

District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

March 2022

From District Governor Barry MacDonald

Greetings Lions of District A-16! It is great to be able to sit down and think of everything that's gone on since our last Newsletter in December.

WOW – we've had openings and closings; stricter restrictions and relaxing of restrictions; booster shots; snowstorms and freezing rain....and then a thaw. And now, as if we didn't have enough to worry about, we are watching the tragedy that is unfolding in the Ukraine!

When will all this calamity end? When will our Families get back to arguing over what show to watch, what movie to put on, what game to watch? We have had one Helluva roller-coaster ride!

Through everything that "life" has thrown at us, we, as Lions, continue to find the good in people, our environment and, that same "life" that throws us curves. We have accomplished so much over the past several months that it's difficult to acknowledge the turmoil that we've come through and are still experiencing.

But the Lions of District A-16 continue to ROAR like never before! The accomplishments and strides forward that we have made are incredible. Here are **just a few samples** of what we've done:

- Under the direction of our District Hunger Chair, Lioness Lion Pat Aitken, A-16 have received recognition in MDA (all Ontario) for the highest % of Clubs reporting Hunger activities in MyLION.
- Under the direction of our Accessibility Chair, Lion Khrisstina Engel, our District have been recognized in MDA as leading the way in accessibility. Lion Khrisstina is also the MDA Accessibility Chair and other Districts are asking for our assistance and guidance.
- Childhood Cancer Committee, led by PDG Chris Weerdenburg, have supported two major Childhood Cancer initiatives at Peterborough Regional Health Centre and Southlake Regional Health Centre. As well, through Chris' guidance, we have provided much needed support to Hearth Place, Oshawa.
- The Sunderland Lions Club, with the support of Youth Opportunity Co-Chairs Lions Sylvia Brock & Mike Barker, have provided a young artist, Jaydn Stickwood, with the



**District Governor
Barry MacDonald
Markham Lions**

opportunity to win a Peace Poster Merit Award – Jadyne is one of the top 24 in the WORLD to win this award out of 600,000 contestants!

- The Haliburton Lions Club have been acknowledged as having the “greatest number of Member volunteer hours reported for Hunger” in all MDA.
- The Uxbridge Lions Club is working on creating a Universal Park for children with physical challenges.....at a cost of \$700,000. As of today, they have raised \$650,000 – in a Pandemic!
- And, how about this District Governor’s Newsletter that PCC Tim Cheung has taken on this year!!! WOW!

And these are just a few of the exceptional things our Clubs and Lions have been doing – I could fill several other pages. However, I encourage each and every Lion in our District to go on Facebook and look at the Clubs that are in our District to see what is happening. Also, please read the Eblasts that come on regularly as they contain so much information and exciting news about our District, our Clubs, our Members and our Communities.

As we emerge from more and more restrictions, PLEASE continue to be safe and prudent in being out in the public.

I am really looking forward to visiting the rest of the Clubs in our wonderful District. Several visitations have had to be rescheduled but now that things are opening up, I’m looking forward to visiting, sharing a laugh, sharing some great food and hearing about all your successes. I also hope to be inducting several new Members between now and the end of June so start talking with potential new Lions now.

In closing, please be **passionate** about how & when you Serve your Community! Your passion will influence others and they too may want to become a LION. Remember what our International President, Douglas X. Alexander, continues to reiterate, “**SERVICE FROM THE HEART**”!

Yours in Lionism,
DG Barry



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The AODA is coming! *What is it?*



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Yes, fellow Lions and Lioness Lions, The AODA is coming, and it will affect our Lions Clubs in the year 2025.

Although the AODA is a law that we are required to meet, it is a law that is designed to provide guarantees of Accessibility for all Ontario to the facilities and programs that able bodied people have access to every day.

It has been a long time coming, and although there has been continuous progress over the past decades in matters of Accessibility, buildings and facilities continued to be built with little or no consideration for those who are disabled.

The Government of Ontario now recognizes that those living with disabilities are people too, and with a little thought and consideration, in many cases, their lives can be as productive and fulfilling as any able-bodied person.

Our Lions clubs and meeting facilities must meet those requirements as established in the AODA. After all, the Lions are an Association of inclusivity and as an example and testament to that we have one of the world's greatest Service Dog training schools (the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides) right here in Ontario.

