District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

June 15th, 2024

A message from District Governor Sudha Verma

Dear Fellow Lions,

As I stand before you at the close of my term as District Governor of our District A16, my heart is filled with immense pride, gratitude, and a touch of bittersweet emotion. This journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, and it has been an honor to serve alongside such passionate and dedicated individuals.

Throughout this past year, we have faced numerous challenges and celebrated many triumphs. Together, we have upheld the Lions' motto, "*We Serve*" by making a profound impact in our communities. We have sincerely worked on our areas of focus: Hunger, Vision, Diabetes, Environment, Childhood Cancer, and supported Humanitarian Causes, Disaster Relief and Youth, extending a helping hand to those in needs. Each project and initiative has been a testament to our collective commitment to making the world a better place.

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and dedication of each and every Lion in our District. Your hard work, your generosity with your fundraising endeavours, and kindness have been the driving force behind our success. It is your spirit of service that has made my term as District Governor so rewarding and fulfilling.

As I pass the torch to our incoming District Governor, I am confident that our district will continue to thrive and achieve even greater heights. I encourage you all to support and collaborate with our new leadership with the same enthusiasm and dedication that you have shown me. Together, we can build on our accomplishments and continue to serve with compassion and purpose.



District Governor Sudha Verma Markham Mantra Lions Club



I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the district leadership team, club officers, and every Lion member for your trust, collaboration, and friendship. It has been a privilege to lead such an inspiring group of individuals.

Though my term as District Governor is ending, my commitment to the Lions' mission remains steadfast. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you, contributing to our shared goals, and celebrating the many successes that lie ahead.

Thank you once again for an incredible year. Let us move forward with renewed energy and dedication, always remembering the profound impact we can have when we come together as Lions.

With deepest gratitude and best wishes,

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Sudha Verma





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A message from PCC Debbie Dawson

Endorsed Candidate for International Director of Canada

Thank you does not seem to be enough

Our friends of District A16.

Lion Don and I are truly humbled by your support and encouragement throughout our campaign to be International Director for Canada for 2025-2027. Your donations in money, time, energy, and expertise have been overwhelming.

I received many comments over the past 10 months from other districts to the level of commitment of the A16 team. They were truly impressed at the teamwork and dedication to our campaign.

I heard that we in A16 are privileged – I must disagree. We just have an incredible team that allows our members to be the best they can be.

Don and I truly appreciate all your hard work in ensuring that we always had everything looked after.

Special thank you to the followings: Oshawa Airport Lions Club who continues to support both of us as we navigate to new positions and our incredible campaign team headed up by PDG Paul Brand. The team consisted of many members from District A16 and a number from Districts A1, A3, A4, A5, A9, and A15 who constantly looked for new ways to engage with our members across from MDA.

As I always say There is no place like home.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Deb and Lion Don







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Lions Clubs Camp Kirk's Family Fun Weekend



September 6 – 8, 2024

Welcome everyone to another fun filled weekend at beautiful Camp Kirk! I hope you will all

take the opportunity to relax, renew friendships, play some games, and enjoy the meals we have planned for you.

Friday night you will be on your own for dinner; however you won't want to miss the corn roast later that night!

There will be swimming in our beautiful pool, horseshoes, bocce ball for adults and kids, ladder ball and more. Feel free to bring soccer balls and/or basketballs to share.

If you are musically inclined, and play an instrument, please bring it with you and we will try to have a Jam Session on Saturday night around the campfire!

There will be a Memorial Service at 11am on Sunday morning. Everyone is welcome to

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come and pay respect to the members of the Lion's family who have left us in the past year.

Come and join us for the weekend, or just on Saturday for our new roast beef dinner!

Click <u>here</u> to go to the Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation website for more info, or email Lioness Lion Pat Aitken at **grammapat10th@bell.net** to book your cabins and meals.

Lioness Lion Pat Aiken

Youth Opportunities Committee 2023-2024 Updates



Colwell Award:

The Colwell Award is presented to a Club that has completed a new project either for or by youth. This year's winner was the Greenbank Lions Club

Lion Larry Doble worked with several groups in Greenbank to restore the basketball, tennis, and pickle ball courts in Ianson Park to avoid liability issues from falls. Through grants and donations the \$80,000 restoration project was completed. This led to the expansion of a Greenbank Youth Basketball League managed by Rene Adamkowski on the Greenbank Hall Board.

