



May 2019

Governor's Message

District A-16



District Governor
Lion JC Lagrange
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Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos,

As Spring very, very slowly starts to turn into Summer we reflect on a great District Convention. We all had a great time meeting old friends and making new ones, celebrating the Service of deserving Lions and revitalizing ourselves as we get ready for a new Lions year. Our International Guests, PID Lion Jay Patel and his wife Lion Kamini, were wonderful International Guests and they were amazed by the warm welcome they received and how well our District Convention was run. Lion Jay was especially impressed with our Opening Ceremony and its Parade of Flags and Banners. I have included, for your interest, the [card](#) and [letter of appreciation](#) sent by our 2019 International Guest PID Lion Jay Patel.

Our Convention accomplished a lot of business with our affirmative vote of support for our incoming District Officers, your affirmative votes for all the Motions to change our Constitution and By-Laws and the difficult decision to increase our District dues. I thank all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos that participated in activities and/or voted at our District Convention.

I would also like to thank the amazing hard work and professionalism of the Oshawa Airport Lions Club in hosting this great Convention! A big thank you to all the other Lions in the District that also participated and supported our District and Convention Host Club. You know who you are! I would also like to thank the Oshawa West Leo Club for their Convention Service Project and representing Leos in A16!

As you may have noticed this newsletter is being released later than usual. While unexpected and unplanned, this delay has been a happy mistake because we can now include a look back at our District Convention. After talking to our District Governor Elect, Lion Debbie Dawson, my last District Governor newsletter and Debbie's first DG Newsletter will be in July. It will feature my last remarks, a review of our International Convention in Milan, Italy, and the first remarks from our brand-new District Governor Lion Debbie Dawson.

On a more practical note, please be aware of the Webinars and other training opportunities for getting acquainted with the MyLion app (Phone and Desktop.) For Club Secretaries, on July 1st, 2019 all Club Activity Reports will move from MyLCI to MyLion. Please note that the reporting of non-LCIF **Club donations** is still not implemented and it will result in a slight backlog of reporting until that ability to report returns. I will strive to keep all of you and Club Secretaries updated as we move forward with MyLion. All Lions can and are encouraged to get a MyLion account and help their club to promote and better plan Service Activities.

The District Governor's Team and I would also like to congratulate the following Clubs, Lions and Lioness for the Awards, Certificates or Trophies they have received at our 2019 Convention. Congratulations on your dedication to Lionism and your ongoing commitment to Service.

Presidential Award: Lion Rick Metcalfe – Newmarket Lions Club
 International Leadership Award: Lioness Karen Jackson - Newmarket Lioness Club
 International President's Certificate of Appreciation:
 Lion/Lioness Micheline Lush – Ajax Lions Club
 Lion Rick Lush – Ajax Lions Club
 Lion/Lioness Elaine Umphrey – Beaverton Lions Club
 Lion Danny Leung – Canada H-K New Horizon Lions Club
 Lion Paul Leung – Canada H-K New Horizon Lions Club

Governor's Visitation Contest	Omeme Lions Club
Greenfield/Hill Region 18 Membership Award	Richvale Lions Club
Harrison/McConkey Region 33 Membership Award	Oshawa West Lions Club
Crossland/Brand Region 45 Membership Award	Sunderland Lions Club
Crawford/Finney Region 52 Membership Award	Dunsford Lions Club
PDG E.J. Farr Membership and Retention	Oshawa West Lions Club
Governor's Contest Administrative Efficiency	Newmarket Lions Club
District A16 Best Overall Club	Newmarket Lions Club
The William G Brady Memorial Award	Region Chairperson 33 Gina Heeger
A16 Website Award ODG Peter Jackson Trophy	Haliburton Lions Club
E-Clubhouse Award	Omeme Lions Club
Environmental Photo Contest	Lion Donna Huelin
Colwell Award	No entries for 2019

Please don't forget to support LCIF for the 2018-2019 Lions Year with a Club Donation or, better yet, make a pledge to be either a Maple Leaf or Model Lions Club for Campaign 100. Your Foundation needs you!

