



January 2016

Governor's Newsletter

DISTRICT A-16

Governor's Message



**District Governor
Lion Susan Tate
state@a16lions.com.**

Lions, Lioness and Leos!

Especially the Leos. Congratulations to Lion Rola Dallal and the Aurora Lions Club on the formation of their new Leo Club which has now received its charter from Lions Clubs International. Watch for the announcement of the celebration of the Charter, which will probably be coming up in April. What a wonderful way to provide youth with the tools to serve their community and create new Lions in the process.

Well, we are right in the heart of the Lions' year. In my visits to the Clubs, I am very happy to see the many service projects that are being undertaken, as well as the fundraisers which are in process in order to donate to the various programmes that we support. I have been very pleased to be asked to induct several new members which can only increase the health and support of our organization. I love to hear all the laughter in our Clubs, sometimes from the actions of the Tail-Twister and sometimes just from the activities. Some of the Tail-Twister have come up with very creative ideas! As I have said many times: "Nobody quits a Club because they are having too much fun". I also want to thank the Clubs for the warmth and hospitality they have shown me. At this point, I believe I have 8 clubs left to visit.

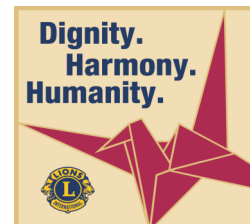
Thank you to all the Clubs who have made donations to my Governor's Project when I visit, that of sponsoring an Autism Assistance Dog Team. I am certain, with your help, that I will be able to more than achieve my goal of \$12,000 to present to the Lions Foundation of Canada so that one more child will have the comfort and support of a Dog Guide.

Recently, our Clubs have been receiving the second installment of their dues to LCI and I know it has been quite a shock when they realize the effect of the falling Canadian dollar on the amount owing. Please keep in mind that every country pays their dues in American dollars. This might be a time for a club to consider a fundraiser designated for the Club so that the notoriously low Admin. Account might be a little healthier.

To all the Clubs – Please don't forget all the wonderful programmes and ideas that are on the LCI web-site. It's a great place to browse and pick up new ideas. You don't have to be on the Executive – it's there for all Lions. It's www.lionsclubs.org. Try it! You'll like it!

And always remember – WE SERVE

***Yours in Lionism
Susan Tate
District Governor***



Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Award



Lion Ray Howlett receives a Lions Club Camp Kirk Award from Chairperson Lioness Elaine Umphrey for his six years as Board Chair.

Whitby Lions Club Induct a New Member



On January 19, 2016 Region Chair Lion Ken Drynan on his official visit to the Club inducted new member Angela Ninni to the Whitby Lions Club. L – R: Lion President Giles DeHetre, Lion Secretary Melanie Taylor (Sponsorer), New Member Angela Ninni and Region Chair Lion Ken Drynan.

Haliburton Lions Club



**HALIBURTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
AT THE
WILBERFORCE SANTA CLAUS PARADE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015**



THE LIONS WERE WALKING IN THE PARADE AND GIVING OUT CANDIES AND STUFFED ANIMALS TO THE CHILDREN ON THE PARADE ROUTE



Whitby Lions Club



55 years of Service as a Lion

Lion President Giles DeHetre presented PDG Lion Herb Visser (Right) with a Chevron and a letter of appreciation from International President Lion Joe Preston for his 55 years of service as a Lion.

To all Lions, Lioness and Leos of District A-16

Over the last 20 or so years Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation was built, maintained and has prospered with the support of the Lions Family. This includes generous donations from LCIF. We have also made use of Trillium Grants to assist with some major projects so that when this is all added together it becomes real money.

At this time we are going to enter a new phase of 'begging' in order to maintain the camp at the level needed. With help from people with knowledge we are going to tap into the world of other foundations.

In order to make our applications successful there are some things that I need from "all" clubs in this District. I need proof from each and every club that you had at least one fund raiser where the money was directed to Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation. The amount donated is not important, this is not a contest to see who has the biggest donation. The event could have already occurred and the donation made. You could have had a fund raiser and forgot that the money went to LCCKF (nudge, nudge, wink, wink), what is important is that you send me written notification, signed by the club Treasurer, with the date, the name of the event, and the amount donated.

Please don't think that any application we make will somehow magically cover all costs and expenses. We will still need all Lions, Lioness and Leos to continue to do the excellent work you do and keep supporting our camp.

