

District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

March 15th, 2024

A message from District Governor Sudha Verma

I am excited to reach out to you through our Newsletter to extend my message regarding the importance of stepping forward to take on leadership roles within our District.

As Lions, we are united by our commitment to service and our dedication to making a positive impact. It is through our collective efforts and leadership that we are able to fulfill our mission.

I encourage each one of you to consider taking on leadership roles within our District, whether it be serving on a committee, chairing a project, or assuming a position within the District Cabinet. Your involvement is crucial to our continued success.

I would like to appreciate our present Region Chairs who have been in the position for 3 years, and Committee Chairs who have been serving for quite a few years now in the same position. Thank you so much for your commitment to service. We need Lions to step into leadership roles, and also request those who are holding on to the roles for a long time to move on and make room for new leaders to step forward. Our District has been short of Zone Chairs and Region Chairs for quite some time now.

Our Lions need to understand that stepping into leadership roles offers numerous benefits, both personally and for our District as a whole, skill development and the chance to make a lasting impact on the lives of others, and you are assured to get the support and guidance of your fellow Lions every step of the way.

If you are interested in exploring the opportunities within our District, I encourage you to reach out to me or any member of the District Cabinet. We would be more than happy to discuss potential roles and provide you with the information and resources you need to get started. Your willingness to serve is what makes our District strong.



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



I am thrilled to reach out to each and every one of you to express my sincere gratitude for your outstanding efforts and dedication in driving the remarkable growth we have experienced in our membership.



I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together, and I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. With each new member who joins our ranks, we are reaffirming our commitment to service and expanding our reach to make a difference in the lives of others.

Let us also take time to connect with our fellow Lions, both within our Clubs and across the District, attend District events and social gatherings, and service projects to foster meaningful relationships and build a sense of unity and belonging. Let us embrace the spirit of fellowship as we work towards our shared goals of service and humanitarianism.

Together we can strengthen our bonds, support one another and create a stronger, more vibrant Lions community. Let us all meet, enjoy and have fun at our A16 Convention.

Looking forward to a fun filled weekend of 19th to 21st of April with you all at our A16 Convention.

Best Wishes and Warm Regards
Yours in Service
DG Sudha Verma



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A16 Regional Lions Leadership Institute November 2023

Lions Learn and Lead

District A16 was proud to offer the Regional Lions Learning Institute, a first for our District in at least the last 15 years. This was an excellent learning opportunity for Lions who aspired to serve in leadership positions at the Club or District levels. The only caveat was, Lions who had held positions higher than Region Chairs or Lions or who had attended any of the Lions Institutes would not be eligible to attend.

The content consisted of Lions Fundamentals; the Art of Recognition; Motivating Club members, Diversity; Setting and Achieving Goals and the ability to Work in Teams. The course took place over two Saturdays: November 18th and November 25th at the Kirkfield Lions Hall- from 9am to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday. There were 18 members in attendance.

The key benefit here, apart from that previously stated, is there was no cost to the attendees. The intent of this course was strictly to help members learn and acquire new skill sets as well as gain the desired knowledge that would be advantageous to them in order for them to progress on their ‘Lions journey’.

Special thanks to the Facilitators: Lions Tim Cheung (our leader); Tom Gordon; J.C.Lagrange; Patty Ko and John Relph.

Some Feedback obtained:

“Thank you for your time, energy and knowledge”

“An enjoyable learning experience”

“Very informative session”.

Lion Carolyn Stephenson

A-16 Global Leadership Team Co-ordinator

District Hunger Committee Report

- *Lioness Lion Pat Aitken*



From large cheques to bags of food, from hot dogs to meals, from Santa parties to Galas, our District A16 Lions and Lioness Lions do their best to answer the Hunger needs in their communities.