Finally, thank you to all the Clubs and Lions and Lioness that have supported my DG Project and Lioness President Suzanne's Project, Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation. If you still wish to support our Camp, there is still time to donate! The winners for our draw will be picked and contacted at the June 15th Cabinet Meeting in Greenbank and an announcement of the winners will be in the next DG Newsletter in July.

Enjoy the Summer, the sun and the heat.

Your proud governor serving the best district in all of Lionism,
 Lion Jean-Claude "JC" Lagrange

Jan 14, 2019	Haliburton	Four Milestone chevron awards James Frost 20 years David Mills 45 years Jeanette Muise 10 years Ronald Bain 20 years
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January 16, 2019	Blackstock	Induction of 3 new members Sharon Baker, sponsored by Connie Ashmore Jennifer Bankay, sponsored by Eleanor Colwell Tom Derlis, sponsored by Eleanor Colwell
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January 17, 2019	Omemees	Four Milestone Chevron awards Brian Brown and Tom Pocock 10 years William Hawman and Ken Penley 15 years
		

February 28, 2019	Holland Landing	Tropical Theme
		

March 8, 2019	Victoria Markham Square	
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March 27, 2019	Minden	
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April 3, 2019	Greenbank	
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April 4, 2019	Port Perry	Melvin Jones to Rob Rice
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April 19, 2019	Angus Glenn	
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April 26, 2019	Warm up	Waiting for CC Tim
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April 26, 2019	Convention day 1	CC Tim, DG JC, 1st VDG Deb, and 2nd VDG Glen
 A photograph showing four individuals dressed in full-body lion costumes. They are standing on a dark stage in a room with a whiteboard and a window in the background. The person on the far left is holding a microphone. The person in the center is gesturing with their right hand. The person on the far right is also holding a microphone. The person in the middle is seen from the back.		

April 26, 2019	Warm up winners	The team of "CC Tim, DG JC, 1st VDG Deb, and 2nd VDG Glen". Accepting the prize is CC Tim and DG JC
 A photograph of two men celebrating. The man on the left is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and a lanyard, and is holding a large, round, woven trophy with both hands above his head. The man on the right is wearing a maroon polo shirt and has his right arm raised in a fist. They are both smiling. The background shows a room with a window and curtains.		

April 27, 2019	Convention day 2	Front Row: PID Jay Patel, PID Carl Young, ID Tom Gordon Back Row: CC Tim Cheung, DG Jean-Claude "JC" Lagrange
		

April 27, 2019	Convention	Pre-Banquet social PID Jay Patel, Lion Kamini Patel, Lion Dr. Elena Mihu, and DG JC Lagrange
		

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April 27, 2019	Convention	Melvin Jones to Tim and Patty
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April 28, 2019	Convention day 3	Passing down the gavel DG JC Lagrange and DGE Debbie Dawson
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May 8 2019	Milliken Mills	
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May 16, 2019	Coboconk	Last official visit
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Card from PID Jay Patel

The Lions

We as Lions are committed to our own decree, we are Knights of the Blind, we are the Samaritans for humanitarian services in our community; but, most of all we are committed to say -
"Our home is the world, our fellowship to help others where We Serve!"



Those who receive a good deed will never forget it, to repay one's debts is not in our power.

It is a debt of gratitude in a manner you have given Kamini and myself by your visit. We thank you.

- Jay Patel



Friendship in Life

The wheels of nature are not rolling backwards; everything presses on towards eternity; from birth of time, all of man tried to collect the spoils of the earth and nature, whatever is pure, permanent and divine.

So friendship is the only thing in the world which all mankind is agreed upon, for in the best portion of a good time in one's life is the value of friendship.

Therefore, if man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone.

So keep your friendship in constant repair, for life is only a day at most, thus never lose honor.. Reach out your hand in friendship, hold it like a clasp equal, may it be black or white.

So dear friend, until our paths will cross again it is not farewell, - see you soon dear friend.