Further donations and grants initiated by the Greenbank Lions helped to reduce the cost for players. This rural grass root program applied for recognition from Maple Leaf Sports and they won 30 tickets to a Toronto Raptor game and the players were allowed on the court at half time during a game December in 2023. From a small beginning the project became a chance of a lifetime for these players.



Effective Speaking Contest:

District A-16 was represented very well with 6 speakers participating in all the 6 categories at the Multiple District "A" effective Speaking Contest held in May 24 - 26, 2024 at St. Catharines. We are very proud of our District a-16 Contestants:

Junior English: Clia Hartman - Honorable Mention

Intermediate English: Rhys Benge - 1st Place

Senior English: Maiwand Gawharzad – 2nd Place

Junior French: Romy Kehat - 1st Place

Intermediate French: Isla Cross - 2nd Place

Senior French: Grace Tan - 1st Place

At the MDA Youth Luncheon the Senior category was selected to give their speech this year. Grace Tan did a wonderful job and received a standing ovation from the group in attendance.



Peace Poster

Shauna Khan, our District A16 Peace Poster winner, was also the MD 'A' Peace Poster winner. She shared her poster with the group and expressed her thoughts as to what *Dare to Dream* means to her.

Our Peace Poster Theme for the coming year is "Peace Without Limits".

Thank you to the young people and to all the supporting clubs in our district for making this year such a successful year.

Submitted by: Lion Sylvia Brock

District Youth Opportunities Committee Chairperson





A conversation with Lion Sanjiv Endley Of Victoria Markham Square Lions Club

We are happy to invite Lion Sanjiv Endley of Victoria Markham Square Lions Club to sit down with us for a conversation. Lion Sanjiv has been a Lion since 2017. He will be our Governor Newsletter committee chair starting July 1st, 2024.

Editor: Can you tell us how did you start your Lion journey?

Lion Sanjiv: I got introduced to Lions in 2016 and became a Lion member in the summer of 2017. I had lost my father in 2015 and since that year I had become more motivated to increase my impact in doing community service. Lions Club just happened to be one of the platforms I got introduced to and I became a member.

Editor: What would be some of the special moments to you that you can recall in your service journey as a Lion so far?

Lion Sanjiv: I am personally very inclined to serve the community in person as a service activity versus fundraising and making donations. There are several memorable moments serving as a Lion for me.

One special moment was the cooking and serving of full meals for family members staying at Ronald McDonald house in downtown Toronto. The families were staying there to be close to their children who are undergoing treatment at close by hospitals.











The other one was the event where we were providing cooked meal packages for staff members at Participation House Markham during COVID supporting and thanking the staff looking after people with disabilities living at that facility.



Editor: You are the Club President of your club, and you also work full time. How do you find the balance in your work life, family time, and as a Lion?

Lion Sanjiv: Frankly it is a tough managing act!

That said I have a very clear thought process on what I do and why I do it! Plus I am very efficient and organized.

I feel I always can find time for what is important to me personally and for my family and close friends. That helps me decide on my priorities for work, family and community work. I also realize the importance of a balanced life, as life is a long journey with different phases and one needs to consciously engage at all stages.

Editor: As you will take up the role as the Chairperson of the Newsletter committee in the new Lions year, what would you like to see happening with the Newsletters?

Lion Sanjiv: This aspect I can comment once I learn more about what has been done and what is expected of me. I certainly feel strongly about engaging all the clubs and spreading the good words about Lions and the communities we serve far and wide.

Editor: Thank you Lion Sanjiv for taking your time speaking to us. We wish you all the best in your new role as the Committee Chairperson for the Governor Newsletter 2024-2025!



Fowlers Corners Lions Club

Awards Night at the Club



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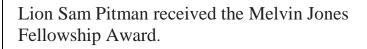
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A great evening of fun, food and laughter was had at Fowlers Corners Lions Club on June 14th, 2024. We had our awards night and an induction of a new member making it a great way to end this Lions year. Forty Nine Members and Spouse enjoyed the evening.

Mark Smith is shown in photo below at the induction ceremony.

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Submitted by: Lion Gail Neiman

Oak Ridges Lions Club

Oak Ridges Lions Community Events

The members of the Oak Ridges Lions Club just LOVE community events, especially when we build relationships!

