# District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

October 1st, 2024



Lions, Lioness/Lions and Leos. It gives me great pleasure to serve as your District Governor for this Lion's Year 2024-2025. It is a great honour.

As District Governor one of my duties is to represent our International President Fabricio Oliveira. When you listen to him speak you can feel his passion for Lionism. He continues to promote Mission 1.5 in which every Lion has a crucial role to play in achieving this historic membership milestone. Together, we can make a difference.

International President Fabricio's theme for this year is **MAKE YOUR MARK.** It means stepping up in our clubs and our communities and changing lives. It means amplifying the voices that may go unheard and showing that Lions care and we are here to stay.

My Governors project for this Lion's year **is raising funds for LCIF.** By the Lions year ending June 30th, 2025, I am confident that through your personal and club donations our District will raise \$50,000 for LCIF. Why to LCIF? My answer is simple. **WE SERVE** and we serve those in need no matter who they are or



where they may be. Recently one of our own clubs was able to secure an LCIF grant that enabled them to assist residents in their community who were displaced by a devastating fire. It's because of your donations that these grants are made possible. And behind every grant is a story filled with inspiration.

My Governors theme for this year **is Pulling Together for Our Clubs and Our Communities**. By continuing to work together, we can accomplish so much more. Clubs can share ideas and strengthen those clubs who may be struggling. Relationships within our District need to remain strong so that our communities will become the benefactors of the great work and collaborations done by our members District wide.



I want to thank each and everyone of you who have taken on a leadership role, and I encourage others to follow their lead. I also want to thank our past leaders for their support and their willingness to encourage others and pass on their experience to their fellow Lions.

Thank you for everything you do to support your communities and the District. I am looking forward to many great things this Lion's year because together we can accomplish so much.

Yours in Lionism Lion John Relph





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# 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 districts to tools and resources developed to improve club service impact. The DG Newsletter is pleased to introduce our 2024-2025 District GAT coordinators:



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# A-16 1st Cabinet Meeting in Pictures -Aug 17-2024



































### **Fowlers Corners Lions Club**

Our club is just finishing up **Our Cruise Night project**. We have held 18 cruise nights, with a total at each show from 170 to 409 cars; total people attending from 500 to 1250; 50/50 Draws have been around \$500 to \$2400; Donations have been around \$300 to \$2000.

Proceeds from these events go to five local charities. We have had many volunteers who have proved to be a great help, without them we would have been very short-staffed. All lions have participated to help make this a very profitable year. Thanks to everyone for their very valuable help.

Submitted by: Lion Gail Neiman



# Newmarket Lions Club celebrate with Lions Camp Dorset

On Monday September 16/24 at the Newmarket Community Centre and Lions Hall, the Newmarket Lions presented Lion Suzanne Gunby, president of Lions Camp Dorset Board with a cheque for \$200,000.00 from their Catch the Lions Ace Fundraiser. Lions Camp Dorset is the only camp in North America where dialysis patients and their families can have a week's summer vacation with fellow kindred spirits from dialysis hospitals all over Ontario. Two hundred and eighty-seven families enjoyed the summer sun, the many water and sport's activities and relaxed while their loved one received dialysis three times during that week.

Lions Camp Dorset needs to upgrade the facility to accommodate more dialysis patients, and the Newmarket Lions Club Catch the Ace Team were pleased to be able to spend 45 weeks in our fundraising adventure raising the money for such a worthwhile cause. We thank the over 8000 ticket purchasers for making our success possible.

### Submitted by: Lion Kirby Brock



# **Cannington Lions Club**



The Cannington Lions Club hosted their 19th annual **Canada Day Festival** this past July 1, 2024 at MacLeod Park in Cannington. The Festival included a car show with a record 140 vehicles entered. There were free rides for the kids all day. Activities included a very busy fish pond, Zoo To You animal display, Haunted Attraction presentation, and Cannington Historical Society buildings tours. The beer tent was open all day and into the night leading up to the fireworks. The Lions were very busy at the BBQ with hotdogs, sausages, and burgers. The concessions included nachos, cotton candy and drinks. The Festival was topped off with a spectacular 20 minute fireworks display. Everyone had a great time! Thanks to the many volunteers who helped us out including the Cannington Lioness Lions.