*Jay Patel
Lion Friend*

Thank you for your Service

Jay & Kamini

Letter from PID Jay Patel



Jay Patel
International Director 1998-2000
3245 Rivers Avenue
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April 29th 2019

District Governor J C Lagrange
76 Honeysuckle Road
Kirkfield, ON KOM 2B0, CANADA

Dear District Governor J C,

Kamini and I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the wonderful time, fun and fellowship we had at A 16 District Convention on 26, 27, and 28 April 2019. Your generosity and friendliness were exemplary.

The conduct of the meetings and events during the weekend were superb.

Lion Dr Elena, you are commended highly for your involvement, and it was our pleasure to be part of a great weekend.

My congratulations again to the Presidential Certificates recipients, I don't think there was a more deserving, self-effacing group of Lions anywhere to be found.

I want you to know that if we can be of assistance, please not hesitate to call me.

Once again, thank you so much for the A 16 Lions hospitality, and we look forward to seeing you and Lion Dr Elena at future Lions events.

Respectfully in World of Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Patel', written over a horizontal line.

Jay Patel, PID

CC ID Tom Gordon
PID Carl Young
Council Chairperson Tim Cheung

A-16 received the 2017-2018 District Team Excellence Award

At the District A-16 Cabinet Meeting on February 2nd, 2019, IPDG Tim Cheung announced that A-16 was recognized by LCI with the 2017-2018 District Team Excellence Award.

During the year of 2017-2018, District A-16 was able to accomplish and complete the Award criteria in Membership, Service, Organizational Excellence, and Marketing and Communication and qualified for the Award. A big thank you to the members of the District Governor team 2017-2018: PDG Susan Tate as GLT Coordinator, PDG Brian Moore as GMT Coordinator, 1VDG Debbie Dawson acting double role as GST Coordinator and 2VDG then, and DG Jean-Claude Lagrange serving as 1VDG then. Each member of the Team received a recognition medal from LCI.

Congratulations to the A-16 District Governor Team 2017-2018 on the outstanding achievement!



In the picture from left to right
PDG Brian Moore, PDG Susan Tate, CC Tim Cheung, 1VDG Debbie Dawson, and DG Jean-Claude Lagrange.

Lions Day At The Mall, 2019

Submitted by Simon Wickens



It seemed almost like a mini convention when Region 52 hosted a Lions day at the mall. Clubs from 52S, 52N, and even 33S joined forces for a late January membership drive, that turned into a meet-and-greet, not just for the public, but for Lions who hadn't seen each other for a while.

When they weren't catching up, the all-day event at the Lindsay Square Mall promoted Lions and their clubs, their activities, their fundraisers and introduced shoppers to Lionism.

At least one club in Region 52 got confirmation of two new members, as did Region 33, and there were several maybes.

Lions visiting from the East Coast loved getting their pictures taken with the Omeme Ducktona Duck mascot, manned by an Oshawa West Leo on loan for the afternoon.



It had all started out as a recruiting event for the Lindsay

East & District Lions Club, and then widened to include all the clubs from 52S and 52N. By the time the doors opened, there were also two lots of Leos and Omeme Lioness greeting visitors.



DG JC Lagrange and 2VDG Glenn Conduit were on hand, as was 52S ZC Frank Sellers. There was also a handful of PDGs who showed up from across the district and greeted mall shoppers.

It was a great day all round, with 13 clubs represented: 52S Lions from, Fowlers Corners, Lindsay, Lindsay East, Omeme, Oakwood, and Woodville, plus Omeme Lioness and Oakwood Leos and, from 52N, Felon Falls, Haliburton, Kinmount, and Kirkfield; plus, from 33S, Oshawa Leos.

Lions Foundation of Canada

Input to the Governor Newsletter for the May 2019 issue of DG Newsletter

In the last Lions year 2017-2018, there were many clubs in our District supported the Dog Guides program by organizing the PetValu Walk for Dog Guides. The Walk is a great way to raise funds to provide life-changing Dog Guides to Canadians with disabilities.

