

District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

December 2021

Greetings from our District Governor Barry

Well, here we are adding on another layer of clothing, raking the last remnants of fallen leaves, diving into the shopping malls and stores looking for that special something for that special someone and, as Lions, looking for ways to continue to SERVE our Communities in a safe and positive manner.



**District Governor
Barry MacDonald
Markham Lions Club**

I've had the pleasure of visiting 17 Clubs so far this Lions year. While I had probably 8-10 others on my visitation list, several have asked to delay until the New Year when, hopefully, we'll be able to meet in person and partake in some fantastic food. Of my 17 visitations, only two were virtual and all others were in-person. Finally getting to meet in-person has been a FANTASTIC experience!!!! Getting out to see Clubs and Members serving their Community, shaking hands, hugging and eating together has been a hi-light to my year as your District Governor. My belt tells me it's going to be a longgggggg year.....LOL. I've also decided to put all my investments into the gas companies as I rarely pass a gas station without pulling in.



I've had the opportunity to induct 16 new Lions Members into our Family and I look forward to inducting several others in the New Year. It is wonderful to see the excitement and passion on these new Members' faces as they put their Lions emblem pin on. This demonstrates that Clubs are engaging neighbors, friends and family members and bringing them into our Lions Family. We are slowly but surely, coming out of this Pandemic. It is still extremely import to maintain caution and follow local health guidelines. However, **planning** for what we as Lions will do when we are allowed to serve will be the key to our success!



Unfortunately, we have lost some Members due to passing away and relocating to another District. Some Members have left because they have lost their desire or passion to SERVE and this is partly due to COVID. Some Clubs continue to not gather in-person and only meet occasionally on ZOOM. Whether you are in an active Club or not, it is still **very important to reach out to ALL your Members** to ensure they are doing OK and see if they need our help.

If you are wondering how you can serve your Communities during this Pandemic, please take a look at some of the very active Facebook pages our Clubs have created. It is absolutely amazing how several Clubs are finding ways to SERVE and Fundraise. Sometimes it takes a little imagination but there are things each and every one of us can do to make life a little easier for someone else. WE SERVE!

Speaking of doing things – *District A-16 leads the way again in MDA. Congratulations to our Peace Poster winner and organizer as well as the Club that provided the winner.* Wanna know who these fabulous people are? Keep reading this Newsletter.....

As we head into this Holiday season and, whether you are celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa or any of the other many celebrations, Lion Sharon and I wish you and your Families all the very best for the season and a healthy and prosperous 2022. We look forward to seeing you all in the near future, when the time is right.



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District Governor's Jingle & Mingle



Lion Sharon and I had the opportunity to host a small gathering on December 5th for current District Officers and District Committee Chairs and their significant others. We even had a visit from the Big Man from the North Pole (thanks Lion Jim Doak). It was great to see those who were able to make it and nice to share some laughs and stories especially since we have not had the opportunity to do that for

almost two years! Many thanks to Region Chair Vaughan Moulton and the Mt. Albert Lions for the hall, Pefferlaw & Cannington Lioness Lions for the sweets and treats, the Markham Lions Club for their continued support and Lion Sharon for all she does every day to help me along this journey.



District Governor's Jingle & Mingle

More pictures



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Protocol and Pandemic



Finally, as we slowly and carefully find our way out of this ghastly pandemic, we begin to see more and more opportunities to resume our Lions activities with a “new normal”.

- What does that look like to you and your club?
- Do you remember how you operated before?
- Have you taken a new approach and are trying something different?



Lion Betty Mills, Protocol Chairperson, was charged with updating the District A16 Protocol Manual. It is a great tool for you to use as you begin to open your meetings to be physical rather than virtual. There is no doubt that, as you conducted your meetings virtually, the “normal” protocol that you would have followed was somewhat modified. As A16 Lions, we pride ourselves in doing things well so it would be extremely helpful for you to look at the guide and its recommendations. The revised guide is currently on the District A16 Webpage.

Also contained in the guidebook are some points concerning safe practice as we continue to deal with Covid-19. The Health Unit Protocols are clear, and it is imperative that we continue to follow them. How can we help others if we don't take care of ourselves? There are many informative articles available but my favourite one is the “Book of Common Sense”.