### Submitted by Lion Bo Enss









# **Angus Glen Lions Club**



### **Fundraising Concert for The Difference campaign**

Angus Glen Lions Club is proud to present the York Regional Police Community Chorus (YRPCC) to perform in a fundraising concert for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) "The Difference" campaign.

Fundraising Concert by YRPCC for "The Difference"

Organizer: Angus Glen Lions Club, District A-16

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Venue: Peoples Theatre for the Performing Arts

22 Esna Park Drive, Markham, ON

https://www.peoplestheatre.ca/

Tickets: \$35

For tickets: Contact PCC Lion Tim Cheung

email: aglc@lionsa16.com

call/text/whatsapp: 416-436-3493

York Regional Police Community Chorus is a community pillar of York Region. From sacred music to Broadway show tunes to rock n' roll, no song is too ambitious for the York Regional Police Community Chorus' repertoire. Since its formation in 1991 the chorus has entertained audiences as far as the United Kingdom, Newfoundland and Quebec. It has performed on Parliament Hill in Ottawa for the annual Canadian Police and Peace Officers' Memorial and at the Ontario Police Memorial Service at Queen's Park in Toronto, all the while remaining a pillar in their own community, here in York Region. Singing in four-part harmony, the Community Chorus performs more than 20 times each year, raising thousands of dollars for charitable organizations locally. There are three active Lions of A16 singing in YRPCC.

The Dog Guides training school in Oakville is at maximum capacity for both dogs and people and is not accessible for the people we serve. The Difference campaign is for a new school



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which will create a space specifically designed to train specialized Dog Guides that are in demand. It will increase the capacities of the training program significantly.

We are grateful that YRPCC will be performing for us at the fundraising concert for The Difference campaign. Please come join us for an evening of choral singing and support this great cause to make The Difference. Bring your club members out as a club event. Bring your friends and neighbours to enjoy some nice singing and at the same time support this great cause. Help spread the news of the Concert to your communities and help promote the event in your areas. You can order tickets by sending an email to aglc@lionsa16.com.

### Submitted by: Lion Patty Ko



# **Angus Glen Lions Club**

#### Activi-thon for 55+ 2024 by Angus Glen Lions Club

Angus Glen Lions Club is pleased to announce that we have received funding under the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program for our "Activi-thon for 55+2024". This federal grants and contributions program supports projects that are led or inspired by seniors who are making a difference in the lives of other seniors in their communities.

We designed the **Activi-thon for 55+ 2024** as an activity marathon taken at the participant's own pace to:

- 1. promote active living and lifestyle for participants
- 2. provide a platform for all to socialize in a safe manner
- 3. encourage all to try new things and gain new experiences

Participants will choose to take part in the activities of their own choice. There are self-guided activities and there are organized events by Angus Glen Lions Club. Participants will mark down their participation and achievement in a Progress Report as provided. They will receive prizes at the end of the program to celebrate their achievements in this Activity Marathon.

We take special efforts in helping those seniors who are newcomers to the community and to Canada, and seniors facing language barriers. We offer seniors participating in the program a safe environment to socialize and make new friends. The program runs from August 2024 to March 2025.

### Submitted by: Lion Tim Cheung



# Markham Elite Lions Club

Markham Elite Lions Club held its **Annual Picnic** on August 25, 2024. The successful event was attended by members, friends and family enjoying good times together on a lovely Sunday afternoon.













Submitted by Lion Kasturi Ghoshal

# In Focus

# Victoria Markham Square Lions Club

Volunteering for a Lions Cause and Social activities in the Club go hand in hand!

The VMSL members love to get involved in activities where the work execution is done with their own hands by volunteering their time and efforts. The effort of being present personally for any activity involves a lot of commitment and sparing time out of busy schedules mostly on the weekends. The VMSL members did not stop this Summer and continued to serve the community which is one of the club's mandates. A **Tree maintenance activity** was completed on July 27, 2024, at the Monarch Park, Markham. The program is run by www.10000trees.com to help maintain the green environment and VMSL members are attached in environment support for a number of years. The trees were mulched, and the area cleaned for their better growth over time.





As VMSL members have become a social family over time, a **Potluck Picnic** was organized at the beautiful Richmond Green Park on August 10, 2024. Members enjoyed delicious food, fun activities, dance, beautiful flowers full of colours of

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life, positivity and laughter. Happy Social bonding makes selfless community volunteering easy.