In closing, remember, send the letter, and why not include a cheque.

Lion Ray Howlett PDG - Fundraising Chairperson

Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation

1765 Essonville Line

Tory Hill, ON. K0L 2Y0

705 448 2466 C 705 457 0470

'rhowlett@lionsa16.com'

The Cannington Lions Club



The Cannington Lions donated over \$700 to the Nourish & Development (N&D) Food Bank in Cannington recently. The proceeds came from Christmas Tree Sales. In the picture are; Lion President Ben Deith presenting the cheque to representatives of the N & D Foundation.

Region Chair Visit Whitby Lions Club



On Tuesday January 19, 2016 Lion Ken Drynan, Region Chair of Region 18 West (standing in the photo) made his official visit to the Whitby Lions Club. There were 11 members and 2 guest present. Everyone had a very good time of food and fellowship, New member Angela Ninni was inducted to the Club. See page 2.



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S JOINT ZONE ADVISORY MEETING
REGION 52**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

TIME: 6:00 PM SOCIAL / DINNER 7:00 PM

**LOCATION: FOWLERS CORNERS & DISTRICT LIONS
CLUB**

959 MEADOWVIEW ROAD, OMEMEE, ONTARIO

COST: \$ 16.00

Please remember that ALL Club Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairpersons are required to attend and that all Lions & Lioness are welcome.

Please make an effort to attend this second JOINT ZONE MEETING

There will be a Guest Speaker and the usual 50/50 draw.

Please invite new Lions to attend. It is a Learning Opportunity for them to discover about Lionism.

If you have announcements of upcoming events at your club, feel free to handout copies etc. at the meeting.

Please reply by March 1st, 2016 to confirm how many members are expected to attend from your club? Your club will be billed for members that do not attend as promised.

Please specify any special dietary requirements?

Gail Neiman, Zone Chairperson 52South

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Email: gneiman0@gmail.com



The District Governor Visits the Markham Lions Club



On January 21, 2016 District Governor Lion Susan Tate made her official visit to the Markham Lions Club accompanied by her husband Lion Barry Tate. DG Lion Susan spoke about meeting Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada President of Lions International during the 2015 International Convention in Hawaii.

As part of her speech Lion Susan stated that the Markham Lions Club meets all of the criteria for the Club Excellence Award. She went on to describe her personal goal as District Governor to sponsor an Autism Dog Guide. She described how much help these dogs provide for the child and the parents of children who suffer from Autism. DG Susan After her speech handed out a number of awards. She presented Lion Larry Tod with the Secretary Excellence Award and Lion President Bryan Gray with a Distinguished Service Award. Lion Bill Dewberry also received an award. Lion President Bryan Gray thanked Susan and gave her a donation for her charity. Many Lions donated generously to DG project In the photo is DG Susan Tate and Lion President Bryan Gray. On the right is OSSIE to be raffled at the convention April 22 to 24, 2016.



THE HALIBURTON LIONS AND THE HALIBURTON VILLAGE BIA INVITED SANTA CLAUS TO HALIBURTON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2015



The Bancroft Lions came to visit the Haliburton & District Lions at their meeting on November 26, 2015 and brought a service dog in training "Nutmeg" who was on his best behaviour



HALIBURTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



THE LIONS ARRANGED AND PAID FOR BUSES TO BRING THE STUDENTS OF CARDIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HALIBURTON ON DECEMBER 4, 2015 TO SEE THE NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION AT THE NORTHERN LIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS PAVILLION

Uxbridge Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast



WHEN: Saturday March 26th, 7:30 to 12:30

WHERE: Uxbridge Arena, 291 Brock St W, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1G1

COST: \$7.00 per adult/ \$5.00 per child

Funds raised will be used in support of *Hope 4 Hockey* project, the *Jump Start* program and the *Uxbridge Bruins hockey team*



TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE A16 WEBSITE COMPETITION FOR 2016

ONE TROPHY FOR AN E-CLUBHOUSE WEBSITE AND ONE TROPHY FOR A CLUB OWNED WEBSITE

NEED HELP!

I AM AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY ISSUE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE ESPECIALLY FOR THE 3 CLUBS WHO HAVE NOT GOT A WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING.