Presidential LCIF Support Program
Support our own Foundation
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION 24-02-09

Presidential LCIF Support Program

This opportunity does not happen very often Lions. This Lions year, our International President is a Lady Lion from Edmonton Alberta, CANADA, Lion Dr. Patti HILL. As our International President she is travelling the world promoting Lions as the Global Leader in Humanitarian Service.

By supporting your Foundation this year you can receive Lion Patti's Presidential LCIF Supporter pins.

The pins recognize Foundation support at the \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$200.00 dollar levels.

As they say on TV, "call now, we can't offer this amazing deal forever." In fact this opportunity stops at the end of Lion Patti's Presidential year.

Contact your District A-16 LCIF coordinator to see how you can support your Foundation and receive these reminders of our Canadian International President, Lion Dr. Patti HILL.



PCC Deb Dawson
 District A-16 LCIF coordinator
Liondebawson@gmail.com



Recognizing individual generosity

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

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Our Candidate for International Director 2025-2027

Once again, we have the opportunity to put forth a candidate for International Director.

Past Council Chairperson Debbie Dawson is our choice this time around.

I have known Lion Debbie for more than 40 years, even before she was a Lion. Initially, we met when Debbie was a Lioness and was learning the ropes from Lioness Dale Jackson and Lioness Norma Greenfield. Those of us who remember these fine Lioness, remember how dedicated and integral they were to the Lioness program. They provided the models from which Debbie learned about the Lions family and launched her into her Lioness career, finally becoming the District Lioness President.

At this point, she asked me one day how she could become a District Governor. “Obviously, you must first become a Lions club member”, was my reply. And she did, serving both parts of the Lions family until Lions International dropped the Lioness program.

As those of us who have been around for a while know, the Lioness performed service that Lions left undone. And they did it with a thoroughness and devotion that were the envy of us Lions. From here Debbie got her devotion to service.

She is known for being in the middle of many service areas from our own Lions Clubs Camp Kirk to her outstanding work with the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

She has served our District as Zone Chair, Region Chair, Vice District Governor, and District Governor. In 2020, her fellow District Governors in Multiple District ‘A’ elected her from within their ranks, to be the Council Chairperson for the 2020-2021 Lions year.

For her service within our District, she has been awarded a few International President’s Certificates of Appreciation, a Leadership Medal, and an International President’s Medal. During Dr. Patti Hill’s run for International President, Lion Debbie served a major role in scouting out, setting up, and carrying out receptions at the international conventions to promote Dr. Hill’s successful campaigns.





Lions Clubs International

DEBBIE DAWSON

District A16 proudly presents
Candidate for International Director from Canada 2025-2027

"Dedicated to Service"

She has been called upon by International Presidents Doug Alexander, Brian Sheehan, and Dr. Patti Hill to be the Canadian engineer for the very popular Lions Telethon in successive years since its inception. She was also tasked with assisting Lions International to set up the initial 'Lions Day on Capital Hill' where Lions leaders from across Canada went to Ottawa to advocate for Lions with their Members of Parliament.

In all of these areas, Lion Debbie has been successful and a shining example to the Lions of District A16, Multiple District 'A', and Lions International. She has made our Lions District look good everywhere.

Now it's time to show our appreciation by getting out to vote for her at the Multiple District 'A' Convention in St. Catharines on June 2.

She is running against two worthy opponents who have also been successful in their Districts and at the Multiple District. Both of them are well known to the leadership in each of the other Districts. Of course, their Districts will support their candidate to the best of their abilities. Combined, these two Districts have twice the votes that we have.

PID Carl Young and I were successful in our elections because A16 got more than 90% of our votes out on the voting day and we visited all of the 10 District conventions, and many other District meetings in the other districts leading up to their conventions. Lion Debbie and Lion Don have done their work, attending meetings in every District including the two Districts that are putting forth candidates.

The 'Debbie for ID' election advisory committee has been meeting monthly and planning for her eventual success on June 2. We need your help.

