District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

September 2021

Meet our District Governor 2021 – 2022

- an interview with District Governor Barry MacDonald

The DG Newsletter is happy to sit down with Governor Barry to talk about his coming year as District Governor of A-16

Editor: Congratulations Governor Barry on becoming our District Governor! You have an interesting year facing you with the province reopening from the pandemic. How do you see your year as District Governor would be like?



District Governor
Barry MacDonald
Markham Lions Club

DG Barry: Thank you for conducting this interview PCC Tim. I see this Lions year as a challenge – not only for myself and the DG Team but also for all Lions and Lioness Lions Clubs. However, I also see this year as an opportunity for Clubs within A-16 to grasp the "new" normal and make the very best of our situation. Our Communities are always depending upon us and we need to deliver!

Editor: You want A-16 Clubs to RECOVER and COMEBACK. Can you tell us more on these?

DG Barry: I've used the analogy before – crawl, walk, run! We need to take things slowly but forge ahead. I believe each Club needs to decide, with their Members, on what is best for them – that's the RECOVER part! Then, what Service Projects can they create and perform to ensure their Members remain safe, yet deliver meaningful Service to their Communities – that's the COMEBACK piece. Where there is a need, there is a LION! I encourage each Club to reach out to the District Team to conduct a Community Needs Assessment (what does YOUR Community need?) and to perform a SWOT Analysis on their own Club. The District Team is here to help with those activities and it's a critical step to moving forward.

Editor: What do you want to achieve during your year as our Governor?

DG Barry: We have a unique opportunity where we have chartered three new Lioness Lions Clubs within our District. I would like to see our existing Clubs and Members embrace these new Lioness Lions and make them all feel welcome – that would be great for our District. I have also been encouraging our new Lioness Lions to participate at the District level in Joint

Zone Meetings and any upcoming training that we offer on a regular basis. I would also like to ensure we have a direction for moving forward into the future. As you well know, a District Governor has a very short period of time in the position but, we can lay the groundwork for moving forward. Sounds like a PLAN.....LOL.

Editor: You have been a Lion since 2009. Please tell us more about your Lions journey.

DG Barry: I coached hockey and Ringette for 13 years at various levels from House League up to the National level. When I hung up my whistle, I thought I would take some time off to figure out what I wanted to do next. I went NUTS!!!!!! A friend from church asked if I'd be interested in attending a Dinner Meeting with the Lions which, I knew nothing about. After 5 minutes at the meeting, I turned to my friend and said "I'd really like to be part of this." Becoming a Club President or District Officer was not even in my vocabulary — wasn't interested; I only wanted to serve. However, over time, I saw how Lions make a difference and I thought perhaps my leadership skills might help make a difference. I never knew how rewarding moving up within the Lions organization could be and I'm very happy I decided to take the chance.

Editor: I know you are a proud grandparent now. What else do you want us to know about you?

DG Barry: Becoming a grandparent was the hi-light of 2020 for Lion Sharon and myself. With so much negativity regarding COVID, it was nice to have something really fantastic to look forward to – spoiling her and then sending her home......haha.

I am still working running a Consulting company which sometimes takes away from Family and Lions time but, I love the job I do and enjoy the travel (if and when that ever returns).

Other things that I do in my spare time include golfing (not as much as I'd like though), playing hockey (once the rinks open again), playing guitar, gardening and, spending as much time with Family that is possible. I'm very fortunate to have both my own Family and my Lions Family!

Editor: Thank you very much Governor Barry for taking your time joining us for this interview. We wish you the most enjoyable and rewarding year to come as our District Governor!



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District Governor's Project

I have given the DG Project some thought over the past year and I would like to make this year's Governor's Project - Lions Club Camp Kirk Foundation.



The camp is OUR CAMP – District A-16's! It is not one Club or one group's camp but it is OUR CAMP and we should all be extremely proud of that.

I did not know much about the camp until I went there while the kids and camp was in session — what a heart moving experience! Watching these children who are less fortunate and very sensitive, run, play and laugh without a care in the world.....it was a moving experience. I encourage each and every Lion in District A-16 to visit the camp and see what we have done — it is incredible.

There are several needs for the camp and I would like to challenge.....no, encourage all Lions and Lioness Lions of District A-16 to help me raise \$25,000 for renovations. These renovations include new bathrooms, cabin repair, fireplace restoration as well as new washers and dryers.

