being so welcoming as I made my Official Visits. No matter how large or small the club I always saw big hearts performing great service. I especially want to thank you for supporting my Governor's Project, the Music Therapy Program at Sick Kids Hospital. Between donations, projects and the raffle, the Lions family of A16 will have donated almost \$23,000 to this wonderful cause. Lion Betty and I will be visiting the hospital after our return from Chicago to make the presentation on your behalf.

You can never make the journey to District Governor without the ongoing support of your club and your partner. Lion Betty has been with me on virtually every campaign visit, club visitation, Zone Meeting, Cabinet Meeting, Council Meeting, Lioness Meeting, etc. etc. etc. It's a blessing when you are married to your best friend. Love ya!

At the final cabinet meeting on June 17, members of the Honourary Committee put me "on trial" to see whether or not I was worthy of the position of Immediate Past District Governor. They roasted me and highlighted my "weaknesses" and my "strengths" and, by a vote of 7 to 3 I was officially accepted into the brotherhood of Past District Governors 😊. I am looking forward to serving you in that capacity next year.

Once again, thank you for all you do. Have a great summer of service.  
Cheers

DG David

P.S. Make sure you look out for each other!

# Minden Hills Flood – May 2017

Minden, Haliburton, Kinmount and Kirkfield Lions in Action

*Submitted by DG David Mills*



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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"

## The Lions Magazine Submissions

In the May/June 2017 edition of the "Lion" magazine there were a few submissions from Clubs in A-16

1. Dunsford and District Lions Club - Pg 16
2. Haliburton and District Lions Club - pg 20
3. Markham Lions Club - IBC (Inside back cover)
4. Newmarket Lioness Club - IBC (Inside back cover)
5. North Newmarket Lions Club - IBC (Inside back cover)

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<b>Clubs</b>	<b>Clubs</b>
Aurora	Box Grove
Canada Hong Kong	Markham
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Fenelon Falls	Lindsay
Haliburton	Lindsay East
Kinmount	Oakwood
Kirkfield	Omeme
Minden	Woodville



# LCCKF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## LIONS CLUBS CAMP KIRK FOUNDATION 25TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*presents the*

### YORK REGIONAL POLICE MALE CHORUS

# OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**NEWMARKET COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIONS HALL**

**200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket, ON**

**Social: 12:00 pm**

**Lunch: 1:00 pm**

**Performance: 2:30 pm**

**\$20.00**

**\$20.00**



***No tickets at the door ~ Ticket sales end September 26th***

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**Tax receipt available for \$20.00 upon request**

## Recent Melvin Jones Recipients



Lioness Dale Jackson  
Newmarket Lioness Club



Lion Allan Argue  
Woodville Lions Club



Lion Larry Doble  
Greenbank Lions Club

Lion Larry Doble, receiving the Melvin Jones, was also published in the "Focus on Scugog" paper (<http://www.focusonscugog.com/>)

Please note there are a couple of errors in the article below. It should read the award is usually presented BY a club, not TO a club.

It also seems to imply that Lion Larry Doble got \$ 1000 US, when it should indicate the money is donated to LCIF.

## Award-Winning Greenbank Lion Larry Doble sees to it that kids have good vision



Larry Doble of the Greenbank Lions Club says he was shocked to be chosen to receive the prestigious *Melvin Jones Fellowship* award. This honour is the highest award from Lions International for Dedicated Humanitarian Services and it is usually bestowed on a Lions Club, not given to an individual.

Larry was singled out because of his important work with the Vision Screening Project. The presentation was made at the Lion Convention in Oshawa on April 30. Larry received "an impressive plaque," plus \$1,000 U.S. (\$1,300 Canadian) to help prevent blindness.

For 25 years, Larry has been a member of the Greenbank Lions and he took over the job of Vision Screening Chair in October 2015.

Since then, fundraising efforts have paid for four new vision screening units, worth \$26,000. Now there are sev-

en modern new machines available to test the vision of senior kindergarten and grade one children. Free of charge!