The Government of Ontario produced a document identified as the, " **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005**. It details the development, implementation, and enforcement of accessibility standards to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities in respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures, and premises. The purpose is to improve accessibility for Ontarians with a medical or physical disability to all public establishments. The Act was initiated in 2005 and the Province of Ontario gave the public 20 years to bring awareness, encouragement, and inclusivity to all establishments. [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, S.O. 2005, c. 11 \(ontario.ca\)](#)

If you have any question regarding the AODA please contact Lion Khrisstina Engel, Chairperson District A-16 Accessibility Committee.

*Submitted by: Lion Khrisstina Engel
Chairperson, District A-16 Accessibility*

A-16 Club Website Contest

Submitted by: Lion Charles Harriot

District Club Websites Chair



TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE A-16 WEBSITE COMPETITION FOR 2022

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



YOUR WEBSITES WILL BE JUDGED
DURING THE WEEKS OF

MARCH 14th TO MARCH 28th, 2022

IT'S TIME TO LOOK AT THE CRITERIA
AND MAKE ANY UPDATES AND REVISIONS

YOUR CLUB COULD WIN THIS YEAR!

CRITERIA AND SCORING FOR DISTRICT A-16 WEBSITE COMPETITION

Use of logos and emblems (official)	5
Information about the club	
History (3)	
Service activities (3)	
Meeting time and locations (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
Overall 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



CHECK THE CRITERIA



2021-2022 LIONS International Peace Poster Contest Winner



District A-16 is proud to announce that our own *Jadyn Stickwood*, winner of the District A-16 and MD”A” peace poster contests has been chosen as a Merritt Award winner for the 34th annual *Lions International Peace Poster Contest*.

There is one grand prize winner and there are 23 Merritt Award winners. Out of over 600,000 entries from 55 countries, Jadyn is in the top 24.

The final 109 posters that reached this international level were judged on creativity, originality and portrayal of theme ‘We Are All Connected’.

We congratulate Jadyn on this wonderful accomplishment.

WOW WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Thank you to Lion President Kevin Richardson, the Sunderland Lions Club, and especially Lion Dale St. John for sponsoring our winner and their continued support of the Peace Poster Contest.

Please visit our A16 website [here](#) to view our new Peace Poster page and the LCI website [here](#) for future Merritt Award Winner Coverage.

Submitted by: Lion Sylvia Brock, District Youth Opportunities Chair





District Officer 2022-2023 Election

2nd Vice District Governor Candidate – Lion John Relph

I am John Relph, and I am running for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor in District A-16. I joined the Stouffville Lions Club in 2007. I have served as the Club President for 3 terms, the Membership Chair, Director, Vice President, and served as the Zone Chair in region 18E in the 2019-2020 Lions year.



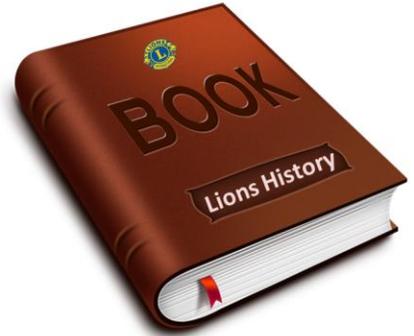
I am currently serving as the Global Membership Team coordinator for District A-16. I have served on many club committees during my time as a Lion. I have been awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship, and am a Certified Guiding Lion and have successfully completed a training course at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute. I am very active as a community volunteer. I currently serve on the board of directors for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. I have held that position for the better part of the past 15 years, 7 of those as the Board Chair.

I have demonstrated strong leadership in a very diverse community. I was born and raised in Toronto and was a Police Officer for 30 years. Most of my career was spent in a supervisory role. I retired holding the rank Detective. My wife Lilian and I have been married for 30 years and together we have four grown children and eleven grandchildren.

The past two years have been difficult for us as Lions, but we have persevered. Membership has been one of our clubs' biggest challenges, yet some clubs have still been able to bring new members into our Lions Family. As your 2VDG, I will work hard as a member of the Governors team to support the clubs in our District and renew the momentum. I am humbled by my nomination for this position, and I ask you for your support to help me reach my goal of becoming your 2VDG in District A-16.