Here are two suggestions:

- Download the digital enhanced vaccination certificate (with QR code) on to your device. You can download it from this website: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>
It's a handy way to show proof of vaccination.
- Download the **Verify Ontario App**. It allows you to scan someone's QR code for easy proof of vaccination. A simple search will lead you to the best way to do this depending on what device you are using.

So, as you go forward and continue to serve your communities,

- Take pride in doing things the right way
- Take pride in keeping you and your family safe
- Take pride in continuing to serve your community in the face of terrible odds
- Take pride in being an A16 Lion



Submitted by Lions Betty and David Mills

District Peace Poster Contest



Congratulations to District A 16 on winning the MD "A" Peace Poster Contest 2021-2022

The Theme of the Contest is: ***We Are All Connected***

Our winner Jady Stikwood's quote about Peace:

"We are all together on this tiny Rock, floating in space. All we have is each other so make the best of it."

District A16 Peace Poster Winner 2021-2022



1st Place
Jady Stikwood
Sunderland P.S.
Sponsor: Sunderland Lions Club



2nd Place
Charlotte Frew
Cartwright Central P.S.
Sponsor: Blackstock Cartwright Lions Club



3rd Place
Daniel Zaporozhehenko
Maple Leaf P.S.
Sponsor: Newmarket Lions Club

From the desks of



District Hunger Chairperson Lioness Lion Pat Aitken

I am very pleased to be the Hunger Chair for District A16 2021-22.

In the Fall I reached out to all Lions Clubs in our District and our Lioness Lion Triumverate to ask that they assess the hunger needs in their communities. Then I asked that they let me know what each club was doing to address those needs. I did hear from a number of clubs and I was amazed to read the variety of ways that we are helping. Lions are volunteering both money and time, sometimes daily, weekly, monthly and so on to their local Food Banks. One club set a goal to raise a very large amount of money and continued on even during Covid! Another donated several tons of food to six different charities! Every club I heard from has found their own way to serve the Hunger needs in their community.

Wow! I am very proud of all of us. Soon I will be sending a New Year challenge out to all clubs. I will let you know how they answer the call in another report.

Eyeglass Collection Chairperson Lion Roger Larocque



Dear Lions Members,

My name is Roger Larocque and I am the chair person is for Eyeglass Collection in District A16. My goal is to reach 50 000 pairs before the end of this year however, I have a bigger goal in mind. Helen Keller asked if we could be "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." at the 1925 Lions Convention and we accepted challenge. My new goal is to reach over 1/2 a million pairs of eyeglasses before the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller asking for our help in 2025. We are coming close to 400 00 pairs as of now.

I'm asking if all clubs could make a special effort in the collection of eyeglasses to help towards this cause. Every pair counts.

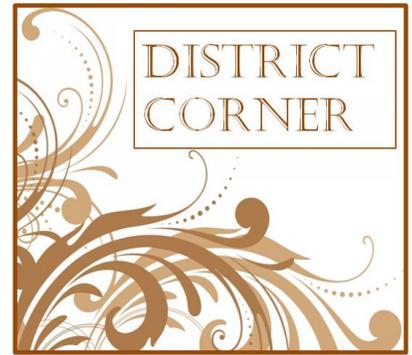
Yours in Lionism
Lion Roger

PS: We Collect Eyeglass, Cases, Lenses (singles or pairs), as well as Hearing Aids.

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 Meetings	February 26, 2022	April 29, 2022	June 11, 2022
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Joint Zone Meetings

Region 18	Region 33	Region 45	Region 52
March 1, 2022	March 7, 2022	March 2, 2021	March 8, 2022

District Convention: April 29 – May 1, 2022

@ Peterborough Holiday Inn Waterfront

Click [here](#) to visit the A-16 District Convention website for more information.

MDA Convention: May 27 – 29, 2022 @ Crowne Plaza Kitchener

More information will be available soon.

LCI International Convention: June 24 – 28, 2022 @ Montreal

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Multiple District “A” News



Multiple District ‘A’ Accessibility Newsletter

The Mission Statement

To Promote Lionism by ensuring that it is accessible to everyone by removing barriers for those who face visible and non-visible challenges and by creating a culture of inclusion and acceptance.