If you haven't sent a club or personal donation to her campaign, now is the time to do it. If you haven't decided who your club delegates to the MD'A' convention will be, now is the time to do it. It is better to register now for the MD'A' convention so that you do not get caught up in the lines for registration at the convention and miss the vote.

On the actual voting day, June 2, your delegates will need their delegate forms (to be mailed out to the clubs shortly), their convention registration, and a signed membership card from their club secretary. Registration opens at 7:30 am and closes at 10:00 am. Voting on the first ballot is from 7:30 am until 10:30 am.

Because there are 3 candidates, the likelihood of a second ballot is a possibility. The eventual successful candidate must get 51% of the cast vote. The buses are scheduled to remain in St. Catharines until after the second ballot, should that be necessary. For those of us driving, we ask that you stay around in case of a second ballot.

You will hear shortly about buses that are being arranged to get our delegates to the convention so that they don't have to drive. There will be a small payment to take the buses and they will leave fairly early on June 2 to cover the 2-hour plus drive to St. Catharines and get there early enough to vote.

We are all looking forward to a successful campaign for PCC Debbie and Lion Don.

Let's put forth the best A16 effort to get them elected!

Lion Tom Gordon PID



Meet our District Governor candidate for 2024-2025 – Lion John Relph



Lion John Relph is humbled by his nomination to be your District Governor here in District A16. He is a member of the Stouffville Lions Club and has been a Lion for 17 years. He has held various positions within his Club including 3 terms as the Club President. He has also served for the District as the Zone Chair in Region 18 East, the Global Membership Team Coordinator, and 2nd Vice District Governor. He currently serves as your 1st Vice District Governor.

Lion John is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Faculty Development Institute (FDI) Graduate, Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) graduate, and a Certified Guiding Lion.

Lion John served as a long-time trustee of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library Board.

He is married to Lilian. They have 4 grown children and 11 grandchildren.

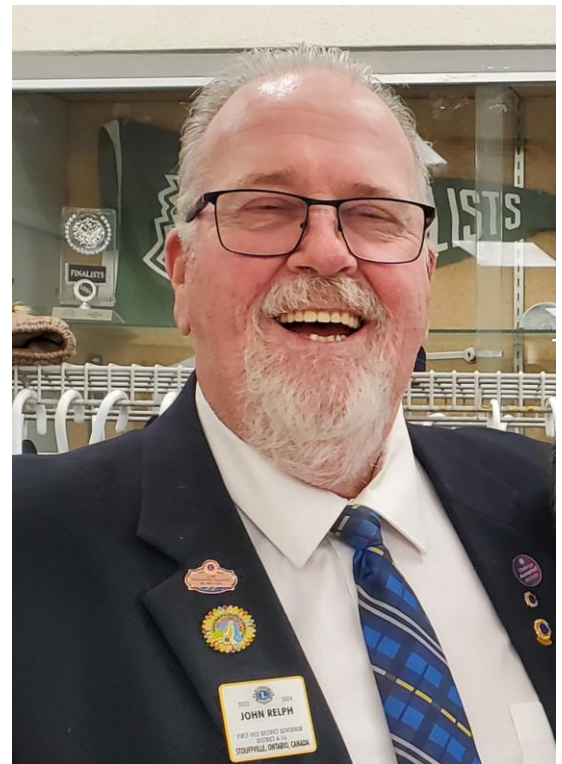
Lion John is a retired Police Officer with 30 years of experience with several years in supervisory roles.

Lion John has demonstrated strong leadership skills and is looking forward to serving as your Governor.

"I will continue to work hard with the entire Governor's team to support the clubs in our District ensuring we achieve our goals. I am committed to you."

Submitted by: Lion John Relph

District Governor Candidate



*Lion Paul Larocque of Oakwood & District
Lions Club for 2nd Vice District Governor*



"Asking for your support and pledging my support to the A16 District Team, the Clubs of A16 and all of my fellow Lions within the District to the best of my ability. I plan to learn and grow as a Lion and a person so as to improve my service as a Lion and to improve myself as a person."