24th Annual Community Clean Up

On May 11, 2024 our club was proud to host our 24th Annual Community Clean Up to support our local environment. For years we have "taken the event off the shelf", meaning we have

done it the same way over and over. This year, we decided to change it up a bit! We pushed the date from April to May. We only advertised the event online and through our local networks. We decided to include our "sister clubs" (those clubs in our immediate area). We changed our food sponsor. All of that was big change, but the one thing that was the best part of the change was our relationships with each other!





We had a glorious time! The weather co-operated, the students came in droves, and we partied with Aurora, King City and Richvale Clubs to no end! Our local Tim Hortons kicked off our day with much needed coffee and TimBits. Our new food sponsors, Joe and Val's No-Frills Aurora provided all the food for our BBQ lunch. The City of Richmond Hill Waste Management Department used their "What goes Where" game to

promote learning about what goes into our recycling boxes. Toronto Region Conservation Authority set up a separate hub on our worst littered corner (King Road and

Yonge Street) and with the help of the students cleared the Humber River corner of tons of garbage. All in all, over 100 volunteers made a massive difference in the amount of litter removed from our greenspaces, streetscapes, parks, and wetlands.





June 15th, 2024

Our local MP (Aurora, Oak Ridges Richmond Hill), Leah Taylor Roy, after dropping in to say hello at the event, even used a picture of us all working together on the cover of her latest newsletter! This mailing went out to all her constituents in Oak Ridges, Richmond Hill and Aurora! What a huge level of exposure for all of us, raising awareness of the wonderful service Lions do!

But, the most incredible part was our collaboration between clubs! We have strengthened in numbers and boy did we have fun and make a lasting impact. Working together helped us all see that we all have assets that we



can use to assist each other be better together! We have been actively pursuing our relationships with these clubs over the course of the year and promoting our abilities to help each other and it is really working!

We are all small clubs, with limited numbers of active members, but we all service a very similar economic, demographic, and geographical area. We also know that each club has activities and events that work wonderfully well for them. We can all use the same templates for events to ensure where one club has a strength, another does not have to "re-create the wheel". Joining forces and sharing our ideas and strengths makes us ALL stronger together!

In closing, thank you to our "Sister Clubs" Aurora, King City and Richvale for joining us and helping us be "better together"!

2nd Annual "Cans for D-Camps"

On June 1, 2024, we once again held our "Cans for D-Camp" event at our local beer store. This is our second year doing this event and it was once again a huge success!

Our Diabetes team pulled this event together with ease! Once again, the weather was wonderful and of course this plays a very large part in the success of the day. From 10am to 4pm the team manned a table outside of the beer store filling in customers with important information on Diabetes and



offering them the opportunity to donate the value of their returns to our fund for D-Camps.



Our sponsor KIND snack bars supplied snack bars for those that donated, and we were happy to "thank everyone for being "KIND"! We couldn't ask for a better way to thank those who helped send a child to camp this summer! (Kind person gets a KIND bar! We love that!) We were thrilled to send \$575.00 to Diabetes Canada which will help a very deserving child go to camp this summer.

Thanks to our Diabetes team – Lions Donna, Liz and Stan, our sponsors KIND snack bars, The Beer Store Oak Ridges, the generous donors, and Mother Nature for the great weather.

We encourage you to check us out on our website, Facebook, and Instagram.

We have got lots on the go!

Submitted by: Lion Kathrine Mabley



Newmarket Lions Club Recipient of the Community Agent of Change Award



On Wednesday May 15, 2024 at Pickering College, The Newmarket Lions received The Community Agent of Change Award for an Organization from the Head Master of Pickering College. Our many humanitarian activities were noted that made us more than worthy recipients.

An important part of the ceremony is their mission statement to students, "to instill in each individual the ability and responsibility to make the world a greater, better and more beautiful than they discovered it." The Newmarket Lions "demonstrate achievements supporting this mission."

Our club is very grateful to receive this award which is part and parcel of our International Motto "We Serve". We recognize that the award could be handed out to all Lions Service Clubs for the humanitarian work we do. In that spirit, we thank you all for making the world a better place than when we found it.



Submitted by: Lion Kirby Brock

North Oshawa Lions Club

A great Lions year filled with fun, service projects, and new members

Our Club provided BBQ services for Starfish Fun Fairs and Dreamvette car show. We also came together with Oshawa Airport Lions and Oshawa West club at Durham Outlook for the

Needy. We prepared and served a delicious brunch for their patrons.

Community cleanup projects at some local parks in Oshawa were introduced and we look forward to doing more.