And what an opportunity to do this now. As you all know, the camp was unable to open due to COVID this year and the restrictions that were placed upon us all. However, this gives us a GREAT opportunity to make these critical repairs and be ready for a wonderful Summer 2022!!!!!!!

Please consider putting some money aside in your budgets to help us make Lions Club Camp Kirk Foundation a memorable experience for those children who are less fortunate than we are.

Yours in Lionism,

DG Barry





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Omemee
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Upcoming District Events

Mark your calendar on these District events



A-16 Lions are welcome to attend any of the following District meetings and events. Please contact your Cabinet Secretary, Region Chairs, or Zone Chairs for meeting details.

Cabinet	November 6,	February 26,	April 29, 2022	June 11, 2022
Meetings	2021	2022		

Joint Zone Meetings							
Region 18	Region 33	Region 45	Region 52				
September 28, 2021	September 30, 2021	September 7, 2021	October 4, 2021				
December 6, 2021	November 24, 2021	November 29, 2021	November 22, 2021				
March 1, 2022	March 7, 2022	March 2, 2021	March 8, 2022				

District Convention: April 29 – May 1, 2022

Lions Clubs International Foundation

A message from the District LCIF Chairperson

Dear Lions, Lioness Lions and Leos,

Welcome to a new Lions year!



As your Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Chairperson for this year, I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you. I am pleased to announce the extension of the Campaign 100 Model and Maple Leaf Club deadline!

Our clubs in District A-16, who commit to becoming either a Model or Maple Leaf club by no later than June 30th, 2022, will now have 3 years from the date of the commitment to reach their goals.

We have personally benefitted from grants from LCIF as recent as the COVID Relief grant of \$10,000 US that was awarded at the beginning of the pandemic. We had the opportunity to provide refreshments and snacks to the front-line workers across our District.

The need has never been greater as we move past COVID-19 to continue to make a difference in the areas of diabetes, childhood cancer, hunger, environment, and of course humanitarian needs. This year alone we have experienced the devastation of the earthquakes in Haiti and in the US as Hurricane Ida left a wake of destruction.

Personal donations have never been so simple. Go to the LIONS OF CANADA FUND FOR LCIF Make a personal donation and you will receive a tax receipt accepted by CRA.

Yours In Lionism

PCC Deb Dawson - LCIF Chairperson A-16

Helen Keller quoted: Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!

Multiple District "A" News

The MD"A" Council

District A-16 together with the other nine Districts in Ontario and part of Quebec formed the Multiple District "A" (MD"A").

Districts in MD"A" cover from Windsor to Cornwall, from White River to Mattawa, from Lake Erie to Hudson Bay in Ontario, and almost a dozen Clubs in Quebec from Buckingham n

ear Ottawa to Chapeau near Petawawa.

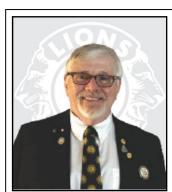
MD"A" is administered by the MD"A" Council which consists of the District Governors of the ten District plus the Council Chairperson, the Council Secretary, and the council Treasurer.

For the Lions year 2021-2022, our Council Chairperson is *Lion Daniel Armstrong* of District A-1.

You can find the list of all the Council members in the following webpage:

http://mdalions.org/pages/Directory/Council





Council Chair
Daniel Armstrong

The MD"A" Committees

In support to all Lions in the Districts in MD"A" to serve their communities, there are a number of Committees set up for various causes. They are valuable resources for Clubs and Districts in getting information and support in planning and conducting service projects in your communities.

Please visit the following webpage for contact information of the MD"A" Committee Chairpersons on their designated areas and causes:

http://mdalions.org/pages/Directory/Committees

The LION Magazine goes online

The LION magazine is available on the MD"A" website



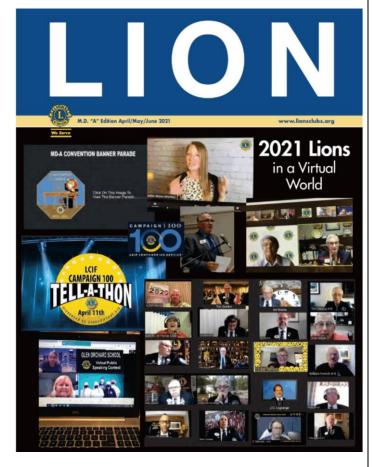
Lions Clubs International has made changes in the printing and distribution of The LION magazine due to the increasing cost in printing and mailing the magazine to Lions. There will still be four issues published in a Lions year. Two of them will be printed issues, and all four of them will be available digitally.

