



June 2016

## Governor's Newsletter

DISTRICT A-16



**District Governor**  
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### Governor's Message



What a wonderful year this has been! The year 2015-2016 will be a most wonderful memory for me for the rest of my life. The people I've met and the people I've worked with have been spectacular and I believe that perhaps I've done my bit to help all of you make District A16 just a little bit better than it was. I believe that each Governor does their 'bit' and that is why District A16, although small, is a powerful District.

We had a Service Action Day last Fall when we could show our friends and neighbours just what Lions can do in the community. I hope you are all working on a project for this year's Service Action

Our District sent 2 people, Lions Trish and Peter Gautreau to the Emerging Lions Learning

Institute, one Lion, Gail Neiman, to the Advanced Institute and 2 more Lions, Eleanor Colwell and David Mills, to the Faculty Institute. As well as that, Lion Lloyd Clifton improved his time at the Faculty Institute by working on the Excel-

lence Award.

Our Communications Team worked very hard so that all our Clubs had a web-site and/or a facebook page so they could publicize their Club activities and 'toot their own horn'.

You have all helped to make my Governor's Project a tremendous success. As you all know, my goal was to raise \$12,000 in order to sponsor an Autism Assistance Dog Team through the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in Oakville. You all met Ossie, who travelled with me to all the Clubs and all the Cabinet and Zone meetings and many of you bought tickets hoping that you might take him home with you after the Convention. I'm happy to say that Ossie was won at the Convention by Lion Fred Teel of the Woodville Lions Club. Ossie was a large part of my fund-raising, along with the very generous donations from Clubs and individuals. I'm happy to say that my project raised just over \$20,000. The Lions Foundation has promised me that when a dog graduates and is assigned to a child, they will name him Ossie and I will be invited to the graduation. I am thrilled!

We have had several workshops this year, striving to be better, more knowledgeable Lions and we give thanks to our Global Membership Team and our Global Leadership Team. It is good to have committed Lions who want to help improve our Association.

And this year, too, we elected a candidate for International Director for Canada! Tom and Gillian Gordon will be excellent representatives of Lions and we pulled together as a District to have Tom elected at the MDA Convention in North Bay! Wasn't that a party?!

There is still much work to do and many more Lions to recruit. DGE David has made a good start with a good Cabinet and committed Committee Chairs. I wish him well in the year ahead and I trust that you will support him as you have supported me.

Yours in Lionism

DG Susan



***International Director  
Elect for Canada 2017-  
2019 - Lion Tom Gordon  
PDG***

## **To all the Lions of District A-16**

Seldom does one get the opportunity to experience what Gillian and I experienced at the MDA convention. Close to a third of the delegates to the convention were from District A16. And we know the support was for our District, as much as for us personally.

As we stood on the stage during the rally on Saturday, even though we knew what the plan was, we were blown away as Lions kept entering and entering the hall. Almost everybody in the hall was singing our song. The energy was contagious and it was a very emotional moment for both of us.

Thanks to the campaign committee for their steadfast and determined work on our behalf. There is no substitute for experience. Everyone came together throughout the year-long campaign, but most especially at the MDA convention. The contributions from the clubs made the purchases of campaign materials and the hospitality room refreshments possible.

Thanks to everyone who drove up to North Bay to vote. Without those votes we would not have won the election. The fact that we had almost all of our eligible votes cast, was the deciding factor in winning the election on the first ballot. Neither of the other two candidates had that kind of support from their districts. Truly, District A16 must be the greatest District in the history of Lionism.

Individually there are too many members of the Lions family to thank in this one article. Individual Lions sacrificed their time and dollars to accompany us on visits to Charter Nights, Zone Meetings, Region Rallies, and District Conventions. Many had to stay overnight in hotels as we covered places from New Liskeard to Sault Sainte Marie, Petrolia to Cornwall. Some met us part way and took over from the original group, to carry on the rest of the way.