Taking the full benefit of nice weather and before ending the summer of 2024 and getting ready to face fall and winter, in another outdoor volunteer activity, on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Monarch Park in Markham, New trees were planted by our VMSL members in a **Tree planting program** organized by 10000trees.com.





Submitted by: Lion Harish Sharma

### **Haliburton Lions Club**

### A Great Partnership in Haliburton Honours our Veterans

Each year the veterans buried in our local cemeteries are honoured and remembered. The partnership consists of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, the Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, the Independent Studies class at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Haliburton and District Lions Club. Lion Linda Heaps, as a Legion member, undertook the task of identifying the graves of veterans. To date she has located 150. Students place a cross on each identified grave. It is wonderful to see them recognize the veterans who fought for their freedom. Lion Gord Kidd provides the music, and the Lions provide the sound system, the tent and they serve the refreshments. The Legion conducts the service, provides the colour guard and arranges for the playing of "Taps" and "Reveille". The following Sunday, the crosses are gathered up and stored away until next year.

### Submitted by: Lion David Mills









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### **Haliburton Lions Club**

#### Haliburton Lions Stories in the Park Fun Fair

The Haliburton and District Lions held their annual Stories in the Park Fun Fair on Wednesday August 28. This popular annual event has grown each year and is well received by the community. We had some rain but that did not dampen the enthusiasm and the fun. It was wonderful to see so many community partners all in one location. Attendees told us that they look forward to this event each summer. Our biggest challenge will be to address the ever-increasing participation. Challenge accepted.





















Submitted by: Lion David Mills

# In Focus

# **Bobcaygeon Lions Club**

News from the Bobcaygeon and District Lions Club

Our club has had a very busy few months serving our community.

Our busy season tends to begin in May due to the fact that we are a tourist town, there are many activities that we support.

On May 2, our town had a terrible apartment fire that left 27 people homeless. Our club was proud to be the first boots on the ground and working with a committee of local volunteers and our councilwoman, Pat Warren, we are still helping these tenants. (I will be doing a full report later once everything is finalized.)

On May 26, we held our successful **Dog Guide Walk** after a few years off, thanks to a new Lion taking on the challenge in partnership with our Pet Valu store.







We held a 50/50 raffle where the proceeds were evenly divided between Lions Camp Kirk and our Food Bank. The draw took place on July 2.

We supported the **Canada Day** committee with a donation and entered a decorated golf cart carrying our teenager, Logan and his Dog Guide, Trixie, to show how we support the Dog Guide program.

We cooked and served food to many hungry people at 2 car shows in May and June. We continued doing the same in July for the guests at the **British Empire** Fuels 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Early in July, we helped the **Bobcaygeon Music Council** collect musical

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instruments from various schools and took them to Settlers Village for their Music Camp. Then we picked them up and returned them to their schools at the end of the camp.







Every Thursday evening in July and August, we cooked and served food for the audiences who enjoyed the Concerts in the Park. We donated money to the Bobcaygeon Music Council on the last evening so that the audience could see that we give back to our community and thanked them for their continued support each week.

Every Tuesday, we hold a **Bingo** as a service to our community. Our players are very grateful and support our collection of food stuffs, pop tabs, glasses, and prescription bottles. Any money raised goes to our Food Bank.







In August, we were invited to cook and serve food for **Boatapolousa at Kawartha Marina**. There were over 500 boats who came to enjoy 3 live bands and our food. Customers were shuttled back and forth by pontoon boat. It was a great, fun event set up to raise money for ALS.

Any money we raise goes right into our donation account for needy people in and



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around our community. These include purchasing a special hearing aid, special glasses, paying for trips and hotel stays to Sick Kids for a single Mom with a child dealing with brain cancer, helping a young woman dealing with cancer, donations to the Food Bank, Lions Camp Kirk, Lions Camp Dorset, SCAW, LCIF Canada for disaster relief, local hospitals, sponsoring a local Olympic hopeful in archery, and sponsoring our local youth to participate in dance, drama, dirt bike racing, and sports. I know that I have left out several others.

We recently donated to and volunteered to help our local Pickleball Club hold a tournament to raise money for the Kawartha Family Health Team. It was very successful.

Right now we are preparing to cook and serve food at the Bobcaygeon Fall Fair for 3 days from Sept.26 to Sept.28.