You will continue to receive the printed issues by mail. If you have not received the printed issues of the magazine, please make sure you have your current mailing address in your Lions member records in MyLCI. Your Club Secretary will be able to check it out for you. For family members, you will only receive one copy mail to you under the same household address.

You can access all issues of The LION magazine online at the MD"A" website.

Please click the following link to view or download The LION magazines:

 $\underline{http://mdalions.org/pages/Events/TheLionMag}$





Introducing the A-16 District Global Action Team

The District Global Action Team (GAT) is a powerful bridge between Clubs and the international association. It's 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 District GAT team coordinators:

Global Service Team (GST) coordinator Lion *Ken Huelin*Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator Lion *John Relph*Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator Lion *Tom Gordon*







From L to R: GLT Tom Gordon, GMT John Relph, GST Ken Huelin





Global Service Team (GST) coordinator **Lion Ken Huelin**

The Newsletter Editor had the opportunity of talking to the Global Service Team coordinator Lion Ken Huelin on his plan for the 2021-2022 Lions year.

Editor: We have been hit with the pandemic for almost 18 months, what are your plans to support clubs to recover from the impacts of the pandemic?

GST Lion Ken: To assist clubs doing meaningful service in their community while being visible and promoting Lions Clubs International to younger community members.

Editor: Governor Barry wants A-16 Clubs to RECOVER and COMEBACK. How do you see your role in supporting clubs in moving forward?

GST Lion Ken: Encourage clubs to be more visible (yellow vest) when out in their community. To invite members of other clubs to join and support them in their activities, especially for those clubs with limited active members.

Editor: Are there any specific goals you want to achieve this year?

GST Lion Ken: Of the 5 Pillars, it is easier to cover Vision, Environment, and Hunger than Diabetes or Childhood Cancer. I would like to see clubs engage in service activities for these two pillars so that club activities are visible within their communities.

Editor: Tell us something about yourselves, as a person and as a Lion.

GST Lion Ken: I joined Lions after working 45 years working mainly in the design and manufacturing of equipment for primary industry in the mining, metal working, pulp & paper, and Petro-chemical fields. I have travelled extensively throughout North America commissioning and troubleshooting industrial process equipment. I joined Lions in 2009. Being born in England in 1943 my parents taught me to help others as others had helped us.

Editor: Thank you very much Lion Ken for talking to us.



Oshawa Airport Lions Club Drive Thru Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Because fundraising has been so difficult under Coved restrictions, the **Oshawa Airport Lions Club** decided that a *Drive Thru Bottle Drive* just might work.

Our focus of support was for Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre. In return, Hearth Place allowed the Oshawa Airport Lions Club to use their parking lot for 4 hours. We advertised through social media and with flyers in our own neighbourhoods, collecting from those who couldn't make it personally. On the day of the



Drive, our group of dedicated Lions emptied cars and trucks full of beer cans, wine and liquor bottles. They sorted, counted and returned them all; and raised a total of over \$1200 for Hearth Place.

The Club is planning to do it again!

Submitted by Lion Gail Bates







Markham Milliken Mills Lions Club

Food Donations to the Needies

Markham Milliken Mills Lions Club collected *4,643 lbs* of non-perishable food items, just a little over 2 tons, for the May 1, 2021 District Service Day.

The Club donated the food items to the following six charities:

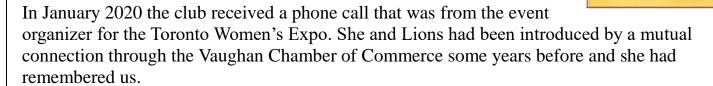
- South Asian Women's Shelter 1200 lbs
- Markham Food Bank 1000 lbs
- North York Food Bank 700 lbs
- Youth Without Shelter 232 lbs
- ► Share With Care 772 lbs
- Richmond Hill Food Bank 739 lbs

Submitted by Lion Kasturi Ghoshal



Maple Lions Club

Toronto Women's Expo (TWExpo)



It was explained to us that the Toronto Women's Expo (TWExpo) was normally a one day conference and trade show, designed to share tools and resources to enhance and grow entrepreneurs personally and professionally. Not dissimilar to the Vaughan Chambers annual trade show that our club has attended with a booth to display our E-waste collections and fundraising.