The Stouffville Lions Express Train

The Wonderful Lost and Found



The train was originally constructed by a very talented crew of Stouffville Lions in 1989, from the actual blue prints of the LillyBelle steam engine in Disney World in Florida.

The Stouffville Lions Express Train has had varied history with our Club and other Clubs & organizations before returning to our Club. It was relocated many times over the years eventually making it back to our club through the investigative skills of Lion Joe Cote in 2017.

Lion Joe Cote has been the Lead on this Project in recent years and has done a remarkable job, with the help of other club members, in the restoration of the engine. A new crew painted and refurbished the engine and coal tender and it was ready to go in the Santa Claus parade that year. We added the lights in 2018, more lights in 2019, took a break (pandemic) in 2020, now more lights, smoke and lots of fun in 2021.



The Train in 1989



The Train in 2017

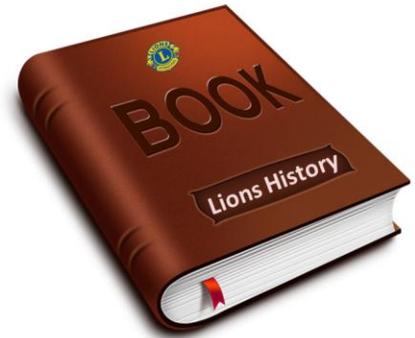
The Stouffville Express Train was featured in the 2021 Christmas Parade in Stouffville. The Parade was a great success, with in excess of 60 decorated floats representing many groups and organizations. The turnout of town folks to watch the Parade was one of the largest in recent memory. Over a dozen Lions and family members participated in the parade with the Lions float.

Submitted by: Lion Sharon McClenny and Lion Joe Boll



Lions and the United Nations

Lions contributed to the creation of the UN



In our continuing exploration of Lions Clubs International (LCI), we will now go over a surprising contribution following World War II, our contribution to the creation of the United Nations.

It starts in 1943 with the Allies turning the tide of World War II and despite Lions only being 26 years old, it and a few other organisations were approached to participate in a crucial initiative to reinvent a global body that would encourage peace and prosperity following hostilities. The idea of a post-war peacekeeping mechanism caught the imagination of Lions at that year's International Convention and the proposal was endorsed by the membership.

In early 1945, Lion's founder Melvin Jones along with other national leaders and senior representatives of the U.S. government joined to support the idea of forming a United Nations. The U.N. project was so exciting that by April of the same year Lions Clubs International demonstrated its full support by declaring a United Nations week to its membership.



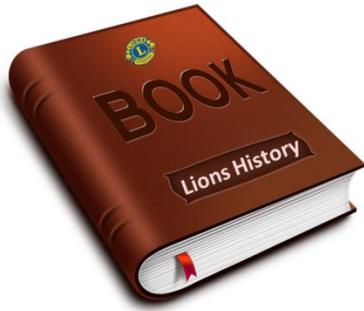
As a result, the then leadership of Lions Clubs International was one of the first nongovernmental organisations (NGO) invited to assist in the drafting of the U.N. Charter. They were particularly key in crafting the NGO section and helping to develop the U.N.'s humanitarian mission. By June 1945,

fifty nations had signed on to the U.N. charter and this grand project became a reality.

As recognition of our important role, Lions were one of the first NGOs to be given consultative status with the U.N. Economic and Social Council, a body focused on the welfare and development of people worldwide.

Today we are part of thousands of NGOs from around the world that consult and help the efforts of the United Nations. All Lions are proud and remember our early role in forming the U.N. We are glad for its role in promoting a more peaceful and equitable planet. Since 1978, Lions Day with the U.N. (LDUN) has been a celebration and advocacy event at the U.N. Headquarters that gathers world leaders to explore and discuss solutions to global needs, welcomes Lions Members to visit the Headquarters, and gives a stage for Lions to announce our International Peace Poster and Peace Essay contest winners.

Submitted by: PDG Lion JC Lagrange



The Lions Roar

Do you know how to ROAR?!

Don't you hear those Lions roar?

Don't you hear those Lions roar?

You can hear them roaring every week,

As they feed and growl for more...more...more

Don't you hear those Lions roar?

Their snarling, rumbling roar.

