

# District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## *A message from District Governor Sudha Verma*

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we continue our noble journey of Service and impact.

Before I start, I would like to ***thank you all*** for all your Support and the Trust you have bestowed upon me. As we enter a new phase of leadership and commitment, I am honored to serve as your District Governor and work alongside each and every one of you.

Our Lions Family has always been a beacon of hope for positive change. Together, we have touched countless lives, empowered communities and made a lasting difference. Now as we move forward, let us renew our dedication to service and strive for even greater achievements.

This year our theme is **LEADERSHIP - SERVICE – FELLOWSHIP.**

It symbolises the strength and passion that resides within each Lion, ready to be unleashed for the betterment of our communities. Let us be the Roar that inspires others to join us in Service, making a lasting impact with our Leadership and Fellowship in the lives of those who need it the most. Together we can Roar louder, reach farther, and touch more lives than ever before.



I encourage each club and every Lion to embrace this theme and set ambitious goals for the year ahead. Let us Rise & Shine to increase our membership, strengthen our partnerships with local organizations, and maximize our impact through innovative and sustainable projects. Remember our strength lies in our unity and by working together we can achieve extraordinary outcomes.

In the coming months, we will hold informative and engaging district events, training workshops, and service opportunities. I urge you all to actively participate, share your ideas, and contribute your time and expertise, Together we will learn, grow, and inspire each other to reach new heights.



**District Governor  
Sudha Verma  
Markham Mantra  
Lions Club**

As we embark on this exciting journey together, I extend my gratitude to each Lion for their unwavering commitment and dedication. Your passion and service make our communities stronger and our world a better place. Let us continue to be the pride of Lions, leading by example and making a positive impact that resonates far and wide.

Thank you for your tireless efforts and for being an inspiration to us all. Together, let us Roar for change and create a legacy of Leadership - Service - Fellowship.

Wishing you all a fruitful and rewarding year of Service!

Yours In Lionistic Spirit  
Lion Sudha Verma



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Aurora  
Canada Hong Kong  
King City  
Maple  
Oak Ridges  
Richvale  
Thornhill

### Clubs

Angus Glen  
Markham  
Markham Elite  
Markham Mantra  
Ontario York Region Heritage  
Stouffville  
Victoria Markham Square  
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### Zone 33 North

### Clubs

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BAM  
Claremont  
Goodwood  
Greenbank  
Port Perry  
Uxbridge

### Zone 33 South

### Clubs

Ajax  
North Oshawa  
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Sutton

Beaverton  
Brechin  
Cannington  
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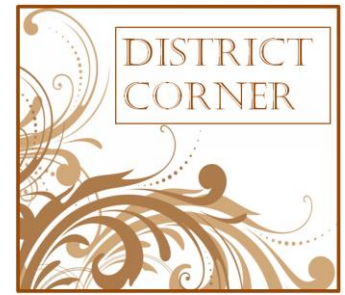
**Clubs**

Bobcaygeon  
Coboconk  
Fenelon Falls  
Haliburton  
Kinmount  
Kirkfield  
Minden

Dunsford  
Fowlers Corners  
Lindsay  
Oakwood  
Oakwood Leos  
Omeme  
Omeme Lioness  
Woodville



## Introducing the A-16 District Global Action Team Coordinators



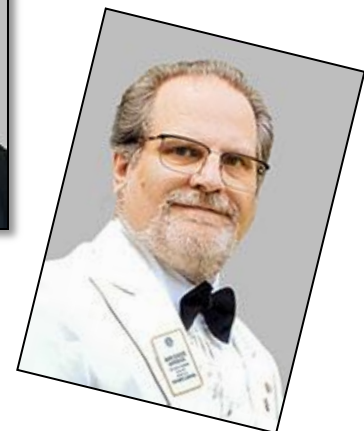
The District Global Action Team (GAT) is a powerful bridge between Clubs and the international association. It is a field team specifically designed to connect clubs and district to tools and resources developed to improve club service impact. The DG Newsletter is pleased to introduce our 2023-2024 District GAT coordinators:

Global Service Team (GST) coordinator Lion ***Barry MacDonald***

Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator Lion ***Karen Thompson***

Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator Lion ***Carolyn Stephenson***

Global Extension Team (GET) coordinator Lion ***Jean-Claude Lagrange***



From L to R: GST Barry MacDonald, GMT Karen Thompson, GLT Carolyn Stephenson, GET JC Lagrange