LION LINDA HEEPS AT:

705 457-2064

celtic.cross@sympatico.ca



CRITERIA AND SCORING FOR DISTRICT A-16 WEBSITE COMPETITION

Use of logos and emblems	5
Information about the club	
History (3)	
Service activities (3)	
Meeting time and location(3)	
Contact e-mail (3)	
Club Executive members listed (3)	15
Message from the Club President	5
Regular updates (current information)	20
Pictures and captions	10
Over all appearance	
Use of font and font styles (7.5)	
layout (7.5)	15
Text accuracy (spelling and grammar)	5
Easy to navigate	10
Working links	10
General Lions information or links	5
Total	100

YOUR WEBSITES WILL BE JUDGED DURING TWO TIME PERIODS
AND THE AVERAGE BETWEEN THESE TWO NUMBERS WILL
BE YOUR SCORE

2 JUDGING PERIODS WILL BE:

WEEK OF: November 15th to 22nd, 2015

and

WEEK OF: March 6th to 13th, 2016

SO IT IS TIME TO LOOK AT THE
CRITERIA AND UPDATE YOUR WEBSITES



The Markham Lions Club

Proudly presents

Lion Ken Drynan

Candidate for

Region Chairperson

Region 18

2016—2017



Committed to serving the Community through Lions Clubs in District A16
To make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate than ourselves

We respectfully request your support and your vote at the Convention on April 22-24, 2016

HAVE YOUR LIONS CLUB'S EVENTS ON THE A16 WEB SITE CALENDAR TO SHARE WITH ALL OF THE A16 CLUBS



Go to the A16 web site
<http://www.lionsa16family.org/>

and look in the right upper corner and click on the calendar.
 Click on the Calendar Submission Request Form, complete and submit the form and we will do all the rest to add your event to the calendar

NOTE: IF YOU PUT YOUR EVENT ON THE A16 FACEBOOK PAGE. I COPY IT AND MAKE AN EVENT ON THE A16CALENDAR AND ATTACH YOUR POSTER TO THE CALENDAR EVENT



MARKHAM LIONS - CRUISE RAFFLE

Draw Results

Results of the Markham Lions Club Annual Raffle Draw on December 12, 2015.

The prize winners

1st Prize Mr. Arno Collymore
\$3500.00 56 Springfield Drive
 Markham, Ontario
 L3S 3H6

2nd Prize Mr. Roger Pavan
\$500.00 646 Village Parkway
 Unit #37
 Unionville, Ontario.

3rd Prize Mr. Giovanni Dibenedetto
\$300.00 490 Raymerville Drive
 Markham, Ontario
 L3P 6H5

4th Prize Ms. Carmen Ricketts
\$200.00 20 Albright Crescent
 Richmond Hill, Ontario
 L4E 4Z4



The proceeds from the draw went to Lions Foundation of Canada - Dog Guides, Lions Camp Kirk Foundation and the Markham Stouffville Hospital - Presidents Project.

Contact Mark Carrington - Phone 905 472-1188

What are Signature Service Activities and Why Might I Use Them?

Most Club Secretaries, and others who complete the monthly LCI Service Activity Report, will be familiar with using MyLCI to add the activities and create the report. It can be a little quicker if you also use Signature Activities for the things your club does every year, or maybe even every month or week.

A Signature Activity is something done on a regular, repetitive basis, and it will be something your club is known for in your community. Examples: Be in the Santa Claus parade; Clean up a park or pond each spring/fall; Offer spaghetti dinners every Friday in the summer; BBQ lunch at the senior's home; many more. People will know that "The Lions do that." It's one of your club's signatures.

To add them (just once): Select Signature Activities from the My Lions Club list and then select Add Signature Service Activity and fill in the repetitive information about that activity. Save it.

To use them (many times): When adding activities, open the Signature Activity drop-down box and choose the one you want. Your activity will be populated with all the information you saved when you added it. Then just add the variable details such as # of Lions, hours, people served, etc.

Just **before you Save**, make sure "Share this story" is selected so that the good works of all your Lions can be seen and appreciated. It's great to always share.

For more help with the Service Activity Report, enter 'sar_faq' in the LCI web site search box (magnifying glass).



HALIBURTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB



Haliburton & District Lions Club were one of six local not for profit organization to be the recipient of a \$1000.00 donation from Parker Pad & Printing Ltd



THANK YOU PARKER PAD & PRINTING FOR HELPING US HELP THE COMMUNITY



District A16, Region 18 Lions Clubs Update-January 2016



Lion Ken Drynan - Region Chairperson

Over the Christmas period, Lions enjoy taking a break. Christmas parties are fun, and some Clubs stage major New Years eve parties to entertain their Lions friends and their community. Now it's back to our meetings, our service work, and Club visits. It's time to review our objectives for the year, re-examine our membership targets, and better serve our communities.