I thank my club, my family, my friends and fellow Lions for all of their support and understanding as I look to take my next step on my Lions Journey.



***Submitted by: ZC Lion Paul Larocque
2nd Vice District Governor Candidate***



Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

The Difference Campaign update

The Difference campaign has recently reached an exciting milestone; the permits for the new national Dog Guide training school have been received! Work on the training school has officially begun with excavation in preparation to pour the foundation in a few months. Make sure to read LFCDG's emails and visit www.dogguides.com for the most up-to-date information on the new national training school!

Now that construction is underway, it is more important than ever for Lions to be part of The Difference campaign. Naming opportunities in the new training school are going fast as many Lions Clubs have donated. If your club would like to be a part of LFCDG history, please consider making a gift before June 2024.



To learn more about The Difference campaign or to schedule a presentation, please contact thedifference@dogguides.com or call (905) 842-2891 ext. 218 or 1 (800) 768-3030. To make a donation, please visit the [online donation page](#) or the [Lions Resources page](#) to fill out a pledge form.

Submitted by: Lion Tim Cheung

Newsletter Editor

A conversation with Lion Jim Doak

The District Governor's Newsletter editor had the pleasure of talking to Lion Jim Doak of Markham Lions Club lately on his work in A-16 as our Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairperson and also on his journey of Lion.



Editor: You have been steering District A-16 towards a better organized District following the newly-enacted Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act (ONCA) regulations, and helping A-16 make the transition of our own corporation to comply with that Act.

Why is it important for A-16 to do that?

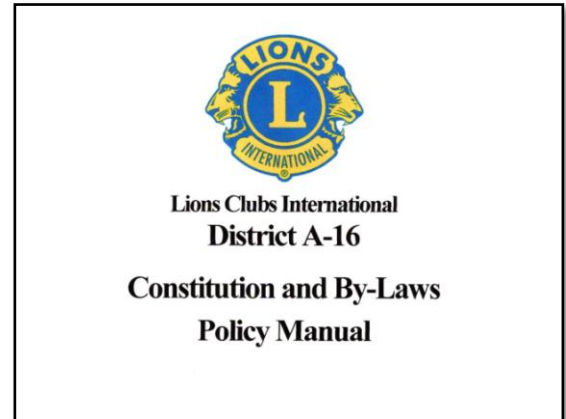


Lion Jim: It is not in everyone's lifetime that many organizations are put into a position of having their underlying rules change considerably, thereby having to make a transition to a new operating and governance environment. Such has happened in Ontario beginning October 19, 2021 to not-for-profit and charity corporations. Last I heard there are some 61,000 such Ontario corporations, and we have been given 3 years (to Oct. 18, 2024) to comply with ONCA. After this date, the assumption will be made that any Ontario not-for-profit, including charity, corporation will be governed by ONCA. It will not matter how one's constitution and by-laws read, nor how the organization has always operated, nor what LCI's Standard Form by-laws say.

ONCA rules are the rules of your corporation. It certainly will be better to have our Lions organizations' Constitution and Bylaws (C&BLs) be compliant with ONCA. Also, after this date, it is expected that many of our corporations' requests to our province (Service Ontario) will first be tested with: "Are you compliant with ONCA?" If not, then get compliant first. We already know that Trillium Fund applications will not be considered if Articles of Amendment to move under ONCA control have not been endorsed by the province. Guidance has already been shared within A-16 about addressing the Articles of Amendment just mentioned. Approval for filing A-16's Articles is on the ballot at convention voting on April 21st. Work is ongoing currently to develop and provide information and guidance for amending C&BLs to be compliant with ONCA.

Editor: As our District Constitution and Bylaws committee chairperson, you have been able to comb through a lot of details in keeping the A-16 Constitution and Bylaws (C&BLs) current. How do you like the process?