So roar Lions

Bite'em, bite'em, bite'em,

*Don't you hear those Lions, hear those Lions,
hear those Lions Roar?*

Editor's note:

*If you know where **The Lions Roar** came from,
and the story behind it, send me the details.*





Meet Lioness Lion Pat Aitken



We invited Lioness Lion Pat Aitken for an interview to talk about her service journey as Lioness, and now Lioness Lion. She is the current Club President of the newly chartered Omemee Lioness Lions Club. She is also serving as the Committee Chairperson of the District Hunger Committee supporting one of the five Global Causes of Lions across the world.

Editor: You became a Lioness in 2005. What brought you into the Lioness family?

Lioness Lion Pat: A friend of mine already was a Lioness and really enjoyed it. She offered to sponsor me and finally the time was right for me and my family so I said “Yes!”, and I’ve never looked back.

Editor: What were some of your memorable moments or events while you were a Lioness?

Lioness Lion Pat: Right from the beginning I really enjoyed the friendship and getting to know new people with the same interests and goals. I always loved going to Convention! The excitement and passion for Lionism was contagious.

My journey to become District Lioness President and being District President was one of the most memorable and satisfying events of my life. And of course I found Lions Clubs Camp Kirk! My love for Camp Kirk, what it is and what it offers to a number of very special children is one of the greatest loves of my life.



Editor: How would you describe your transition to Lioness Lion?

Lioness Lion Pat: At first the thought of not being a Lioness was devastating! Then gradually, thanks to the support and hard work of many wonderful Lions, the path led to the LCI Bridge Program. This allowed us to become full members of the Lions family, but also allowed us to retain our own identity. We can use our own colours and our “L” pin, and continue to Serve our community and others as we’ve always done. I am proud to be a Lioness Lion!

Editor: Moving forward, what are you most looking forward to as a Lioness Lion?

Lioness Lion Pat: I am looking forward to increasing our clubs' membership by showing people how enjoyable and satisfying it is to be a Lioness Lion. Personally I hope to continue my journey as District Chair of "Team Hunger".

Editor: I know you are a Grandma. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Lioness Lion Pat: Yes, I am a wife, a mother, step-mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I have been a teacher and also worked with special needs children in group homes and the classroom.

This is who I am.

But I am also a Lioness Lion!

I am a part of a huge organization that allows and encourages us to reach out and Serve those in need in our communities and beyond. I hope to do my best and invite others to share in the love and satisfaction of helping others.

Thank you very much Lioness Lion Pat for sharing your story with us.

Our best wishes to you for continue success in your service journey!



Oak Ridges Lions Club

Preparing for Post Pandemic



As the pandemic lingered on, our Club began to realize that while we couldn't do so many of the things we used to do, we could prepare for the world we would inherit post pandemic.

So began a Club re-vitalization plan.

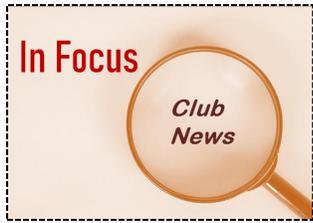
We are a small club in the heart of a rapidly growing community. We didn't know it at the time, but we would be granted the benefit of over two years to put initiatives in place to breath fresh energy and plans into our Club. We knew that we desperately needed new members. We only had 10 members, and only a fraction of those were truly actively attending meetings. We realized we needed to revamp not only our meetings, but also our media presence because to attract new people, we had to ensure that the community knew we were here, still committed to and providing services to our residents.

We actively recruited some "long standing" potentially interested members, gaining 2 new younger members in that first year. This injected some much-needed new energy into the Club. We gained momentum and began recruiting more friends and neighbours. We now have an additional 3 committed new members, along with 2 more solid potential additions. This is a massive increase for our small club and has truly increased the amount of engaged energy we have at meetings!

One of these members has a terrific knowledge of technology which snowballed into a huge increase in our media presence and a complete re-branding and unification of our various website and application platforms. We added Twitter and Nextdoor in addition to our Facebook platform with Instagram to be added shortly. We scraped our old website and started a new one, one that could be more easily updated regularly and internally. These changes alone have generated long absent interest in the club.