The Lioness kept us fed in the hospitality room and assisted with the lunches and refreshments at the campaign meetings. Lions clubs made their halls available to us for these meetings. Members of the Lions family contributed advice on speeches and introductions and kept our spirits up when we were down.

Even though we had support from the Lions family in other Districts, A16 was the constant source of our inspiration and dedication.

Gillian and I are determined to do our best to represent District A16, Multiple District 'A', and all the Lions of Canada. We won't let you down.

Thanks again.



***Thornhill & Markham Lions Clubs  
Gala***

Above District Governor Lion Susan Tate and her husband Barry is having some lighter moments with Lions Ken Harris (Red Tie) and Dick Peel.

At Left 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Tim Cheung and Zone Chair Patty Ko were also in attendance

## **THE FENELON FALLS AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

THE FENELON FALLS AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB HOSTED THEIR FIRST ANNUAL PURINA WALK FOR DOG GUIDES ON JUNE 4TH. THIS BEING OUR FIRST WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE WALKERS RAISED FUNDS THROUGH PLEDGES THAT ALONG WITH OUR MEMBERS SUPPORT MEANS THAT \$2500 WILL BE GOING TO THE LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA IN OAKVILLE.

THIS PROGRAM RAISES AND TRAINS DOG GUIDES WHICH ARE PROVIDED AT NO CHARGE TO CANADIANS WITH PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL DISABILITIES. CANINE VISION DOGS, HEARING EAR DOGS, AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS, SERVICE DOGS, SEIZURE RESPONSE DOGS AND DIABETIC ALERT DOGS ARE PROVIDED.

WE VERY MUCH THANK OUR WALKERS KATHY HARA, JANET MC MANN, CAROL SMITH, DOUG COX, MARGARET MC NICKLE, AND DEB MC NAUGHTON, AND THEIR DOGS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT. OUR LOCAL SPONSORS WERE PET VALU BOBCAYGEON, THREE ISLANDS VET SERVICES BOBCAYGEON, ALL FUR DOGS GROOMING FENELON FALLS, TOP NOTCH DOG GROOMING CAMBRAY AND FENELON ANIMAL CLINIC FENELON FALLS.

THANKS ALSO OF COURSE TO THE PUBLIC WHO PLEDGED MONEY TO SUPPORT THE WALKERS. WE STARTED SMALL THIS FIRST YEAR BUT PLAN A BIGGER AND BETTER LIONS WALK FOR DOG GUIDES IN 2017.

LION KEN LE MASURIER  
FOR THE FENELON FALLS AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

I want to take this opportunity, in the last Governor's News Letter of the year, to thank the clubs that supported LCIF this year. Some of you were recognized at the A16 convention but many contributions were made after that event and I want to acknowledge them at this time. Some clubs decided to send their contributions directly to the "Lions of Alberta Foundation" as did my club. The foundation does not report the donor's names to me so you will remain anonymous. The important thing here is that A16 responded to the needs of Fort McMurray. I will not receive the final report from LCIF until July so I will recognize all clubs in the first News Letter of 2016-2017.

Lion Barry Tate LCIF Chairperson

**PLEASE continue to SUPPORT LCIF**

## Lion Norm Cook 100 Years Young



Governor Susan visiting Aurora Life Member Norm Cook at his home at Sunnybrook Hospital to present him with a 100th Birthday card from District A16



On March 23, 2016 Nicholas Larocque presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Ajax Lions Club (On the left) and the Markham Lions Club (On the right).



Lion Lloyd Clifton PDG is being recognized by DG Susan Tate at the February 6 Cabinet Meeting for completing the Faculty Development Institute Program.



1st Vice District Governor Lion David Mills is being recognized by IAC Lion Carl Young at the February 6 Cabinet Meeting for completing the Faculty Development Institute Program.