One key objective in Region 18 is to ensure that Lion Tom Gordon is elected to the position of International Director, 2017-2019. The organising committee is working hard towards this goal, and Lions' Tom and Gillian are attending major events in the Multiple Districts "A". All Lions Clubs in Region 18 should be preparing for the MDA Convention in North Bay, May 26/29, 2016. Every vote is important; can we ensure a 100% turnout? "YES WE CAN"

This year, two outstanding Gala events have been staged by Lions Clubs in Region 18. The Markham Milliken Mills Lions Club held their 18th Fundraising Gala Dinner on October 3rd, 2015 at the Markham Convention Centre, and attended by approximately 300 supporters. Major sponsors included the Sunray Group of Companies, CIBC Bank, East Court Ford Lincoln, Sayal Electronics and Mercedes Benz Markham.

Lion President Shekhar Chauhan and Lion Sudha Verma welcomed guests. The Club's objective was to raise \$10,000.00 for the CNIB, and this was achieved! "We serve".

Soon after, the Canada-H-K New Horizon Lions Club staged their Horizon Gala 2015 "Colours of Life" at the Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre in Richmond Hill on November 29, 2015. A live band, music and dance were featured, together with a ten course Chinese dinner. Guests were greeted by Event Co-chair Lion Margaret Law and Club President Lion Danny Leung.

The Club's goal was to raise \$25,000.00 for the MacKenzie Health Foundation for equipment to assist with chronic kidney disease. Mission accomplished!

Back to business, the second Cabinet Meeting was held on November 14, 2015 at the Goodwood Lions Club Hall. Refer Old Business, Re-alignment of Zones within District A16; Motion 2015/16-024 "---- Pre-amble---- To put in place the new alignment of Zones effective July 1, 2016." The Motion by 2ndVDG Tim Cheung, seconded by RC 45 Adam Jackson. CARRIED. This too will be added to our objectives, and a smooth transition is anticipated.

Finally: Tom Gordon Candidate for International Director 2017-2019. Plan to visit North Bay May 26/29, 2016 and vote. Please see the website www.tomgfordid.ca . In summary;

**"We believe that Lion Tom Gordon
has the leadership skills, experience, knowledge, commitment and vision
to serve as International Director, 2017-2019."**

LCIF - OUR MISSION

Every day, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission: **"To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants."**

Since our founding in 1968 we have strived to sustain Lions' humanitarian service goals throughout the world, awarding over 12,000 grants totaling more than US\$900 million, in the four key areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts.

We give sight. LCIF is providing vision for those in need all over the world by combating eye diseases, creating infrastructure to improve eye care delivery, increasing the number of trained eye care professionals and making vision care more equitable and sustainable.

We support youth. All young people deserve to have an education, feel cared for and experience healthy development so they can have the chance to achieve their dreams. Through our [positive youth development program](#), Lions Quest, LCIF is helping children learn to work together, make positive decisions and serve their communities. The Foundation also supports youth through constructing schools, youth centers and vocational training centers.

We provide disaster relief. Lions are often some of the first to arrive at a disaster to provide relief, and Foundation support is right there with them. We help devastated communities survive after disasters and bring hope by assisting in long-term efforts of rebuilding of homes and lives.

We address humanitarian needs. From working to combat global health issues such as measles and diabetes to empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives, LCIF is dedicated to a range of humanitarian service projects. The Foundation continues to develop and expand programs that meet emerging needs worldwide.

It is our duty as Lions to support the efforts of LCIF

Lion Barry Tate

LCIF District Coordinator

Ask1 Today - LCI

The best way to create a larger impact in your community is to ask one person to join your club. On average, a Lion impacts the lives of 50 people annually when they participate in service projects. Imagine the outcomes that can occur when you ask one, two or more new Lions to join you in volunteering in your community. Take the first step today and ask a family member, friend or co-worker to join you at a club meeting or service project.

Lions Clubs International has several resources available to help you and your club invite new Lions to further impact your community. Visit the [Ask One](#) page for a press release, videos, and logos you can use. Also available is the [Just Ask New Member Recruiting Guide for Clubs](#).