Lion Jim: Things like C&BLs and Policy Manuals and even more, Letters Patent and Articles of Incorporation, are items that make most people's eyes fog over and leave to the legal department. When organizations are new and small, there isn't a need for such things but as they grow and age, there becomes a need for rules, guidelines, policies and even the protection of members by being a corporation. As these develop, so do the ways of managing and updating them, as well as operating the organization within the guidelines. As the organization must shift in our ever-changing world, the contents of these guiding documents should be kept relevant and strong so that they can be used to govern the organization.



Governance, then, is running the organization according to the rules and policies of these governing documents. Think of them as living and breathing documents. In Lions, we have great Standard Form Constitution & By-Laws that are recommended models for clubs, districts and multiple-districts. These are provided by the LCI Legal Department for the whole world of Lionism, so all Lions clubs and districts have the same base rules at our core. These can be used as is, or tailored to address specifics of each organization. The way each Lions organization maintains their C&BLs may differ, however we have these great Standard Form models and at least three times each year, LCI provides updates via their Board Policy Manual in order that we can know what is changing. We are fortunate to have the HQ we have at Lions.

Editor: You have been a Lion for a long time. Can you share with us how you started your Lion journey?

Lion Jim: It really started in my high school and university years when my father was a very active Lion and my mother a Lionell in Brandon, MB. Lions, and the other service clubs too, were very much part of the fabric of that 25,000-person farm city. I see some of that in A-16 today and I hope we all celebrate that being possible, and that we can keep it alive.

I attended a few special meetings and always wondered “What is this Tail Twister thing?”, but I went off to work and didn't join. But I knew the time would come, and I knew I would choose Lions. Fast forward to the downturn of 2007, when lots of us were contemplating how long employment might continue, and I realized that I lived and bought groceries in Markham, but

other than that, I didn't know my community nor the people in it. I was like many others. My neighbour and friend, Dick Peel, had been inviting me to come to his Lions meetings and invited me over when Lions were at his home. For more than a year, then I said yes and attended the last Markham Lions Club meeting at Whitevale church. It took patience, inviting and asking, and then it was time.

Editor: You must have seen many changes in Lions throughout your years with the organization. How do you feel about the changes you see?

Lion Jim: The short answer is, on a global scale quite positive. Last summer I wrote a piece, The LCI Ship Shifts Its Direction, as we have now transitioned to the second century of Lionism and are embarking on Mission 1.5, the 4-year journey to build worldwide membership to 1,500,000 members.

More locally, a very common and quite serious challenge to organizations of all types who are run by volunteer members, is to get these members active and participating, and as well to fill leadership positions. Slowly, slowly this is improving but having traversed Covid, previously active members are 5 years older and age, and health are limiting factors. New and more Lions, younger too, is our best way through this challenge. Mission 1.5 success here at home is a change I think we all would cheer for heartily.

We want to thank Lion Jim for spending time talking to us.



Cannington Lions Club welcomes their new member Lion Matt Ostertag



District Governor Sudha Verma inducted our newest member Matt Ostertag when she made her official Club visit to the Cannington Lions Club on March 7th, 2024.

Pictured from left to right are Sponsor Lion Michael Samis, New Member Lion Matt Ostertag, DG Sudha Verma, and Club President Lion Ted Shepherd.



Submitted by: Lion Bo Enss

Secretary, Cannington Lions Club

Oak Ridges Lions Club

- We have "Vision"!



In Oak Ridges, we have been setting our sights on the future, while honouring our community by keeping our eyes on the present! Vision has played a huge part in our year. We have used "Vision" as our inspiration for some great work!

On January 23rd, we had the honour of celebrating Yashas Bhat, the District A-16 Peace Essay winner, with his essay "Dare to Dream". Created to give an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace, the International Essay Contest is a staple of Lions Clubs around the world. Yashas, a young visually impaired student from Oak Ridges was selected to represent Richmond Hill in the contest and his essay was then awarded the District top prize.