WHO WE ARE



Khrisstina Engel
Accessibility Chair



George Corrin
Co Chair



CC Dan Armstrong



PID Tom Gordon



PCC Debbie Dawson



PDG Glenn Conduit

The Committee will be producing Monthly Newsletters

For more information about the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act:
[About accessibility laws | ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca/about-accessibility-laws)

MD”A” Accessibility Committee is here to support you and your Club.

The Committee Chairperson is one of our own:

Lion Khrisstina Engel of A-16.

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

The December 2021 issue of The LION Magazine will be a digital print.

You can view it on the following website soon:
<http://mdalions.org/pages/Events/TheLionMag>



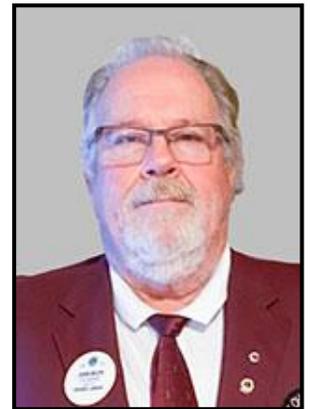
A-16 Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator **Lion John Relph**



The Newsletter Editor was happy to speak to our A-16 Global Membership Team coordinator Lion John Relph on his new role.

Editor: You are a retired police officer. How do you find your previous experience in policing helped you in serving as a Lion?

GMT Lion John: As a police officer I spent some 30 years serving the public. I served in a supervisory role which has helped me serve my club as its president and other board positions. Having spoken to members of the public about policing and its benefits also assists me in speaking to the public about the benefits of becoming a Lion. When serving as a police officer you engage the community to work together to help those in need. As a Lion WE SERVE. As a Police Officer WE Serve and Protect.



Editor: You took up the role as our District GMT coordinator in July. Can you share your perspective on club membership in our District?

GMT Lion John: We currently have 55 clubs in our District with a YTD membership of 1106 members which relates to an average 20 members per club. A lot of the clubs are in large geographical areas with diverse populations. The membership is respectable however we need to do better. we need to tap into this diversity and find ways to retain our current members. The current pandemic has put a strain on the way in which we do business and has certainly deterred people from becoming members because not all the clubs are engaging in service activities which are crucial in the attracting of new members.

Editor: How do you see your role in supporting clubs in membership growth?

GMT Lion John: As GMT I am part of the Governors Global Action Team. I see my role as one that assists clubs in our district, bring in new members and rejuvenate current members of their club and assist them in finding the resources they need to make it happen. I also look at ways in which clubs in large geographic areas can help establish new clubs.

Editor: Do you have specific goals that you want to achieve as our GMT coordinator? And what will be your focus in working with Clubs in A-16?

GMT Lion John: *The District Governor has a goal of increasing membership in A16 by 3% or 40 members in 2021-2022 Lions year and charter 2 new clubs. My goal is to work with the team and the clubs in A16 especially where new clubs are needed to achieve those goals. Ensure that continual training is done for the clubs in the area of membership development.*

Editor: Is there anything else you would like us to know about yourself?

GMT Lion John: I am a member of the Lions Club of Stouffville. I have been a Lion since 2009. I have served in various club officer positions including Membership Chair and as our club's President for 3 terms. Most recently I was the Zone Chair in Region 18E for the 2020 - 2021 Lions year. I am also very active as a community volunteer in my community.

Thank you very much Lion John for talking to us.

Our best wishes to you for a rewarding year!

Editor's note: *In early November, Lion John was recognized by his Club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. At the presentation was Lion Chris Larkin, Immediate Past Club President, and Governor Barry MacDonald. **Congratulations to Lion John!***





Port Perry Lions Club

PDG Lion Robert Rice Remembered With a Recreational Bench and Plaque



On October 16th, 2021 we celebrated the volunteer life of PDG Lion Robert (Rob) Rice at the Sunrise Beach Park on Scugog Island in Port Perry, Ontario. A bench was erected and dedicated in his honour by the Port Perry Lions Club, overlooking the community horse shoe pits, which Lion Rob often enjoyed.

Lion Rob gave his time, not only as a Lion, but also served many years on the Sunrise Beach Association volunteer board. He was a District Governor in A 7/11 before retiring to Port Perry, on the island. PDG Rob was a Lion for 51 years and also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Rob passed away last June after a brief battle with cancer. This dedication was delayed until safer times during the Covid19 pandemic.