By growing your club, you will have a direct impact on your community, new Lions, and yourself. Start today and Ask One, it's that simple!

From the Committee to Elect Tom Gordon International Director



Lion Tom Gordon PCC is running for International Director from Canada, a position on the International Board of Directors for Lions International. The position will run from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

Eligible voters from all 554 clubs in the 10 Districts that make up Multiple District 'A' will cast their votes in North Bay at the MDA Convention. Voting will be held at the Clarion Resort Hotel on Sunday, May 29 from 7:00 to 10:00 am.

Lion Tom and Lion Gillian have been on the campaign trail since the end of August. They have attended Zone Meetings, Region Rallies, Cabinet Meetings and Charter Nights and have been in every one of the ten districts within Multiple District 'A'. The reception has been positive on the whole so far, although shots were fired when they were at the A2 Cabinet Meeting.

The committee would like to thank those Lion and Lioness clubs, and the individuals, who have donated to the campaign so far.

Members of the Campaign Committee and members of the North Newmarket club have been accompanying Tom and Gillian on their travels.

It is getting down to the crunch time now and clubs in A16 are being asked to designate their voting delegates for the Multiple District 'A' convention so that the committee can make sure that they get to the convention to vote. We are the youngest district in MDA and as such have the least eligible voters of all the districts. Every vote will count.

If you are attending the convention just to vote, the fee is only \$10.00 and the convention registration forms can be found on the MDA website. (www.mdalions.org)

Those attending the convention will need their *signed* membership card and their designate form that they can get from their club secretary. If you are registered before you arrive at the convention, you will be e-mailed a confirmation slip that will allow the registration process to move quicker.

The committee thanks you for all that you are doing to assist with the campaign to elect our candidate to the position of International Director for Canada. Let's get all of our eligible votes cast for Lion Tom 'Yes, we can!' Gordon.



SOME SUGGESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

- ⇒ Remember everything you post online is public. It doesn't matter whether or not you delete the message or text. If you've published it, it's traceable. When you post things online, you're creating a cyber fingerprint. So make sure that every post represents the values and ethics of Lionism.
- ⇒ Respect your audience: This might be the most important rule of social media etiquette. Show respect to everyone who visits your page. These are simple social skills you should already be following in real life; now, you just have to follow them online too.
- ⇒ Share your club's events and activities with other clubs so that the greatness of what it means to be a Lion can be played forward
- ⇒ Create a final checklists to ensure that your message reflects the ideals of Lionism, check for any grammar issues, check that the information and dates are correct, check that you have permission to upload the photos that you are using especially with minors, and make sure if you are linking a site that the link is valid.



SOME SUGGESTIONS TO AVOID

- ⇒ Use all caps when you're emailing or posting something. All CAPS is a form of internet shouting.
- ⇒ Over use #hashtags. Hashtags are a good way to help get your tweets and Facebook posts categorized with similar content so when someone searches for that keyword, they find you. This does not mean that you turn every word in your posting into a hashtag because the message becomes too confusing.
- ⇒ Share the same message over and over again. People will start to jump over your posts



District A-16 LIONS CLUB
EFFECTIVE SPEAKING CONTEST 2016

Contact Sylvia Brock at ksbrock@rogers.com - Or Mike Barker- mike@zonas.ca

The A-16 Effective Speaking Committee invites your club and the school and the students you sponsor to become part of our A-16 Effective Speaking contest. This contest is part of the International Lions Clubs Multiple District "A" Ontario and Quebec Lions Clubs Contest. This contest is the largest effective speaking contest held in Canada in both languages.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for competitive speaking and to stimulate self-expression and independent thinking among students.

The contest is open to students enrolled in public or private schools or their equivalent in Multiple District "A-16".

Winners of the local contests compete at the District final on **Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 at Trinity United Church**. The winners of this competition will represent District A-16 at the Multiple District level held in Ottawa at Algonquin College on the week-end of May 6&7. Each successful candidate representing A-16 will have their room and meals covered for themselves and one parent.

All entry forms must to be submitted by Monday March 28, 2016.

THE CONTEST

The contest consists of three grade divisions within each of the English and French categories.

Junior - Grades 4, 5, 6 Intermediate - Grades 7, 8, 9 Senior - Grades 10, 11, 12

Contestants can only compete in one language in a year, may not compete in a lower grade division, but may compete in a higher grade division.