Lion Eric Buss, who heads up the Peace Poster project for our club, is happy to report Shaima Khan, from Kedron P.S. is the Multiple District "A" Winner. Dare to Dream was this year's theme. Congratulations! It was a pleasure to meet her and her family at our club. She gave a wonderful speech also at the District A-16 convention.

Eyeglasses and hearing aid programs have been revitalized with many more dropoff locations in the area. We have seen a major increase in donations!





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We featured the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. The Future Dog Guide Pups and Fosters came out festively dressed for the holidays. They were a hit with the crowd, along with two Lion Mascots waving to the crowd.



The festive spirit continued with helping Simcoe Hall put together Christmas Hampers filled with food and toys for their community programs and food bank.

Serving at the Breakfast with Santa for the Boys and Girls Club of Durham was such fun.

Long Service Certificate and Pin presentation.

Lion Robert Tumey, 65 years of service, came to the club with his family. It was fascinating and inspiring to hear him speak of his years of service.





Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides Oshawa was held on May 26th. Throughout the year we were promoting the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides at various information booths.

Alongside the fosters of the Future Dog Guide pups, we were raising awareness about Dog Guides, promoting the Foster program as well as our Lions Club. Our event is growing and we had a great turn out! Money is still trickling in, happy to report we have surpassed our goal of \$15,000 and now stand at over \$19,000! Everyone is excited for next year, as well as some fun events we have planned leading up to it.



Submitted by: Lion Sara Moir



Udora & Leaskdale Lions Club A recap of 2023/2024

On the last Friday of each month we hold Community Spaghetti Dinners.

Since September we have served over 700 diners with Chef Lion Bob's delicious Bolognese Sauce and our homemade pies and desserts. This is not only a fundraiser but also a way to for the community to get together, see old friends, neighbors and meet new ones.

October, we held Halloween in the Parks in Udora and Leaskdale. Hot dogs and hot chocolate were served to the many trick or treaters and parents. The venue was decorated with Jack-o-lanterns designed by local children and created by Lion James.

In December we hosted Breakfast with Santa for the community. Families were served a pancake breakfast by Santa's many helpers. Later Santa arrived and 90 children had their picture taken with him and received a personalized gift. Everyone had a great time.

April was a busy month. We held a complimentary Community Pancake Breakfast for 80 diners. To celebrate Earth Day we gave away 200 seedlings to local residents. At these two events we collected 150 lbs. of non-perishable food and over \$300.00 for the Uxbridge and Georgina Food Banks. Later in the month with help of the Uxbridge Army Cadets, we cleaned the roadside from Udora to Leaskdale and collected 20 bags of garbage.

In May we conducted our 39th Canoe River Run. We had great weather and attracted 125 paddlers and 80 water craft for the event. Everyone had great time. They came from all over to participate, from as far as Hamilton and Windsor. We were able to donate \$2000.00 each to The Lions Camp Dorset and Camp Huronda. Thank you Brock Canoe and Paddle for supporting us with the prizes.

At our May meeting, Zone Chairperson 45 E Lion Ron Robinson, assisted by Lion President Larry Emo, inducted 4 new members. The new members will form the new Zephyr Scott Branch of our club.

At our June Meeting, PID Tom Gordon inducted another new member of the Zephyr Scott Branch. Tom also installed the new officers of our Club as well as the Zephyr Scott branch. This month we had two fundraisers. We held our annual Macgregor Meat and Seafood Sale. We also participated in Diabetes Awareness Tag Day and collected over \$600.00 with the club matching the amount.

Throughout the year we have been volunteering at Bingo World in Newmarket and have donated over \$37,000.00 to 20 worthy organizations.

Unfortunately, this year Lion Dave Tomkinson passed away. Lion Dave was a member of our club for over 32 years. He personified the motto "Where there is a Need there is a Lion". He will be greatly missed.

That's it! Onward to 2024 /2025

Submitted by: Lion David Minn



! It was so

our voting credentials checked. Then it was voting time! It was so wonderful to see so many of our A16 District Officers and members of our Lions clubs from all over our District. As Zone Chair for 52 S, I was especially pleased and proud to see so many of my clubs there. There were so many Lions in attendance from all over Ontario and it was so great to meet them.