Lion Rob's wife, Joyce, also a Lion, attended along with many long-time friends and residents in the area. The Sunrise Beach Association and the Port Perry Lions arranged a barbecue enjoyed by about thirty attendees. President Lion Joe Young said a few words as the bench plaque was unveiled. It was a great day of reflection and unity for our club and residents of Sunrise Beach.



***Submitted by
Lion Karen Thompson***



Angus Glen Lions Club

5th Charter Anniversary Celebration



When we were planning for a celebration for our 5th Charter Anniversary, we were planning for a nice indoor dinner event to begin with. But with the pandemic still around, we had to be creative in hosting events in a safe manner. We decided to go for our Club 5th Charter Anniversary Hike at the York Regional Forest on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

The Club was excited to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to **Lion Kelvin Yeung** for his untiring efforts and contributions to the Club, in particular spearheading the *Tablets for Long Term Care Homes* service project during the pandemic.



Submitted by Lion Tim Cheung

Canada-HK New Horizon Lions Club

Horizon Gala Concert 2022



The Canada-HK New Horizon Lions Club will be hosting our 13th anniversary charter celebration on Saturday January 29th 2022. We would like to cordially invite you to participate by becoming one of our honoured sponsors.

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Canada-HK New Horizon Lions Club
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HORIZON GALA CONCERT 2022

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SUNSHINE EN ROUTE

Date: Saturday January 29th, 2022
Time: 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Venue: People's Theatre for the Performing Arts
Markham Peoples Community Church
22 Esna Park Drive, Markham, Ontario

BENEFITING
**MARKHAM
STOUFFVILLE
HOSPITAL**
MSH FOUNDATION

Ticket Price
\$88 VVIP
\$68 VIP
\$38 Regular

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Our annual gala celebrates our achievements in service over the past year and we look forward to contributing even more in the upcoming year. Our theme for Horizon Gala 2022 is *Sunshine En Route*. It will be in the form of a concert.

Our main beneficiary this year is **Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation**. We would like to support their ICU Department which is a specialized environment staffed by highly trained caregivers helping patients who need immediate - often life-saving - interventions, including COVID-19 patients.

Here is the donation link.

http://support.mshf.on.ca/site/TR?fr_id=1370&pg=entry

The Horizon Gala event details are as follows:

- Date: Saturday, January 29th 2022 Time: ~3:00pm-8:00pm
- Location: Peoples Theatre for Performing Arts, 22 Esna Park Drive, Markham, Ontario L3R 1E1
- Tickets: \$88 VVIP, \$68 VIP, \$38 Regular, Group of ten \$28 each.

For sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please contact Lion Tony Chan at tony.chan@newhorizonlionsclub.org

Submitted by Lion Tony Chan

Sunderland Lions Club

Lion Earl Snoddon - a Lion for 55 Years



Recently, a number of fellow Sunderland Lions in attendance for the presentation to Lion Earl Snoddon of his 55 Year Milestone Chevron Award. The gathering took place at the Snoddon residence on a beautiful day in early November. Lion Earl's family, wife Doreen, son Brian and daughter Sandra were on hand for the presentation made by PCC Dale St. John on behalf of PDG Debbie Dawson. Also presenting were Lion President Kevin Richardson and Lion Don Gordon. Congratulations Lion Earl!

Submitted by PCC Lion Dale St. John



Pefferlaw Lions Club



The Pefferlaw Lions Club is hosting a ***Children's Drive-By*** this year in lieu of our annual Christmas Party. It will be held on Dec 12th. Advertising has gone out and Lion Don is collecting this information. We are looking forward to serving our community.



Submitted by Lion Cheryl Bahen

Cannington Lions Club

DIABETES TAG DAY



The Cannington Lions and Lioness/Lions worked jointly to raise funds for Diabetes Canada on our Tag Day Saturday, Nov.13th. We set up outside the Cannington Foodland. We distributed Diabetes Awareness information as well as sought donations. We raised over \$300. Pictured in the photo are from left to right: Lioness Beth Brooker, Lioness Cathy McIntyre, Lioness Susan Ross, Lion Diane Juzkow and Lion Ted Shepherd. Not pictured but also on hand were Lions Walter Schummer and Bo Enss.