This next event was a milestone for them at 10 years and they had decided to include a celebration gala. The gala would be in support of the organization, Million Dollar Smile, and it would also include an award with two winners, one female, and one male for the Eminence Award.

A breakdown of what the award encompassed was provided to us with a request that the club act as an independent group/team to vett all of the nominees.

This was simply a service that was being asked of us to be provided and in return the event would promote Lions.

We did a bit of vetting on the event organizers, event, and the organization Million Dollar Smiles. Given that none of us had ever heard of most of this we needed to make sure we were agreeing to something that was legitimate. Sadly, Lions can be an easy target to be taken advantage of or frauded, in the past the club has had its fingers burned and lessons have been learned.

Happily, everything checked out, and after some lengthy discussion to confirm exactly what they were asking of us, we had a solid understanding of what the needs were and ran with this.

As submissions came in to the event organizers they were passed onto us. We assembled a group of members who worked on these both independently and as a group. It was an interesting process, we hit a few road bumps and we found out that not everyone nominated was who they claimed to be. Not all of the nominations checked out and there were some real shysters in the lot of nominations, it was eye opening, a confidence booster, and made us better appreciate who we are and what we do in the community.

In Focus

Club Service

Projects

Unfortunately, the original date for this event, March 2020, was cancelled due to Covid but the event organizers have stayed in touch with the club through the long lockdowns and a few months back as the Province was gearing up for the stage three of opening expected this summer a new event date was set and planning moved forward.

It was expected that the long delay in holding this event may have changed things for some of the nominees and some may not be able to attend the new date in September. This and many more things were discussed with the club moving forward. A new plan of action was decided on and the event organizers hit the road running.

This has been a lot of work for us but the organizers have been really great to work with and included the clubs time, needs, thoughts and ideas into planning. This has made for a good experience. The added advertising of the club is a big boost for us and Lions. Fingers crossed this event reaches its goal before Covid case counts push for a scale back on plans.

Submitted by Lion Mari Faraone

Bobcaygeon Lions Club Surviving COVID

Our Bobcaygeon & District Lions Club went through trying times over the last 2 years, as I'm sure every other club did. One of our biggest hurdles was how to keep our century-old Hall without having our weekly BINGOS, Hall and Equipment Rentals, or doing BBQs for various events. With bills totalling nearly \$2,000 a month, we tried all avenues for help from the Federal, Provincial, and Local Governments, but with no luck. What to do?

We have always been strong supporters of our local Food Bank; in fact, in 2017 we had set up a phone-in delivery service for clients who were unable to get their own groceries. Our saviour ended up being that very Food Bank. The Board members approached our club





to see if it would be possible to rent out our main floor to them, and that's just what happened. They love their new home and are happy to help us out, after we have helped them so much. It turned out that many of their clients live quite close to our Hall, so we purchased 5 grocery carts, with Bobcaygeon Lions signs, for the clients to borrow to take home their groceries and

then return them. They have been a great success.

Another excellent idea that was hatched by a former member, was scrap metal collection. It started off being a way to get the needed money to renovate our Hall to make it more appealing for rental. Well, that idea also saved us. Our Secretary posted ads on Face Book for scrap metal



pick up and we got lots of responses. The best one was from the British Empire Fuel Company. They supply us with loads of scrap monthly. We branched out and approached several other places like service garages and other fuel companies. We even got a couple of trailer parks, thanks to an enterprising young at heart, 87-year-

old member, Lion Lloyd Lindgren. Not only did these businesses help us, but we were helping them with cleaning up the environment around them. Sometimes, in that scrap, we are given working appliances and bikes that we can pass onto people in need. We have set up 4 teams who try to coordinate together. Lions David Savournin, Paul Burnett, John Darling, Eduardo Curbelo, Walter Correa, Lloyd Lindgren, David Foster, Dave Roberts, Rick Mistelbacher, Ray Kerr, and Hugh Doggett have been working very hard, volunteering trucks, trailers, and their time. To promote our club, each vehicle and trailer has large metal signs as they go around our community.