## *Youth Opportunities Updates from LCICON in Boston*



*Keaton Hamilton, our Lions International Peace Essay winner shared his Essay in front of thousands of Lions at the Lions International Convention in Boston in July. Keaton read his essay in Braille*

*LCI made two very cute videos introducing Keaton, together with Emma Andreea Paveliuc, the peace poster winner at the International Convention in Boston.*

*You can view the two short videos by clicking on the links below:*

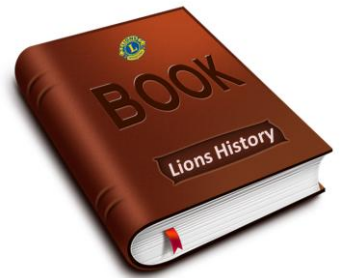
[\*Getting to Know the 2022-23 Peace Contest Winners\*](#)

[\*This or That with Emma & Keaton\*](#)





# Happy Charter Anniversaries to ....



*Stouffville Lions Club celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary earlier on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

*Coboconk Lions Club will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.*



*Markham Lions Club will have their 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for their Club on Sunday, October 22, 2023.*



## A conversation with Lion Lynda Darling, Zone Chairperson Zone 52 North

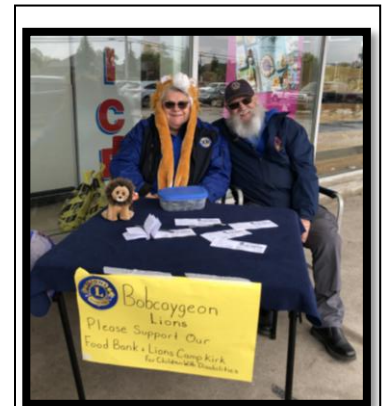


The District Governor's Newsletter editor invited Lion Lynda Darling of Bobcaygeon Lions Club to share her journey as a Lion with our readers. We are very happy that Lion Lynda accepted our invite and have a conversation with us about herself and being a Lion.

Thank you, Lion Lynda, for taking the time to talk with us.

**Editor:** You became a Lion in 2013. How did you start your Lion journey?

*ZC Lynda: I became a Lion with the Whitby Lions Club in 2013 after I had retired from teaching. I had always wanted to volunteer my time helping others, especially my community. Lions was a great fit for me. After my husband, John, and I moved to Trent Lakes, we transferred to the Bobcaygeon & District Lions Club in 2017.*



**Lion Lynda and  
Lion John**

**Editor:** You were appointed as the Zone Chairperson of Zone 52 North. What makes you want to become a Zone Chairperson in the District?

*ZC Lynda: I wanted to become the Zone Chairperson of Zone 52 N to learn more about other clubs, meet more Lions, and be more connected in the District. I wanted to bring my experiences back to my home club and share what I have learned. I wanted to broaden my horizons. I have taken the RLLI (Regional Lions Leadership Institute) course this past year to help prepare me for this position.*

**Editor:** Can you share some of your favourite memories or events that you have had as a Lion?

*ZC Lynda: My favourite memories of being a Lion are so numerous, it is very difficult to choose. Regardless of the event, the best part for me is working together with my fellow Lions to bring smiles of joy to other people in need and have fun doing it. Whether it is giving away free hot dogs and drink at a Meet and Greet event, working with other groups to raise money, or handing out donations where they are needed, all are so rewarding.*



**Editor:** One of your hobbies is “*Off Road Driving*”. Can you tell us more about your driving experiences?

*Lion Lynda: One of my hobbies is going off road on trails with challenging obstacles with my built jeep. I have been wheeling for nearly 20 years, starting as a passenger with John and soon learned that I needed my own jeep. I belong to the Ontario Federation of 4 Wheel Drive Enthusiasts and I am a Trail Guide for my home club, Central Ontario Off Road Jeep Club. My biggest joy is seeing the happy smiles on new drivers’ faces when they complete a trail and realize what they were able to do.*

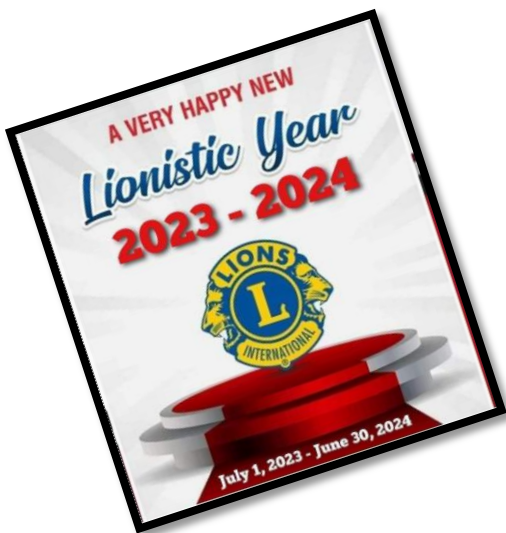


**Editor:** You have a big family as a Mom and a Grandma. How do you balance your own time and volunteering in Lions?

*Lion Lynda: This question is difficult for me to answer because balancing my time has always been a challenge. I tend to get too immersed in Lions and fill in where there is a need. As it is, I am my club’s President, Reporting Secretary (unless someone takes pity on me) and Zone Chair. I am also on several committees.*