Here's how it works. The purpose of the eye test is to detect a lazy eye. If one is identified, the child wears a patch on their good eye for about a month to give the weak eye a chance to become stronger.

"The sooner the better is important for lazy eye detection," Larry pointed out, "for the children's learning curve."

The old cameras tested each eye individually and the results were not always conclusive. The new unit tests both eyes together and it only takes 10 seconds. If necessary, parents are advised to take their child to an optometrist.

Larry not only does eye testing himself, he also trains other Lions on the use of the vision screening equipment. The 5,000 children who benefit are from Durham Region, York Region and Trillium Lakelands District.

Larry formalized agreements with the area school boards to ensure that insurance and police checks were all in order for the volunteers.

"I do not do this to get awards," commented Larry. "I do it for the betterment of the community."

*By Lynn Campbell, Focus on Scugog*

# Club Submissions

## Ajax Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Jim Fair*

My father (Hugh Fair) was a member of the **Simcoe Lions Club** during his first 15 years in Lionism. We just attended the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of that club last Saturday. In their current bulletin, they reproduced the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary bulletin which my father wrote. This was written or should say typed by Lion 40 years ago.

*From Lions Bulletin 40th Ann*

Now, may I digress a bit? It seemed to me that we shouldn't close out our 40th Anniversary Year without a few more words to mark its passing.

Forty years ago 30 public spirited men were moved to establish a Lions Club in Simcoe. For any who would like to refresh their memories as to who they were, here they are: W.H. Abbey, A.E. Aitken, G. Bauslaugh, C. Blackburn, W.H. Beam, C.A. Bennett, J.H. Bowden, D.G. Campbell, E.E. Carter, H.M. Collins, J. Coulson, H.R. Crabb, C.F. Crosbie, H.L. Dawes, C.H. Donnelly, J.B. Doyle, L.W. Hambly, C.O. Hurst, A. Jaques, S. Jaffrey, P.R. Kendall, H. Lindsay, H.R. MacGregor, Ira Miller, H. Montross, H.F. Prelipp, G. Poulos, P.G. Rigby, J. Lennox Smith and F.H. Wentworth. First President was P.G. Rigby; 1st Secretary, Gourlay Campbell and first Treasurer, Harry Collins.

In that year, A. & P. were selling butter for 32¢ per lb. and sirloin roasts for 23¢ per lb. (cheaper than butter). J.H. Bowden was Deputy Reeve; R.G. Berry was Mayor of Simcoe; Mitchell Hepburn was chosen head of Ontario's Liberal Party and Canada's Governor-General changed from Viscount Wellington to Lord Bessborough.

The Lyric Theatre installed talkies and no one had heard of TV re-runs. Popular actors were Buck Jones, Hoot Gibson, Ed Wynne, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. Paul Whiteman and his band were at the top.

Harry Collins was practicing - for appointments phone 166. Howard MacGregor conducted funerals and had an \$8,000 storewide furniture clearance for \$5,785. Lion A.E. Aitken & Son offered new Chevs for \$610.00. A young fellow named Leonard Mason, won the Top Boys Award for Track and Field events at the Norfolk County Fair.

In their first year, your charter members put on an Operetta, "The Lost Princess" and sponsored a wrestling tourney. The Ladies Auxiliary was also founded in 1931.

### WORLD EVENTS:

- That year saw the fall of the Spanish Monarchy.
- A World-wide depression.
- Japan occupied Manchuria and started war with China to last many years.
- Hoover was U.S. President.
- Mackenzie King, Prime Minister.
- Wiley Post and Harold Gatty excited the world by flying around the Globe in 8 days, 15 hours and 51 minutes.
- A Treaty of Friendship was signed between Egypt and Iraq, setting the stage for today's United Arab Republic.
- Schick invented the Electric razor.
- The Electronic Microscope was developed.

Needless to say, I could go on, but perhaps that's enough to draw back the curtain of Time. Interesting, isn't it?