Federal, Provincial and Municipal leaders came together with Lions leaders and members, along with York District School Board representatives and of course, Yashas' parents to celebrate Yashas. We were honoured to be his sponsoring club and to make a special donation presentation to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in honour of Yashas' accomplishments that night! It was an extraordinary evening for all involved, and we are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness for this program and for Lions Clubs as a whole. The extensive coverage in various media channels following this event has been invaluable in spreading our message far and wide.



To keep the theme going, we have spent the month of February collecting over 600 pairs of used eyewear which will go a long way in helping hundreds of visually impaired individuals get the much-needed gift of sight.



We even capitalized on the cheque presentation photo! Not only did this picture capture our donation, but it also helped us raise even more funds through our local Bingo World incentive program. The Richmond Hill Charitable Hall Association even asked if they could use this photo as part of their training materials for new associations who volunteer at the Hall!

And speaking of Bingo, we are thrilled to be one of the many organizations at Bingo World that volunteer and receive funds that we can 100% direct back to our communities through deserving charities. Since December 2023 our club has given back \$12,000.00 to organizations such as The Richmond Hill Food Bank, Out of the Cold, Canadian Mental Health, 360Kids, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, and Camp Huronda. And we are thrilled to say that there is another \$6000.00 in donations going to Camp Dorset, Hill House Hospice and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in March!

Check out our [website](#) if you would like to “SEE” more of what we’ve done!

Submitted by: Lion Kathrine Mabley



Sunderland Lions Club

Special Thank You to Lion Harold Moulton for his 65 years of service as a Lion!

Recently, during a visit with Lion Harold Moulton, PCC Lion Dale St. John had the honour of presenting Lion Harold with a congratulatory letter from Lions International thanking him for 65 years of service to Lionism.

Harold was very proud to immediately wear his 65 year Milestone Chevron Award directly below his Lions pin.

Joining Harold at his residence on the occasion were his daughter Cathy and son-in-law Jeff Hewitt. Also on hand was Nancy Biglow, Marketing and Sales Manager for Harmony Hills Retirement Community who posted some photos and a write up on Facebook.

Coincidentally, Lion Harold inducted Lion Dale in 1973 some 51 years ago.



Submitted by: Lion Dale St. John

Aurora Lions Club

Paint Night



Our very first Paint Night turned out to be a lot of fun! Everyone agreed that there was a good vibe in the air and we got some great press from our local paper.



Many thanks to Lion Bill, who was the first to sign up for the night and did a great job on his painting.

Lions Trudy and Michelle helped out with both the set up, registration, 50/50 draw and take down. They also co-partnered on their painting, with a little help from the Paint Diva!!! The end result was fabulous.

Lots of fun and laughter!



Submitted by: Lion June Sinclair

Dunsford & District Lions Club *Supporting Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation*



Over the past year the Dunsford & District Lions Club raised funds through a lottery which included three early bird draws and monthly draws of \$500.00 to support their various activities. On March 4th the Club was pleased to be able to present a cheque to the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$5,345.00 in support of the Breast Cancer Centre.

Dunsford Lions have now donated a total of \$21,745.00 to the hospital since 1996.

Pictured presenting the donation is (L to R) Erin Coons, RMH Foundation CEO and Lions Carol Klaren, Tim Murdoch and Theresa Scheer.



Submitted by: Lion Tim Murdoch

Greenbank Lions Club

Greenbank Lions Score Big Time



This year the Greenbank Lions supported a local sports initiative with a \$500 donation towards the new Greenbank Basketball League for young boys and girls under ten years of age.

They then worked with the Township of Scugog to obtain a grant of \$ 1250 towards this youth program. All of this became possible as a result of an \$80,000 community funded project to restore the tennis, pickle ball, and basketball courts in Greenbank.

As a result of this grass roots initiative by community volunteer Renee Adamkowski, the program won an award from Maple Leaf Sports that gave the players and coaches 30 free tickets to a Raptor game and a chance for them to play on the court at half time.