There was lots of food and drink, non-alcoholic as it was still early morning, provided and many stories were shared. This was where I was introduced to the Travelling Lion and its significance at the convention. (Explanation is further on)

Then a beautiful Memorial Service was held where all Lion members who had passed away over the last year, were remembered. Our own amazing Lion Maria Correa was included, making us very grateful

Our MD 'A' Convention Adventure on Sunday, June 2nd, 2024 My husband, Lion John and I met the luxury bus arranged by A16 at 4:15 am (Yes, that's right, in the morning) in Lindsay, Sunday

at 4:15 am (Yes, that's right, in the morning) in Lindsay, Sunday, June 2^{nd} , 2024. Many of my friends and family know that I am definitely NOT a morning person, so that was really tough going. We were welcomed by Lions Mark and his wife from Fowlers Corners and given a t-shirt to wear that promoted our candidate, Lion Debbie Dawson, for International Director.

Bobcaygeon & District Lions Club

We then proceeded onto Sunderland and then Mount Albert to pick up other Lions for the long trip to St. Catharines. Region Chair Lion Jim Bellwood kept us entertained with some

interesting and some useless trivia along the way. Our bus driver, Fred, was truly amazing navigating this huge bus around the narrow streets of Mount Albert to get around the local Fair road blocks and then all of the many stretches of construction on the highways to St. Catharines. He even made a much needed stop at Tim Hortons on the way.

On our arrival, we were royally greeted and welcomed by Lion Debbie and her large team of supporters with their red shirts. We were quickly ushered in to get our registration packages and

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In Focus

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The business meeting followed where some awards were presented to deserving members and the DGE's were introduced. Our DG Lion Sudha Verma passed on her role to DGE John Relph and they both received their new pins and patches.

We were very happy to hear that Lions Camp Lake Joe for the visually impaired had received over \$100,000 from their fundraising campaign to purchase a much needed new bus to replace their 20 year old one. Our club had donated so that was great to hear. They then brought up an interesting blue box called the Travelling Lion. Inside was a beautiful metallic lion, with a journal showing where he had travelled for many decades. The rule was that the lion was presented to the Lion member who had travelled the farthest to attend the Convention. A couple from Espanola won. They will keep the lion until next year's MD'A' Convention which will be in the Bruce.

Then we waited with baited breath for the outcome of the election!!!!

Finally, the election results were revealed! PDG Lion Debbie had won! She will now join the prestigious predecessors of PID Lion Tom Gordon and PID Lion Carl Young who previously

represented A16 on the International Council. The room erupted to a huge explosion of cheers, tears, and applause. This had been a long, hard fight for Lion Debbie and her team against two very worthy opponents. IDE Lion Debbie made a lovely speech of acceptance and gave a huge thanks to all of the hard work and support that her team and to all Lions who had supported her.

She was humbled by the amount of support that she had received. (I know that we had a few buses travel down from A16.) She thanked her worthy opponents for giving her quite a race and appreciated how well each candidate had conducted their campaigns. She spoke very well, making us all proud.



Then we were off! Bus driver, Fred, put his driving skills back into action to navigate the tight parking lot. He got us back to Lindsay, very efficiently by 3 pm. Exhausted from the whirlwind day of travel and excitement, Lion John and I are very glad that we went and represented our club at such an auspicious occasion.

Now it is nap time!

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Lynda Darling, Zone Chair 52 N, President and Secretary of the Bobcaygeon and District Lions Club

Aurora Lions Club

Walk for Dog Guides

Our Dog Walk this year was a success. We beat last year's event for donations.

Sunday, May 26th, 2024 was our second Annual Walk for Dog Guides here in Aurora. The day started off bright and early when the set-up team met at eight to ready the tents and tables. The morning air was deceptively chilly but we knew that this meant that by walk time, the

temperature should be just about right for dogs and humans alike. By nine, the layout was taking shape and anyone driving by or walking the park could see that event was about to take place. Lion June quarterbacked the layout as our event footprint took shape.

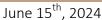
It was now time to go set up the course so off a couple of us went with our arrow-signs in hand to walk the course and mark off the route. This year we were very lucky to have eight of the Aurora Diggers Girls Softball Team - who we sponsor - to help with



in-walk directions. We

stationed them throughout the walk at various points, just to ensure that no dog or person took a wrong turn and got lost! By the time we got back from walking the course, the buzz was starting.

By now, the rest of the team had showed up and everyone had been given an assignment. Lion June had invited the York Region Police and they had arrived and set up an information table. Wagz Wear were busy setting up their booth and next to them was York Professional Dog Groomers. Lion Jonathan had arranged for Tim Hortons to provide us with coffee and donuts and we had a table set up for anyone to help themselves.