Well, thank you Lions, for being such a captive audience. Many thanks too to Muriel Bridge and Helen Cross for their help with the printing and mailing of your Bulletin. Thanks to Anne and Jack Lounds for taking over. And special thanks to Lion Chief Bob and your Committee Chairmen who so regularly kept me informed.

Have a good summer,

Jim Fair

## Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club

A wonderful evening of laughter, fellowship and presentation of awards was held at our Annual Year End Dinner and Awards Night on June 9th, 2017. District Governor David Mills was present to present the awards along with our Past President Scott Mason and President Carl Young.

The club has now purchased new shirts, this is a group of those in attendance sporting the new shirts.

A great year at Fowlers Corners and now on to a new year under the leadership of President Donna Harrison.



## Minden Lions Club

### *Lions Helping Friends Affected by the 2017 Flood*



Lions from the Minden, Haliburton, Kirkfield and Kinmount Lions Clubs, with funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation emergency grant (US\$10,000) banded together to deliver the needed supplies of food, toiletries, healthcare items. In just over an hour, the 14 Lions were able to make the transfer from the local grocery stores to the Minden Food Kitchen. Minden Lions Clubs members assisted with the daily cooking of hot meals to feed those from the community whom were displaced, and the crew of volunteers.



In just 5 days, over 40,000 sandbags were made and distributed throughout the town. Then once the cameras and water had receded, the hard work of dealing with the damage began. Mennonites and Amish men came into the community, and went to designated homes to rip out the drywall, insulation rugs, etc., plus spraying for mold. Boy could those men eat. The village of Minden send out a big thank you to all who came to our aid once again, and to LCIF for recognizing our plight. Great work Lions

### *Minden Lions Build a Lasting Legacy*

Members of the Minden & District Lions Club spent the better part of two Saturdays building 37 picnic tables, 25 that were delivered to Lions Clubs Camp Kirk, and the other 12 as part of their Centennial Legacy Project were distributed around the village of Minden Hills. The delivery was timely, as many of the existing picnic tables, mostly at the main beach – Rotary Park – were destroyed or washed away down the Gull River from the flooding that ravaged the community in mid-May. Truly a team effort, with 12 of the club's 16 members participating in the work project. The tables in Minden will be stamped with "Donated by the Minden Lions Club – Centennial 2017". Region Chairperson Daryl Moore also wishes to thank clubs in Region 52 for their support of the tables for Camp Kirk.





*Minden Lions Raising the Centennial Flag in Minden on June 7<sup>th</sup>*

It started out as a simple idea. An insurance salesman from Chicago asked a world-changing question – what if people put their talents to work improving their communities? The seed that “you do not get very far until you start doing things for others” as articulated by Melvin Jones, was the birth of what has become the largest Service Organization in the world, Lions Clubs International. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917. Today, Lions celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that idea. From those humble beginnings, men and women of similar minds have joined together with the goal of providing humanitarian service across the globe. Now, with over 1.4 Million Lions in 47,200 clubs, Lions look to forge their future, while mindful of a storied past.

Just three years after our founding, Lions became International with the formation of the Windsor Downtown Lions Club. Expansion into Mexico followed in 1927. Through the 1950's and 1960's, Lions accelerated growth in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Lions have continued their growth, and now are represented in more than 213 countries and geographic areas. But it was at the International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, that Lions International accepted the challenge of Helen Keller to be “knights of the blind in the crusade against blindness”. Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired. With the invention of the “white cane” in 1930 by a Lion, the donation of a Talking Book to the Milwaukee Public Library in 1935, or the first eye bank in 1944 New York City, Lions have been at the forefront in the battle to eradicate preventable blindness. Through SightFirst, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised

more than \$436 million for this initiative. SightFirst targets the major causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, river blindness, childhood blindness, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma.