As you can see, we are a very busy club. We do enjoy working together to help others. We will slow down in the winter time when we re-energize for the next season.

Submitted by: Lion Lynda Darling

# **Bobcaygeon Lions Club**

The Bobcaygeon Lions Club were recently honoured to have PDG
Lion David Mills and Past ZC Lion Betty Mills present the
prestigious **Melvin Jones Fellow Award** to two of our most deserving members.
Congratulations President Lion Ted and VP/Service Chair



Submitted by: Lion Tracy

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# **Aurora Lions Club**

Fellow Lions,

We have once again completed a very successful **school barbeque** for Huron Heights Secondary School.

"Thank you to all of our volunteers who participated in this event. Serving 400 meals is a challenge but we seem to really have it down pat now. We work together like a well oiled machine as the saying goes. And our trailer is amazing! Don't hang up your aprons just yet. Our Lady of Grace has advised that they will not be going ahead with their bbq on September 26, 2024. However, I received an email from Glen Cedar this morning advising us they would like to do a BBQ...guess what date...September 26, 2024! We will send more info once everything is confirmed.

Another great effort in the books."







Submitted by Lion Michelle Bondy

# **Aurora Lions Club**



The Aurora Lions Club participated in the Town of **Aurora Ribfest** this year by running the Water and Pop concession. It was a very positive experience and we had great interactions with the community over the three days of the event. It brought very positive awareness to both our local club and Lions International.

For Example - We had a container labelled for Can Tabs. It created lots of informative discussions on the Dog Guide Program that the Lions are involved with. Especially considering that Lion Trudy was going through the whole event canvassing for tabs! The people at the beer tent knew her well!

Considering that this was our first attempt at something like this, I feel we did a very good job. I'd say that we did far more things right than wrong but there are some things that we may do differently next year. We've already been asked back .. And we've already accepted!

On Sunday, the Mayor of Aurora, Tom Mrakas dropped by for a visit.

In the end, we were able to raise more money over a single weekend than we have in years - which will allow us to invest even more than we'd planned in our community.



Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas (the tall gentleman in the back row) visits our booth.

### Submitted by Lion Rob

### Markham Lions Club

#### **INDUCTION**

The Markham Lions Club was pleased to induct Tess Kucheran into our club at the Dinner meeting on September 5, 2024 at St. Andrew's United Church in Old Markham Village. Welcome Lion Tess!



L to R: PDG Barry MacDonald, Lion Tess Kucheran, Lion Elizabeth Price (Membership Chair),

PDG Fred Sheehy(Sponsor), and Lion President Tim Armstrong.

#### RINGETTE

On Saturday, September 7, 2024 the Markham Lions set up their tent at the Angus Glen Community Centre where a Ringette Tournament was being held. We sold hamburgers and hot dogs to the hungry attendees. The Ringette coaches and players help us out at our Food Booth at the Markham Fair, which we greatly appreciate. The accompanying photo is of Markham Lions and Friends who worked the event.



L-R Markham Lions & Friends

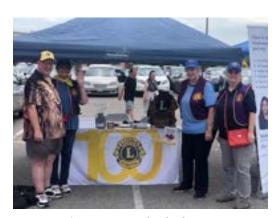


### **Markham Lions Club**

#### PLAZA PALOOZA

The Box Grove Connected Residents' Association held a community event on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Box Grove Centre Plaza. Fun, food, music, contests, prizes, demos, and guest speakers were all a part of the festivities.

The Markham Lions Club had an Information Table, under the tent, where we chatted with folks. We gave them handouts regarding: Membership, Walk for Dog Guides, the Difference Campaign, LCI, and of course our own club's brochures and Business Cards. The most fun was having the children guess the number of candies in the jar. Lions and Community - there's no stronger combination!



L-R Lions Scott Young, Elizabeth Price, Lorraine O'Bonsawin & Sharon MacDonald



L-R Lion Sharon MacDonald & David

#### **360 KIDS**

The Markham Lions Club received a large donation of lovely, china dishes and in turn gave them to 360 Kids. They were most appreciative and assured us that good use will be made of them

### Submitted by Lion Elizabeth Price

### **Pefferlaw Lions Club**

Here are the activities that the Pefferlaw Lions Club have done since April 2024:

Indoor Movie Night - April 13th - We had a great response to our first indoor movie night with approximately 100 people attending. This was a free program to the community.

