



## District Governor's Second Quarterly Update

October – December 2016



Here we are half-way through our Lions Year! There are so many great things happening in A16 that's it's impossible to capture them all in one publication. Lions Micheline and Rick Lush have done an amazing job at taking over the Governor's Newsletter. This is such a great opportunity for all clubs to brag about the many things they have accomplished. They have set up a really easy way to submit articles and I urge you to consider submitting something for the next edition. Send pictures!

The focus of my quarterly updates is to add a personal perspective of what I see happening as I travel around this great district. Of course, it's necessary to do some picking and choosing or else the publication becomes far too unwieldy. So here are some highlights.

The Governor's Service Action day was a huge success. There were so many wonderful activities going on and the weather certainly cooperated. My special thanks to all the clubs who planned a project for that day. It is apparent that not everyone can suit their project to one particular day so we might want to consider expanding the timeframe for another year. However, seeing clubs doing straight service work was the mission and the mission was accomplished!

November was a really busy month and was highlighted by the Charter Night for the new Angus Glen Lions Club. It was a classy affair and was well-supported by the Lions of A16 and especially by the clubs in Region 18. Your generosity in providing paraphernalia as well as general support was outstanding! Congratulations to the planning committee for a superb job. The enthusiasm felt that night for Lionism was truly inspirational.

I always brag about the exceptional training opportunities we provide in A16. The Social Media workshop in October was a huge success and you can expect the team to refine the process and offer additional support in the second half of our year. The Club Officer Refresher session went well as did the sessions on Orientation, Zone Chairperson and Tail Twister. It became obvious to me that it is difficult to assemble Lions from all over the district to attend single training events and that is something we'll look at. Arranging for a variety of venues as well as additional trainers will be a challenge. Any suggestions you might have in this regard are welcomed. Keep your eyes peeled for the Certified Guiding Lion workshop coming in January.

Congratulations to Zone Chairperson Glenn Conduit who successfully completed the Advanced Lions Leadership Course in Houston, Texas and to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG JC Lagrange who successfully completed the Faculty Development Institute, also in Houston, Texas. We are blessed with great leadership in A16.

Attending the District Lioness Meetings is always so much fun and I encourage you to consider taking part. It is amazing how busy these ladies are and what great service they offer to our communities. And the Omeme Lioness apple pies are to die for!

December saw the first round of Joint Zone meetings completed and I thank my Zone and Region Chairs for their efforts in conducting excellent meetings filled with fun, fellowship and important information.



Lion Betty and I really enjoyed the annual Canada –HK New Horizon Gala on December 4. As always, well-organized and thoroughly entertaining. Even driving home in a blizzard could not dampen the evening! The Fowlers Corners Christmas party was wonderful and my visit to Beaverton on December 12 afforded me the opportunity to induct a new Lion!

Thanks again for all you are doing. I'm looking forward to my visitations in 2017.

Cheers and take care of each other.

## **By The Numbers – How Does Our Membership Look?**

### **My Dropped Member Goals for 2016-2017**

| Quarter            | My Goal | Actual | Result?  |
|--------------------|---------|--------|--|
| July – September   | 10      | 64     | Missed that by a mile!   |
| October – December | 30      | 22     | Pretty good. Wish there were fewer. December drops to be expected to avoid second half LCI Dues. |
| January – March    | 20      |        |  |
| April to June      | 30      |        |  |

### **My New Member Recruitment Goals for 2016-2017**

| Quarter            | My Goal | Actual | Result?   |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---|
| July – September   | 20      | 43     | Thanks to you and the formation of a new club.  |
| October – December | 30      | 30     | Bang on! Thanks to those who are actively seeking new members. 11 of the 30 were women! |
| January – March    | 40      |        |   |
| April – June       | 30      |        |   |

Our current membership total is 1244. We are down 19 on the year.

You can see that I am optimistic that in our third quarter, we will invite more quality community members to join our ranks, serve their community and have fun doing it. If anyone can do it, the A16 Lions will!

Great news....Newmarket North recorded a new member on January 1!!!!

## Some Dates to Put on Your Calendar

January 16 – Governor’s Team Meeting

January 30 – Certified Guiding Lion Workshop – keep your eyes open for details.

January 31 – Yet another training opportunity – keep your eyes open for this announcement.

February 4 – Cabinet Meeting in Markham

February 13 – District Lioness Meeting in Udora

## Have You Registered for Convention?

Our District Convention is fast approaching. April 28, 29 and 30 at the Best Western Plus Durham Hotel and Conference Centre. The Oshawa West Lions are the host club and they have been working really hard to give you the best convention ever. Please support them by attending all or some of the convention. Friday night is always a lot of fun and a great opportunity for fellowship. The registration form is available on our website...act now while rooms are still available!



The Canada-HK New Horizons Club raised \$30,000 for the Cancer Society at their gala.



Good food, fun and fellowship at the Fowlers Corners Lions Christmas Party!

Lion Mary Brand did an excellent presentation on Lending Libraries at our Joint Zone Meetings. Contact her if you want more info on a great Centennial Project,





Ontario York Region Heritage Lions holding my banner at my Official Visit to their club. A great time was had by all.



**HUGE THANKS** to my Haliburton Lions for their hard work in planning my Governor's Christmas Social

### **Special Note to Clubs in Region 52**

By now you have all received valuable information regarding an opportunity to join in a Level Three Centennial Legacy Project. We will upgrade much needed cataract surgery equipment at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. We will be partnering with the Lions Clubs in District A3 who also fall within the catchment area of this facility. The goal is to raise \$175,000 by the end of the Lions year 2018.

As your District Governor, I encourage all of you to participate in this project. There are many payoffs:

- We make a huge impact on the health care available to our communities.
- All clubs participating will qualify for a Level Three Centennial Award.
- Our partnership with a neighbouring district speaks volumes about our focus on service.

Please give this project the support it deserves. Make room in your budgets for a significant contribution. Many thanks to the Fowlers Corners Lions for spearheading this fabulous initiative.

### **Lions Clubs International Convention – June 30 – July 4**

This is a fabulous opportunity to meet with Lions from all over the world! If you are planning on going, please make sure you register immediately or else you're registration fee will go up( in 10 days)! This will be a special convention for us because:

- You'll be able to help promote our endorsed candidate for International Director...a lot of fun!
- You'll be there to see Lion Tom stride across the stage as International Director for Canada. What a great feeling of pride, especially since you were the ones that guaranteed our success!
- You'll be there to see Lion Tim take his oath of office as District A16 Governor, 2016/2017.

Let's show the world what we're made of. Can we do it? **YES WE CAN.**

## **We're Looking for the Next Leaders of District A16. Think about the following.**

### Someone Else

Our District was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal Lions share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a goal to reach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else will work to get it done."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was one of the most generous givers of time in our district. Whenever there was a need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would be there to help.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help in your district this year, remember...you can't depend on Someone Else anymore.  
Many hands make little work!

## **Reflections on a New Year**

### THE TRAIN:

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey.

*Jean Turbeville Sanders*