**Editor:** Are there any other things that you would like us to know about you?

*Lion Lynda: I am really looking forward to meeting all of my 7 clubs and learning from them. I hope that I can be helpful to them as well. I will do my best to answer any questions or solve any problems as well as I can. If not, I know that I have the support of the District to ask for help.*





# *Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides*

*Open House on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:30am to 3:00pm*

Calling for all A-16 Lions, family members, and friends:

Are you interested in learning more about the magical world of Dog Guides?

***Visit our upcoming Open House on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:30a.m.-3:00p.m. at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (152 Wilson St. Oakville, ON)***

***No registration required.***

***Just walk-in any time convenient to you between 9:30am to 3:00pm on the day.***

***Guests can expect:***

- Demonstrations of 7 Dog Guide programs
- Morning session (9:30am-12pm) will include demonstrations of Canine Vision, Service and Hearing programs.
- Afternoon session (12pm-3pm) will include demonstrations of Facility Support, Autism Assistance, Diabetes Alert and Seizure Response programs.
- Tours of the training school
- Participate in a raffle with an amazing prize that includes a roundtrip flight for two guests to any regularly scheduled and marketed WestJet destination thanks to WestJet, Premium Lounge passes and Be Relax Spa vouchers thanks to Pearson International Airport!
- Learn about volunteer opportunities such as Fostering, Day School, and more!

***All are welcome!***





## Ajax Lions Club

### *Four Lions received their Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards*

Ajax Lions Club presented four Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to four Lion members at their recent awards ceremony and dinner in June 2023.

Thank you to Lion Sara Crocker, Lion Darlene Cappuccitti, Lion Debbie Winger and Lion Georgia Gabriel for all their dedications and contributions to in serving the community.

Congratulations to all on becoming Melvin Jones Fellows.

In the picture below, Past President Julie Wilson presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to (from left to right) Lion Sara Crocker, Lion Darlene Cappuccitti, Lion Debbie Winger and Lion Georgia Gabriel.



*Submitted by: Lion Sara Crocker*



## Ajax Lions Club

### *More from the Ajax Lions*

The Ajax Lions are planning to continue their Euchre Events at their Lions Clubhouse with donations going to meet the needs of our community. They will host the event on the last Friday of the month - commencing in October.

The Club is planning their upcoming 70th Anniversary celebration to take place in 2024.

They are also hosting the upcoming Region 33 Joint Zone Meeting at their Clubhouse on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Details will follow via invitation from Lion RC Tina.

#### **Details:**

#### **Ajax Lions Progressive Euchre Events 2023-2024**

Prizes, Fun, Refreshments

Time: 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Location: Ajax Lions Clubhouse

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Date: last Friday of each month commencing in October 2023

Contact: Lion Julie Wilson 416-723-9281

\* must reserve your seat in advance

**Ajax Lions Club 70th Anniversary** - we would appreciate a plug just letting the district know we are planning a luncheon in 2024 to celebrate this milestone and additional details to follow via e-blast.

**Joint Zone Meeting – Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Ajax Lions Clubhouse**

*Submitted by: Lion Sara Crocker*

# Kinmount and District Lions Club

## *Having a busy summer*

***Kinmount and District Lions*** continued to have a busy summer with all members selling tickets at various venues on our major fundraiser Summer Draw. Thirteen prizes in all with the Grand Prize, the Chainsaw-carved Bear Bench. The winners will be drawn on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Kinmount Legion.



In addition to all the serious work, members like to have fun. When our Outdoor Year End Party had to be cancelled due to ‘inclement weather’, we moved a smaller party to the safety of the Den. Food and KARAOKE TIME!!

The club supported Journey for Health, a fundraiser for the Health Services Foundation, by supplying, cooking and serving pancakes to the walkers.



Another event that we support and attend is Thursday night Music in the Park on the banks of the Burnt River at Sawmill Park.