I would be remiss in not mentioning that one of our very talented members, Lion Carol Smith made hundreds of COVID masks, sharing her profits with us and her Legion, who also needed help. She helped so many people in our community, to fight COVID, never taking a cent for herself. Lion Lloyd Lindgren has been our ambassador around his neighbourhood, collecting liquor bottles and cans and scrap to be picked up.

By now, you are wondering..."Ok you saved yourselves, but what were you doing as a Lions Club to serve your community"? Well, we have been helping a Family in Need who fell on very hard times after an horrendous car accident left both parents with severe physical, mental, and emotional pain, right at the beginning of COVID. Neither of them could get help due to the lockdowns. Because they didn't get help during the lockdowns, the insurance company has not helped them, stating it was their fault even though nothing was open or available. It has been a horrible time for this family of 4 who also have a Guide Dog for their son. Lions David Savournin and John Darling have been our liaisons with the family and make sure they get what

they need from food, dog food, to car repairs, taken to appointments, and vet bills. Our community has been very generous as well by making donations to us through the Food bank, to help us support them. The Food Bank makes sure that they have the specialty foods that are needed.

We have been able to make donations to the Area COVID Relief fund, Childhood Cancer, Kids

Help Phone, PRHC and Ross Memorial Hospitals, Campaign 100, and many more. A few of our members, volunteered their time over the last 4 months at the COVID vaccination clinics being held in FENELON to help support the FENELON Falls Rotary club. Lion Carol Belcher has been instrumental in finding people in need, who we have been able to help.



Our community was hit very hard at the beginning of the pandemic when we lost 28 friends at our local Nursing Home, Pinecrest. Governor Lion Debbie Dawson received money from LCI to help our community. She was instrumental in helping us to help our community of front-line workers at the Nursing Home by buying many gift cards from our local stores, who also donated some as well. These were distributed with lots of water and pop at the Home. Not only was this a very generous gesture from LCI, but it also helped our local businesses.

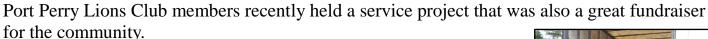
During these COVID times, we have tried to stay connected with our members by phone calls, sending Birthday cards, and newsletters as well as holding meetings on ZOOM, which was no easy feat with several of our elderly members. We actually gained a few members during this time, ironically.

So as you can see, not only did we survive COVID, but we also continued to fulfill the pillars of LIONISM in our community. Bobcaygeon Strong!

Lion Lynda Darling, Secretary, Bobcaygeon & District Lions Club

Port Perry Lions Club

Port Perry Lions Share the Benefits of Rain



The rainbarrels that we sold are recycled food containers, refurbished by a firm in Smithville, Ontario. Rainbarrel.ca supplies these barrels to non-profit organizations only, for a really great price. We teamed up with the Port Perry Scout Leaders to raise funds, with half going to the Port Perry Scout Hall Restoration Fund. This keeps the hall going, roofing, structure and all. As we often hold our meetings here and we like to support our youth, this partnership works well. Due

to COVID-19 restrictions and lockdown, advertising was all done through social media. Rainbarrels and accessories were pre-ordered online, through rainbarrel.ca. Postings were done two to three times weekly as well as emails. Municipal councillors, garden clubs and other partners were also asked to share the postings and the emails. Other media such as newspapers were also used.

The barrels came in a truck on June 25th, and some assembly and sorting was required. We were very proud to have every member of our club in attendance on the day of delivery and pickup, along with several Port Perry Scout leaders. We provided delivery or a contact- free, drive- thru pickup service - cars pulled in, names were checked and product was put in their vehicle. Through the afternoon and evening, mainly in the pouring rain, 178 recycled plastic barrels went to a new home for a new purpose.

Our club was happy to check off an environmentally friendly project that everyone benefitted from.

Submitted by Lion Karen Thompson Port Perry Lions Club Service Chair



In Focus

Service









Angus Glen Lions Club





During this pandemic, many of the Long Term Care Homes are under lockdown or with limited access by visitors. Those senior residents in the Long Term Care Homes need to stay in touch with their families during this difficult time of the pandemic. By providing them access to tablets, they will be able to talk to their family members via video calls, watch video and play mind games to stay digitally connected and engaged.