Submitted by: Lion Larry Doble



Markham Lions Club

Supporting Childhood Cancer & Hearth Place



Childhood Cancer is a challenge for children, kids, teenagers, parents, adults, and Lions. Indeed, Lions Clubs International has faced this reality, and chosen to embrace “we serve”.

Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre, located in Oshawa, Ontario is an example of a facility that empowers a community of compassionate support, knowledge, and hope for anyone impacted by cancer. This is not a cure, but rather educational programs, wellness programs, children’s programs and pediatric cancer family support.

This amazing facility receives NO public funding; annual fundraising provides for continued operations. Hearth Place is a non-profit, charitable organization that relies on a dedicated team of volunteers and service providers.



This type of organization fits well with Lions and their service clubs in the never ending battle against childhood cancer. The Markham Lions Club was introduced to Hearth Place in the Lions year 2021/2022, and continued support in 2022/2023. Club members elected to provide support funding through an authorized lottery, with Hearth Place the beneficiary.

During the above years, PCC Debbie Dawson provided direct information on Hearth Place through visits to Markham Lions Club meetings, and opportunities for funding active programs. In the present Lion’s year, the Markham Lions Club again voted to continue support though another lottery. Once again, PCC Debbie Dawson reached out with an invitation to visit Hearth Place to absorb some Hope, Encouragement, Acceptance, Reassurance, Trust, and Help. Thus 5 MLC members visited on February 27, and a further 9 members and family visited on February 29, 2024.

Photographs were encouraged, facilities and activities for all ages are in view, and a warm welcome and calmness from the friendly volunteer staff was immediately evident. A number of photographs are attached, but there are many more to view and enjoy. Thank you to the staff of Hearth Place.

Submitted by: Lion Ken Drynan

Markham Mantra Lions Club



District Governor Sudha Verma's Generous Donations to Underprivileged Families in India

We from the Markham Mantra Lions Club are proud to share the heartwarming efforts of Lion Sudha Verma whose recent visit to India from Toronto was marked by an act of kindness and generosity.

During her visit, DG Sudha took the opportunity to extend a helping hand to underprivileged families in need, recognizing the importance of supporting those less fortunate. Lion Sudha made significant donations of clothes, household items, and by giving financial help. Her compassionate gesture aimed to provide essential support and relief to those facing economic hardships. Donations were warmly received by the recipients, many of whom struggle to meet their basic needs on a daily basis.

Her selfless actions serve as an inspiration to us all, reminding us of the importance of extending a helping hand to those in need, both locally and globally.



Let us all work together to create a brighter and more inclusive world for all.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to District Governor Lion Sudha for her compassionate leadership and unwavering dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.

***Submitted by:
Lion Ruby Dhingra***



Omemeo Lioness Lions Club

Happy Birthday

The Omemeo Lioness Lions Club donated another 10 Birthday Bags to our local Food Bank.



Submitted by: Lioness Lion Pat Aitken



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

This is a quarterly Newsletter to share news and information of Lions and Lioness Lions across our District. You can find all issues of the Newsletter in the A-16 website at <https://lionsa16family.org/documents.html>

We want to thank the Clubs submitting their club events and service projects.

In this issue, we see large varieties of activities from Clubs in our District: from the training offered to prepare our future Lions leaders, to the fighting of hunger and childhood cancer, and to the welcoming of our new Lions.

A special Shout Out to Lion Harold Moulton of Sunderland Lions Club for his 65 years of service to Lionism!

The next issue of the DG Newsletter will go out in June 2024. Submissions are welcome on or before June 10th, 2024.

Please send your stories in WORD document format. If you have pictures, please send them as separate files in JPEG format. This will make the editing a lot simpler.

We are waiting for your stories via email at: tcheung@lionsa16.com

Happy Reading!

DG Newsletter Committee

Lions Sanjiv Endley, Eleanor Colwell and Tim Cheung