Club President, JC Lagrange, wants to encourage visits among clubs so he ‘borrowed’ another club’s *gong and gavel* which they can retrieve by coming to a meeting at the Kinmount den.

We also continue to recognize Kinmount area citizens who help to make Kinmount a better place to live. We advertised for nominations from the community and members voted to select two recipients. President JC and Lion Dr. Elena presented the plaques at the Kinmount Fair.



*Where did they “borrow” these from??!!*

*Submitted by: Lion Margaret McAllister*



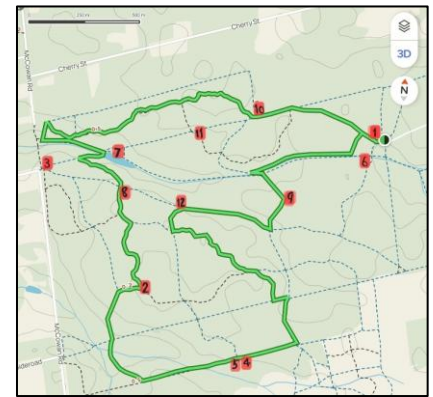
# Angus Glen Lions Club

*Orienteering – making hiking even more fun*



Angus Glen Lions has associated with outdoor activities for quite a long time. The club has organized many hiking events, particularly for people of 55+ under their banner program “*Acti-thon for 55+*”.

To make hiking even more fun, the club introduced the challenge of **Orienteering** on its September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 event. Twenty participants, all 55+, divided into 5 teams, took up the challenge to hike for the approximately 4.5 km trail in the Eldred King Tract of York Regional Forest in Stouffville. They were given a map with 12 checkpoints. Their missions were to find those checkpoints and return to the starting point within 120 minutes.



All of the teams made it back between 99 minutes to 129 minutes to complete the course, well within our estimate of 120 minutes time range. Prizes were presented to the top three teams with the highest score in locating the checkpoints and shortest time to complete the challenge. At the closing de-brief, all participants said that they had a lot of fun going through the challenge. They were asking for a repeat in the near future. Looks like this is going to be another popular event from the Club!



*Submitted by: Lion Tim Cheung*

# Aurora Lions Club

## *The First BBQ event of the new Lion Year at Huron Heights High School*



The Aurora Lions are off to a good start.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we held our first BBQ lunch of the new Lion year to the Huron Heights grade 9 students on their first day of high school.

Despite the very hot temps that day and some very smoky conditions around the barbeques we managed to be ready on time and successfully fed 400 students and teachers.

The feedback from the school organizers was very positive.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make the event a success – Lions June, Pat, Trudy, David, Jonathan, Lida, Susan, Terry, Kathi, and Jim.

Thank you everyone!

With this endeavor we were able to raise \$830 for our Activity account.



***Submitted by: Lion Michelle Bondy***



# Cannington Lions Club

## *Canada Day Festival*



The Cannington Lions held their annual Canada Day Festival on July 1<sup>st</sup> once again.



There were free rides and activities for the kids.

Our beer tent and BBQ were busy.

The car show was a big hit as well.

The event was topped off with a spectacular fireworks display in the evening.

Another great success.



*Submitted by: Lion Bo Enss*

***Thank You for reading the September 2023 issue of the A-16 District Governor Newsletter!***

*This is a quarterly Newsletter to share news and information for Lions across our District.*

*The next issues will be out on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023; March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

***Submission deadlines are 5 days before the planned issue dates; which are December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023; March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Please submit your stories in WORD document format. If you have pictures, please send them as separate files in JPEG format. This will make the editing a lot simpler.***

***Please send your submissions to Lion Tim Cheung via email at: [tcheung@lionsa16.com](mailto:tcheung@lionsa16.com)***

*The DG Newsletter committee is looking for additional committee members. If you are interested in knowing more on what service projects and club activities that clubs in A-16 are doing, this would be an excellent opportunity to get some first-hand experience in getting the information and posting it to the Newsletter for all Lions in A-16 to enjoy. It is also a great opportunity to get to know more Lions in A-16 through some direct communications with Lions working on their submissions. We ask that you are proficient in using Word document in creating and editing documents with text and pictures.*

*If you are interested in joining the committee, send me an email at [tcheung@lionsa16.com](mailto:tcheung@lionsa16.com).*

*We want to thank the Clubs submitting their club events and service projects to us for this issue. The DG Newsletter needs your support!*

***Happy Reading!***

***DG Newsletter Committee***

***Lions Eleanor Colwell and Tim Cheung***