PID Bruce Smith presented IPDG Lion Eleanor Colwell with a Lions Quest Fellowship at the Cabinet meeting on February 6. PDG Lion Jane Taylor is assisting Lion Bruce Smith





Jason Liebrechts / Metroland

GREENBANK -- Larry Doble from the Greenbank Lions Club held vials that are being offered to people to put personal medical information in and then placed in the fridge. Emergency workers showing up at a home will be directed to the fridge by a sticker on the door.

**THIS COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE**

THE GREENBANK LIONS CLUB OFFERS

**MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE**

Facilitates access by first responders to your personal medical information in the event of an emergency situation in your home.

**FREE OF CHARGE**

Complete the form and put it in the bottle.

Place bottle in the fridge.

Place one green sticker on the inside of the front door.

Place the other sticker on the outside of the fridge.

All emergency services are aware of the program and will use the information in an emergency

# Greenbank Lions Club believes Message in a Bottle program can save lives

Kits that keep personal medical information for first responders offered by Scugog service club

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SCUGOG -- The Greenbank Lions Club has launched a new community program it believes could save lives in Scugog.

Following in the footsteps of other Lions

clubs across the province -- and around the globe -- the Scugog service club is now offering free Message in a Bottle kits that offer first responders quick and easy information about residents in life-saving situations.

The idea is a simple one: Residents jot down their medical information, such as allergies, any conditions (diabetes, seizures, heart problems) and contact information for doctors on a form that can be rolled up and placed into a small, plastic vial similar to a pill bottle.

That bottle is then tucked away in the fridge and green stickers are placed on the fridge door and outside door to let responding firefighters, paramedics or cops know that medical information is available.

"If a person is unconscious, then (emergency personnel) still have all the information about the person," said the Greenbank Lions Club's Larry Doble.

"They'll know there's a vial in the fridge with information about the person."

The Message in a Bottle program was picked up by a Lions club in Napanee and noticed by the Sunderland service club,

which has close ties with Greenbank. Dale St. John from the Sunderland club has spearheaded the local effort, contacting the Durham police force and EMS officials to ensure that local cops and paramedics are aware of the program.

Mr. Doble has also contacted the Scugog Fire Department, to make sure local firefighters know about the effort.

The Greenbank Lions Club has purchased one kit of the vials -- there's 100 in each kit -- and is confident the majority of those vials will be scooped up by visitors attending the June 3 seniors' forum at the Scugog Community Centre where the service club will have a booth.

The service club has already ordered a second kit, noted Mr. Doble.

He stressed, however, that the Message in a Bottle program is not just for seniors. Anyone with medical concerns, including children who suffer from diabetes or seizures, is welcome to pick up a free kit.

There is enough paperwork for two people to include their medical information in each vial.

"It's really a simple system but in a lot of emergency situations it could save a person's life," said Mr. Doble of the program.

The vial can also be easily transported to a hospital with patients to aid health-care workers there, he added.

**For more information:**  
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**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON RESPONSIBILITIES AND CABINET REPORTING  
2016-2017**

<b>1st VDG</b> <b>Tim Cheung</b> <b>Administration</b>	<b>2nd VDG</b> <b>JC Lagrange</b>	<b>RC18</b> <b>Ken Drynan</b>	<b>RC33</b> <b>Micheline Lush</b>	<b>RC 45</b> <b>Adam Jackson</b>	<b>RC52</b> <b>Daryl Moore</b>
<b>Audit</b> PDG Stan Durward	<b>Comm/Networking</b> Linda Heeps	<b>Care</b> ALERT Carrie Clifton	<b>Youth</b> Lions Quest PDG Jane Taylor	<b>Youth</b> Hearing and Speech Leah Springford	<b>Special</b> Environment Carl Vanseder
<b>Constitution</b> Jim Doak	<b>DG Newsletter</b> Mark Carrington	<b>Diabetes</b> Trish Gautreau	<b>Leos</b> Betty Mills	<b>Sight Conservation</b> Byron Taylor	<b>Mental Health</b> Gobind Sharma
<b>Convention, Nominations, Honourary</b> IPDG Susan Tate	<b>Directory</b> Alan Argue	<b>LCKKF</b> Elaine Umphrey	<b>ESPPCA</b> Sylvia Brock Mike Barker	<b>Eye Glasses</b> Roger Larocque	<b>Memoriam</b> PCC Dale St. John
<b>IAC and Protocol Aide</b> PID Carl Young	<b>IT</b> PDG Peter Jackson	<b>LCIF</b> Barry Tate	<b>Reading Action</b> Mary Brand	<b>Vision Screening</b> Larry Doble	<b>LCI 100<sup>th</sup></b> PDG Paul Taylor
<b>Protocol</b> PDG Fred Sheehy	<b>Webmaster</b> Rick Lush	<b>LFC</b> Nick Larocque	<b>SCAW</b> Ken Tranter	<b>Lioness Liaison</b> PDG Lloyd Clifton	
		<b>Gift f Life</b> Mark Donneral			