Submitted by Lion Bo Enss



Greenbank Lions Club

Greenbank Lions Get Wired



The Greenbank Lions have found a unique way to raise funds and to help high school students during COVID-19. As part of their scrap metal recycling program they have purchased an electronic wire stripping machine to easily cut the plastic insulation around copper wire. They then give bags of the wire to local high school students who quickly peel off the insulation and roll the wire into a ball. Students keep track of their time and the Lions give them credit for their community volunteer service hours needed for graduation. At about \$5 a pound for scrap copper the project generates lots of funds for community projects.

District Governor Barry MacDonald inducts the wire stripper into the club as its newest fund raiser as Lion President Larry Doble looks on.

Submitted by ZC Lion Larry Doble



Newmarket Lions Club

Donated iPads used in AngelEye Program



The Newmarket Lions Club donated 2 iPads to Southlake Regional Health Centre's Maternal/Child program. Southlake is the first hospital in Canada to implement the AngelEye program to keep mothers in touch with their babies in NICU.

"AngelEye is a one-way communication tool that gives both picture and video opportunity for families to view their baby and for nurses to push that communication. We looked at a platform that introduced virtual ability for families to connect with their babies, especially during COVID. It has become a long-term opportunity for families to always be more connected with their babies." Dr. Charmain van Schaik Paediatrician, Southlake Regional Health Centre

AngelEye gives the opportunity for families to see how their baby is doing when the mother is discharged but the baby remains in hospital.



Submitted by Lion Olga Partanen

Maple Lions Club

Supporting the 2nd Annual Rose of Sharon Food Drive

Rose of Sharon is a not-for-profit charitable organization providing support and educational services to prenatal and parenting young women up to the age of 29 through York Region.



The Maple Lions along with Girl Guides had their 2nd Annual Rose of Sharon Food Drive on November 20-21, 2021. This was an outdoor event where the community could drop off a variety of items in need. This year we raised a total of \$1234.00 for this event.

We look forward to next year's event.

Submitted by Lion Faraone



Who are these Lions on masks?

They are (from left to right):

Lion Mari Faraone, Lion Sylvia McCleave,
Lion Fred Cook, Lion Ed Strath and
ZC Lion Ken Orr

And Getting Ready for the Event



North Oshawa Lions Club

Supporting Local Organizations



After what we all experienced as a forced COVID-19 break, the North Oshawa Lions Club has begun their 'in person' meetings although only once a month for now. Some of our members were trying to keep active in any way they could but as we all know, most events were cancelled. However, we kept in contact through Zoom and had one outdoor meeting on a nice summer's evening.

Through the years The North Oshawa Lions Club has donated \$17,850 to The Salvation Army, \$43,796 to the Grandview Kids organization and \$73,915 to the Boys & Girls Club of Durham and this year is no exception.

Here are our 'masked' presenters, Lions Peter Stephenson and Kevin Pumphrey with this year's offerings to these organizations.

Submitted by Lion Edwina Johnston

@ The Salvation Army



@ The Boys & Girls Club



@ The Grandview Kids



Omeme Lioness Lions Club

Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale



The Omeme Lioness Lions are busy moving on since our forced inactivity during the shut downs due to COVID-19.

In July we held an outdoor “trunk” sale” and a bake sale to show our community that we were still here and still active. We invited our Omeme Lions to hold a BBQ along side of us and we all had a wonderful time!



After two more bake sales at Omeme Lions functions, we planned our annual Craft Show & Bake Sale for November 6, 2021. Vendors, Lioness Lions, and the public had an amazing day. We sold tickets on an 8-foot blow up snowman, as well as a wide variety of goods and crafts. Fortunately we are able to meet regularly, and we are working

hard at producing our famous apple pies!

On November 25, Governor Barry visited us and inducted our first new member as Lioness Lions.



*As Lioness Lions we are proud to **Serve** with our A16 Lions family.*



*Submitted by
Lioness Lion
Pat Aitken*

Thank You for reading the December 2021 issue of the A-16 District Governor Newsletter!



We hope you enjoyed the many articles submitted by Lions of A-16 to this issue:

- *“In Focus” is for sharing club service projects and club news.*
- *“Profile” we will continue to feature Lions from our District.*
- *“District Corner” is to on the happenings in the District and in Multiple District “A”.*

*Our next issue of the **DG Newsletter** will be sent out on the 10th of March in 2022.*

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. Send your feedback via email to me at tcheung@lionsa16.com

Happy reading!

Lion Tim Cheung

DG Newsletter Editor