Mother's Day Kids Craft Event - May 5th- We made bracelets or necklaces for Mom along with a handmade card.

Father's Day Kids Craft Event - June 9th - Kids made their dad a sign for their office or garage, along with a handmade card.

Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre **Pump Track Opening** (supporting the Town of Georgina) - June 22nd - We worked with the Town of Georgina to provide a BBQ for the opening of the Pump Track at the Lions Hall Community Park. We had a fabulous turnout of 100+ people for the opening with fun had by the kids and a few adults too!!

**Euchre Tournaments** (once a month) - We run monthly euchre tournaments with anywhere from 20 - 40 people coming to have a great time. Fee is \$20.00 per person with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Most Lone Hands and Boobie Prize (Lowest Score). **Bingo** (once a week) - Bingo is a popular event in Pefferlaw with over 100 people per week. We have a potential prize pot of \$2000.00 based on the progressive number each week. It is a don't miss for any Bingo lovers.







**Euchre Tournaments** 



Bingo



### **Pefferlaw Lions Club**

Lucy's Diner Opening (Supporting Local Business) - July - A few of the Pefferlaw Lions executives attended the grand opening of Lucy's Diner in downtown Pefferlaw to show their support. Lion Don and Lion Brian along with the Town dignitaries participated.



Lucy's Diner Opening

**Street Fest** - July 27th - We closed down parts of Pefferlaw Road to run this excellent community event with over 1000 people attending throughout the day. We had vendors, kids zone, a bicycle parade and live music. Local restaurants offered great specials for those that were hungry. This was a free event for the community with special guests from Mayor Margaret Quirk, Councillor Lee Dale and MPP Scott Davidson.



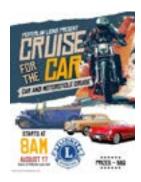


Street Fest

### **Pefferlaw Lions Club**



Car Show - August 5th - We started out with some rain but it turned out to be a fabulous day with hundreds of cars attending. We had approximately 500+ guest attend the day enjoying the cars, kids zone with bouncy castles and BBQ run in conjunction with the Beaverton Lions Club.



Car Cruise - August 17th - This is the second annual **Car Cruise** in support of the Pefferlaw Lions Club Car. We had quite a few cars and motorcycles that took the route, to come back for a fun BBQ at the Pefferlaw Lions Hall.

**Backpack Giveaway** with the Georgina Food Pantry - August - This year we partnered with the Georgina Food Pantry to provide back to school backpacks to those in need from the Pefferlaw and area. We made 51 backpacks which were donated to the Food Pantry for distribution to those from the Pefferlaw and area.



Starlight Movie Night - Garfield - September - Special thanks to our sponsors ReMax All Stars Reine Schickedanz, Lucas Shickedanz and Marc McCrea

Regular Meetings are the First and Third Monday's of the Month - ALL WELCOME!

### Submitted by Lion Wendy Busby

## Submitted by: Lion Sanjiv Endley President Victoria Markham Square Lions Club

Editor's Note

Thank You for reading the October 2024 issue of the A-16 District Governor Newsletter!

This is the 1st quarterly Newsletter to share news and information of Lions and Lioness Lions across our District for 2024-2025.

All the issues of the Newsletter can be found on the A-16 website at <a href="https://lionsa16family.org/documents.html">https://lionsa16family.org/documents.html</a>

As your DG Newsletter committee chairperson for the very 1st year and issue, I want to express my sincere thanks to all the Lions and Clubs in A-16 for supporting this Newsletter. Frankly I am overwhelmed to see the level of engagement our Lions in A16 have in their communities and the immense good work you all are doing on the ground working towards achieving LCI Global initiatives.

So keep the news and pictures coming!! Without your continuous support and submissions of your great stories each quarter, the Newsletters will not be able to exist in its current form.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to Lion Tim Cheung for spearheading this initiative for the past three years and Lion Eleanor Colwell for supporting this great team effort. I shall endeavour to keep this great initiative succeeding with both their support and support of all the Clubs and members in A16.

Happy Reading and have a healthy Fall season!

**DG** Newsletter Committee

Lions Sanjiv Endley, Eleanor Colwell and Tim Cheung