In the photo left IPDG Lion Eleanor Colwell is presenting Region Chair Lion Ken Drynan with a Chevron. On the right Nicholas Larocque is presenting the Ontario Heritage Lions Club with a Certificate of appreciation. These presentations were made at the Joint Zone Meeting on March 23, 2016.



## Presentation To Dog Guides



***District Governor Susan presenting the cheque from her project to Julie Jelinek, Director of Development (left end) of Lions Foundation of Canada, with 4 mothers who have just finished the training with the Autism Assistance dogs for their children. The project totaled \$20,067.19.***



### **I.A.C. - Carl Young**

District Governor Susan, Cabinet Officers, International and District Officers Past and Present, Lioness District President Terry, Cabinet Committee Chairs, Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests,

It is a pleasure for me to submit this report to your final Cabinet Meeting for this year on behalf of International Advisory.

Well what a wonderful, wonderful time we had at our MDA Convention in North Bay.

Everything went beyond the excellent level all the way to superb.

Our Candidate for International Director for Canada 2017-19 , PCC Tom Gordon and Lion Gillian were absolutely outstanding and in Gillian's case stunning. Lion Tom and our District were successful in our quest to have Tom elected as our endorsed candidate.

Our District was just tremendous in so many ways. The selfless work that all of our committee members from District A16 and from other Districts paid off handsomely at the voting booth.

Every aspect of our participation at the MDA Convention was first class. Lioness Karen and her committee did an absolutely tremendous job of our hospitality room in layout, food, beverages and decorations. IT was the only real hospitality room there. Our people were unfailingly friendly and welcoming no matter who our guests may have been supporting. Words fail to adequately describe our demonstration. The theme, energy, determination and plain enthusiasm to say nothing of our overwhelming numbers I believe to a degree demoralized the candidates and their supporters.

From start to finish just a tremendous effort and undertaking. Our District is praised in many quarters and criticized in some areas for our friendliness, determination and for just plain doing things the right way and getting the job done. Well again you have shown how to get it done and all of you from PCC Tom and Gillian, Campaign Chair Paul, through our entire District should be proud and also take a little time to enjoy our accomplishments.

We must not forget to extend our best wishes to those candidates Jim Prenger and Brad Anderson who were not successful in their quest. They and their committees deserve our congratulations and best wishes for their large contribution to the democratic processes of our International Association.

The question may well be on your minds, " what happens now " ?

The Campaign Committee as constituted will stay in place for the coming year with the addition of one or two members from Multiple District " A ". At the close of the International Convention in Fukuoka Lion Tom will officially become Multiple District " A "'s endorsed candidate for International Director and we will begin the campaign to have Tom formally elected at the International Convention in Chicago next year. The one big difference is that now the campaign expenses will be borne by Multiple District " A " as Lion Tom will MDA 's candidate.

I will expand more on this next phase in my first report in the new Lions' year.

Congratulations to all. Tom and Gillian we are very proud of you.