Clubs, classes or grades setting up a group contest will follow the same rules as individual contestants. Local class/grade awards will be established upon entry into their contest. (Entry form attached on page 17)

AND ENTRY FORM

The contestant will present his or her own selected topic, partisan politics and sectarian religion excepted. The prepared speech must be the original work of the speaker.

JUNIOR: The speech should be at least three (3) minutes in length, but should not exceed five minutes.

Intermediate and Senior: The speech should be at least five (5) in length, but should not exceed seven (7) minutes.

A penalty of one point for every fifteen (15) seconds or portion thereof, under or over the time limitation, will be imposed and will be made on the aggregate total of the judges' points for that contestant.

A-16 EFFECTIVE SPEAKING ENTRY FORM

Please contact Sylvia Brock –ksbrock@rogers.com or Mike Barker –mike@Zonas.ca of your intent to compete and additional information you feel you need by March 28, 2016

Name of entrant _____

Division : French/English _____

Age and Grade _____

Address of Entrant _____

Phone number of Entrant _____

Email of Entrant _____

Speech Topic/Title _____

Club _____

Club Contact _____

Club Contact email _____

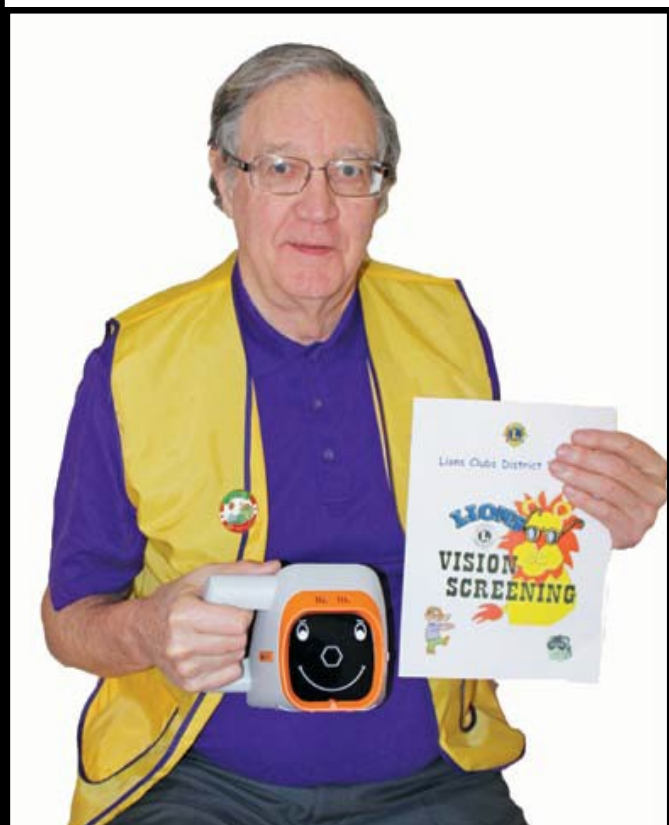
You will be contacted shortly after you have sent in your entry form to confirm receipt of the form. One entrant per division.

Thank you so much for your interest.

Lion Mike Barker, Lion Sylvia Brock

Youth Activities / Effective Speaking Chairs

Let's Help Put Lion Larry Over the Top!



Local Lion President Larry Doble, of the Greenbank Lions Club has set his sights on a goal that will give school children in Durham Region and beyond a new outlook on life. As Vision Screening Chairman for over 60 Lion and Lioness Clubs in Lion District A-16 he hopes to raise \$10,000 and obtain a matching \$10,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation. This money will be used to purchase three new vision-



screening cameras that can easily measure the vision quality of young

school children. Lions carry out this FREE service all over the world. Helen Keller years ago challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" and Lionism in answering the call to help will be 100 years old in 2017. The Lions Service Club Organization is the largest in the world with over two million members. The new vision screeners test for many vision irregularities and tell the Lion examiner that the child should be referred to a vision specialist. These cameras will move into schools over a large geographical area from Minden to Oshawa and from Brechin to Maple as thousands of local volunteers work in their communities to help serve those who need it most.

So far, since October, Lion Larry has raised over \$6,000 thanks to several Lions clubs and a generous donation by the Mississauga First Nations Baagwating Community Association.

If you can help Larry and the Lions reach their goal you can contact him at larrydoble@hotmail.com