Thanks to the support from all the Angus Glen Lions and other Lions Clubs in our District. We are happy that we were successful in applying for and receiving the "New Horizon for Seniors Program" grant from the federal government. We also want to give a big shout out to Stouffville Lions Club, Haliburton Lions Club, Holland Landing Lions Club, and Beaverton Lions Club for their support and collaboration in the service project. With their support we are able to extend the service to many Long Term Care Homes in a larger area across the District.





On September 9, 2021, the Club donated 22 tablets to Mackenzie Health LTC, Villa Colombo Vaughan, and Marian Home. We were presented with a Thank You plague as an appreciation to our donations.

Since we started this Service Project in July 2020, we have donated a total of 104 tablets to 20 Long Terms Care Homes.

I want to invite you to watch the video that showcased the service project at the recent LCI International Convention held in June.

Click this link to watch the video: https://fb.watch/7VI6uH6NrL/

Submitted by Lion Tim Cheung



Omemee & District Lions Club

Canada Day Weekend

Somehow as Lions we gradually seem to be heading back one tortuous step at a time to where we used to be.

For the Omemee and District Lions, that for years has meant a huge community bash put on by



the club and friends over the Canada Day weekend. Until 2020, it started with a pancake breakfast provided by the Lioness, yard sales hosted by the churches, at least two Lions BBQs, food and drink on the Legion patio and races and games for kids in the beach park, culminating in Ducktona, a plastic duck race down the Pigeon River by the better part of 1,000 plastic ducks with big-buck prizes for the winners.

After a dinner break, it was back to the park with the BBQs fired up again, this time with free dogs

and drinks, glow sticks, flags and pins for the kids and band music for the parents until dark. Then, after sundown, with the help of the VFD, it was time to launch 30+ minutes of fireworks. No surprise that things were very different in 2020. With lockdowns everywhere, the most we were able to do was hand out sparklers to children and their parents on the main street.

This year, the 200th birthday of the village, and aided by grant money from Heritage Canada and the City of Kawartha Lakes, we planned to have posters, historic brochures, Canada Day and birthday banners, streamers, flags and bunting on the Pigeon River bridge, outside stores, and at event sites throughout Omemee from June 25 through July 1.

But, after our Canada Day banners were torn down from the bridge overnight, we delayed most of those plans until the morning of July 1, when participants and members could monitor them. After a meeting of our board and talking to the OPP, we also delayed some of our banner and decoration orders and the police provided extra patrols of the village.

We still managed to distribute Canada Day/200th Birthday brochures; hold a plant sale by donation with the help of Omemee Blooms; make Canadian flag, maple-leaf pin and soft-drink

handouts to kids & parents; and worked with the Legion on its yard sale, BBQ/bar/ and a Lion-Legion plant sale.

And coming up as soon as we set a definite date is a community-wide birthday celebration with distribution of hundreds of celebratory fridge magnets and festivities, we hope without any more vandalism or theft, though we did recently lose one of the birthday banners to someone apparently without much if any social or community conscience.

Submitted by Lion Ronnie Wickens





Haliburton & District Lions Club





The Haliburton Lions wanted to celebrate and recognize their high school graduates, especially since they were not able to enjoy their graduation ceremony. With the great support of Parker Pad and Printing in Haliburton, they were able to create a huge banner listing all the names of the graduating class.

This was done both in 2020 and 2021.



The banners hung on the railing of the Halliburton Echo newspaper for most of the summer. Families would come by and take photos.

This high impact project was truly appreciated by the community. Let's hope that next year will be a different story.

Submitted by Lion David Mills



Welcome to the September 2021 issue of the District A-16 Governor's Newsletter.

We have made some changes to the DG Newsletter and introduced new sections in it:

- "In Focus" is for sharing club service projects and upcoming club events.
- "Profile" will feature Lions from our District.
- "District Corner" is to share with you on happenings in the District.
- Other sections to be introduced in future issues.

The DG Newsletter will be produced and sent on a quarterly basis starting with this first issue in September. You will receive the other quarterly issues by the 10th of December, March, and June.

We welcome your club submissions on your club stories to share with all in our District. We also welcome comments and feedback on how we can make the DG Newsletters more interesting to you to read. Please do drop me a line on what you think about the Newsletter, and how we can make it better for all.

You can send your feedback via email to me at tcheung@lionsa16.com

Happy reading!

Lion Tim Cheung

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