By ten-thirty we had lots of walkers, dogs and dignitaries wandering around and chatting and basically just having a pleasant time. We had numerous people register the day of the event,

and thanks to our new member, Lion Larry, all the paperwork was completed correctly and the money collected. Next to him was Lion Pat pushing raffle tickets and various other things to raise a few more dollars for the dogs. Over across the way was our other new member Lion Denise working the cookie table which had delicious looking cookies that had been donated to us by A Girl and Her Cookie.

Lion June and Lion Trudy had been out into the community this year, and did a number of presentations to promote the walk and it did pay off. We had a group of men from the Senior Center Men's Shed arrive to walk and raise money. We also had quite a few on-the-spot donations which was a nice surprise.



And then the time came to get the event underway!

Opening remarks came from our own President Lion David, who kept things light and brief and



thankfully on topic! We then had some encouraging words spoken by our Liberal Member of Parliament for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, Leah Taylor Roy, who finished off her speech with her own guide dog story. It was a nice touch.

Once the speeches were over, we were off! Lion David, Susan and I made up the first group and everyone followed along behind us. We had a good mix of dogs and humans this year but I must admit that in our excitement we forgot to do an official count of the walkers. Going through the faces I know, and the pledge sheets that we have, we would have had at least 40 people walking this year. The route itself was through the Aurora Arboretum and along the walking trails that take you through the hidden gem of the Aurora trail system. The length like last year was just over 3km and it took 40 minutes to complete the circuit.

Once back, we had pizza from Dominoes ready to serve along with water and lemonade for the humans who wanted it and water for the dogs who needed it. After everyone had returned, and had had a pizza slice, the raffle got underway with some lovely gift baskets to be won. Thanks to our sponsors, Pet Value, we had these goodie baskets to give away! Thanks too to Wagz Wear and York Professional Dog Groomers for supporting our local walk as well.

All in all, it was a very successful event and in the end we clobbered last year's number by raising three times as much this year! As of today, the official amount raised stands at \$8,220.00! This makes us the 14th best walk in Canada based on money raised. And talking about money ... we need to give Tara-Lynn Tune a very special shout-out for raising the most at \$1,525.00! Nicely done. We couldn't have pulled this off without all the hard work from our Dog Walk Chair Lion June and the rest of the Dog Walk committee. We also need to thank the Friends of the Lions volunteers, Louise, Norm, John and Brian who were invaluable in helping out.

So on behalf of everyone on this year's committee - thanks to all.

Submitted by: Lion Rob Seath



Lions Clubs in Markham

Joined Hands to acquire a special Walker for a local family



In late May, President Lion Charles Herriot of Markham Lions Club received a special request to support a young member of a family in Markham who has Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia (HSP). The young man is in an urgent need of a special walker that has to be customized to his body shape and need in order to assist him to regain mobility.

Lion Charles raised the request through DG Sudha and PCC Tim to solicit support from Lions Clubs in the Markham areas to jointly offer financial support to help the family to acquire the special walker.

The responses from Clubs on the request were fast and positive.

As of June 12th, we have received financial support from Angus Glen Lions Club, Markham Elite Lions Club, Victoria Markham Square Lions Club, York Region GRACE Lions Club, and Markham Lions Club to the special request.

Two other Lions Clubs in the areas have indicated positive responses but are pending for their financial contributions.

Thank you to all the Clubs supporting this special request.

This is in true spirit a showcase of "Where there is a need, there is a Lion"!

Together "We Serve"!

Submitted by: Lion Tim Cheung



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

This is the last quarterly Newsletter to share news and information of Lions and Lioness Lions across our District for 2023-2024.

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

As your DG Newsletter committee chairperson for the past three years, I want to express my sincere thanks to all the Lions and Clubs in A-16 for supporting your Newsletters. Without your continuous support and submissions of your great stories each quarter, the Newsletters will not be able to exist in its current form.

I am happy to introduce Lion Sanjiv Endley of Victoria Markham Square Lions Club as your DG Newsletter Committee Chairperson for 2024-2025. Lion Sanjiv has been part of the Newsletter committee since beginning of this year. Please continue sharing your Club events and service stories with your submissions sent to Lion Sanjiv for future issues of the Newsletters.

Happy Reading! And have a nice summer!

DG Newsletter Committee Lions Sanjiv Endley, Eleanor Colwell and Tim Cheung







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