But vision and blindness were not our only focus. The ideal of an international organization is exemplified by our enduring relationship with the United Nations. We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter and have supported the work of the UN ever since. In the late 1950s, we created the Leo Program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. The environment, emergency relief, and fighting hunger became new areas where Lions provided assistance. Through the development of Lions Clubs International Foundation in 1968, Lions have been helping those in need across the world – flood relief grants, disaster relief after the Mexico earthquake in 1985, eye clinics and vision screening. In 2004, Lions mobilize more than US\$15 million for South Asia tsunami relief following the disaster, and again led the way with over US\$21 million following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. LCIF partnered with The Carter Center, led by former US president and Lion Jimmy Carter, to combat river blindness in Africa and Latin America in 1995. Lions helped administer the 148 millionth dose of Mectizan to treat river blindness, and in 2013 Columbia eliminates the disease. Is it any wonder that the Financial Times ranked LCIF as the best non-governmental organization worldwide to partner with? During 2010, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation contributes US\$5 million to the One Shot: One Life campaign, and Lions raise more than US\$10 million to support measles efforts over the next two years. This was followed up in 2013 with a partnership with the GAVI Alliance to protect millions of children from measles and rubella. LCIF committed US\$30 million for immunizations, matched by US\$30 million from UK Government and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Yes, a history of assisting those who need our help. Our motto, “We Serve”, coined by a Font Hill Ontario Lion, DA Stevenson in 1954, has been a guiding principle for Lions.

As Lionism spread across Ontario and Canada, local clubs became an important partner in the social welfare of our communities. Sponsorships of youth activities, financial support for arenas, hospitals, community festivals and events, Lions raised funds that were donated to benefit their fellow man. In 1980, Lions Foundation of Canada was created to supply Seeing Eye Dogs and Hearing Ear Dogs to Canadians, at no charge to the recipient. Over the years, LFC has expanded the program to include Epilepsy, Diabetes and Autism specialized Dogs, funded by the support of the public through annual Dog Guide Walks. Our District was formed in 1976, covering the Counties of Victoria and Haliburton, Durham and York Regions, and today have 55 Lions Club.

Lions Clubs could not succeed or be effective advocates without the dedicated work of those men and women who, as members, volunteer freely their time. They are not paid or receive financial benefit for their efforts. Money raised from the public is returned back to the public through the programs they operate. Locally, Lions perform Vision Screening and Hearing Screening at schools, they sponsor Canada Day festivals, Car Shows, Diabetes Awareness programs, Reading Action and Literacy Programs, they run Music Festivals, Public Speaking competitions for youth, they supply medical devices to seniors, building a helipad for the hospital, or running a doctor's office. Clubs in Haliburton, Kinmount

and Minden recently received a grant to assist with efforts for the Minden Flood relief. Lions are there to make a difference. You probably know many of them. They are your neighbours, co-workers, family. Often working in obscurity, the work of Lions is seldom trumpeted. Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

Lions have a great past, but the future looks exciting. We embarked on a challenge in 2014 to serve 100 million people by today. That goal has been surpassed, and we will achieve serving 160 million people. But that was the past. In a new initiative, Lions Clubs International targeted serving 200 million people around the world per year by 2021. Ambitious, yes, but Lions never back down from a challenge. Working in the areas of Diabetes, Fighting Hunger, the Environment, Vision, and Pediatric Cancer, Lions are leaders in Service to their fellow humans. Our Vision Statement, "To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service," is something we all can take pride in. Join us in celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Year of service, putting our talents to improve our community.

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# For the Good of Lionism

## District A-16 Convention



The District A-16 convention, took place on April 28-30 of this year. It was hosted by the "Oshawa West Lions Club". It was a great success.

Although, I was not asked to be the official photographer for the event, I did take many photos.

Below are the links to the photos and Video that I (Lion Rick Lush) took.

### **A-16 Convention Photos**

<http://photography.2smerks.ca/LionsClubsEvents/Lions-Conventions/2017>

### **A-16 Convention Videos**

[Lions District A-16 Convention - Day 1 - April 28, 2017](#)

[Lions District A-16 Convention - Day 2 - April 29, 2017 - Induction of new member](#)

And the full version of "Our Guy"

[Lions A-16 Convention - Karaoke - Our Guy](#)