To recognize the accomplishment of the clubs, I had the honour to present the Certificates of Appreciation from Lions Foundation of Canada to the following clubs at the March Joint Zone Meeting. Thank you for your support!



Region 18 (l to r), Markham LC, Ontario York Region Heritage LC, Aurora LC, and Thornhill LC.

Region 33 (l to r), Goodwood LC, Blackstock-Cartwright LC, BAM LC, Claremont LC, Ajax LC, and Uxbridge LC.



Region 45 (l to r), Sunderland LC, Cannington LC, and Pepperlaw Lioness Club. Not in the picture: Beaverton Lioness Club.

Region 52 (l to r), Woodville LC, Bobcaygeon LC, Halliburton LC, Fowlers Corners LC, Fenelon Falls LC, Lindsay LC, Omemee LC, Dunsford LC, and Kirkfield LC. Not in the picture: Omemee Lioness.



Submitted by Lion Patty Ko, A-16 LFC Committee Chair

MDA Effective Speaking Contest

District A-16 contestants did an exceptional job with their speeches and represented our district with pride at the 2018-19 MDA Effective Speaking Contest in Sarnia this weekend

Congratulations to all of you.



Alexander Milad (Sr.Fr.), Vega Hartman (Jr.Eng. 1st),
Teagan Setterfield (Jr. Fr. 3rd),
Shirley Ren (Sr. Fr.), Arthur Lutsenko (Int. Fr. 3rd), Lily
Bolger (Int. Eng.)



The Team

Coboconk Lions

COBOCONK LIONS HONOUR OUR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!



Each Year The Coboconk & District Lions Club awards Citizen of the Year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Community. The 2018 recipient Barbara Chynoweth meets those criteria & more.

Barbara retired eight years ago from Intact Insurance Co. & began working as an active community volunteer where she has made a significant contribution.

- President of The Norland Senior Citizens Club for the past three years.
- Served Eleven years on the organizing Committee of the Norland Summer Festival & assumed the Chair in 2017.
- Chair of the Board of Hope United Church in Norland & is the Presbytery representative for Kawartha Highlands.
- Secretary- Treasurer of The Norland Community Centre Management Board.
- Secretary of the Norland United Church Women & is regularly involved in Fund Raising

Events for them.

- President of the Victoria East Women's Institute & Treasurer of the local Branch.
- Program Coordinator of The Norland Leather Craft Guild & Editor for The Canadian Leather Craft Publication.
- An avid local historian she is involved with The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Society & Sheddon Historical Society & regularly speaks & provides displays on local history.

WE CONGRATULATE AND THANK BARB FOR HER DEDICATION AND HARD WORK!

Sunderland Lions

The Sunderland Lions members received their milestone chevrons from Governor JC LaGrange. This group has accumulated a total of 255 years of service to LCI, the most in District A-16 this year.



Pictured Left to Right.

Governor JC LaGrange, David Brown, Wayne Down, Harold Moulton, Stan Durward, Brian Manorek, Paul Bryan and President Darryl St. John.

Sunderland Lions



At the Sunderland meeting on May 8th the Crossland Brands Membership Growth Award for Region 45 for 2018 – 2019 was presented to the Sunderland President Darryl St. John. The new members and their sponsors are also featured.

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Following these Guidelines will help us make sure your story is processed appropriately

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governornews@lionsa16.com

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These guidelines will make it easier for us to make sure your submission is properly processed. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in your submission being missed or directed incorrectly.

Do not submit multiple submissions within the same email. Please separate them as this will help us keep track of each submission.

Do include all content in the email. If content is too much for a single email, then please make sure to reference that there are multiple emails related to your submission (Example: You can add "Email 1 of 3" in the subject line)

The Email's subject should include:

"Club Name" **or** "Committee Name" **and** "DG Newsletter" **and/or** "Lions Magazine" submission.

Club submission

Sample Subject: "Ajax Lions Club – DG Newsletter and Lions Magazine Submission"

Committee submission

Sample Subject: "Webmaster/IT – DG Newsletter Submission"

If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know.

Just send us an email at governornews@lionsa16.com

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