Then we began to post items... regularly! We posted our events, we posted links to other services which mirrored our pillars and values, we posted updates and pictures about our virtual meetings, we posted anything that might get "shared" or picked up by others. It worked! We have actively had residents, businesses and government agencies reaching out to us recently. Something we hadn't seen in years!

All the while, we kept thinking about how to position our Club for that magical moment when we could get back to serving our community in person. We positioned ourselves against the five Global Causes pillars with Lead Lions on each pillar and a goal of holding at least one event (but ideally 2 events) annually for each pillar. The monthly meetings were structured to support the creative process in encouraging new or hybrid ideas for events and initiatives, and to ensure we were on track to properly support and market these new ideas. Our first hybrid event (see “Giving Eyewear New Life”) was a huge success using this new formula. We are also actively implementing succession planning and skills identification processes when we recruit new members.



May 12, 2021 Club Zoom Meeting

We are so proud of our small group and how we have worked together to reinvent ourselves over the course of the last couple of years. We feel we are in a much better position to serve our community by taking the time, when we couldn't do as much externally as we would have hoped, to recharge our team with the structure and support it will need going forward as we move out of the pandemic.

Best wishes to all our fellow District A-16 Clubs and members!

Submitted by: Lion Kathrine Mabley



Haliburton & District Lions Club *Fellowship Award Presentation 2022*

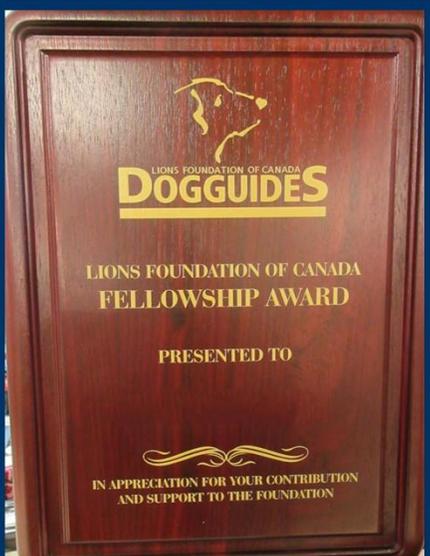


When it comes to say Thank You to their Community Partners, the Haliburton Lions know how to do it in their special way!

Submitted by: Lion Linda Heeps

THE HALIBURTON LIONS THANK THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WITH A LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA (DOG GUIDES) FELLOWSHIP AWARD

The Haliburton & District Lions thanked four local stores for supporting our club. Each store was awarded a Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Fellowship. A total of \$1000 was donated to benefit the renowned Dog Guide program.



Brad Park, Haliburton Foodland



**Clay & Amy Glecoff
Glecoff's Family Store**



**Steve Todd, Todd's Your Independent Grocer
Haliburton**



**Bill Burden
West Guilford Shopping Centre**

Aurora Lions Club

A recap of the first half of our Lions year

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When DG Barry visited us on Jan 4, 2022, he asked us to put together a report on the first half of our Lions year in regard to Service.

Like so many clubs our service is mostly in the form of donations as our members have been leery of in-person meetings. We had adjusted our meeting schedule to have the first meeting, our Social meeting, in-person and the second meeting, our Business Meeting, via zoom. We were meeting in a different restaurant each Social meeting to try and help some of our local businesses. We are now back to two ZOOM meetings.

In September, we turned over approx. 400 pair of glasses and several containers of pull tabs to our zone chair to be given to the various Committee personnel.



Oct 2021 Food Bank

In October, we did a small club food drive for the local Aurora Food Bank. We were also asked by the local schools to pick up food from the schools and deliver it to the Food Bank.

In November, we donated to the Legion and placed a wreath for Remembrance Day at the Town Cenotaph.



Wreath at Cenotaph

November is the big drive for our Annual Christmas Basket Program. We fundraised thru Green Capes Calendar sales, Hagar Christmas Cakes sales, and local donations to provide Food Gift cards for the less fortunate in town. We raised approx. \$12000 and distributed \$10000 to about 110 individuals and families. We also donated \$1000 to the Salvation Army for gift cards for teens as well as a large amount of Christmas wrapping paper to be given to each family.



Receiving donation from BUNN

In December, we donated our supply of donated books to the Southlake Hospital Children's ward for the kids. We did a Seniors Gift Bag Project this year for the first time. We were given the names of 15 Seniors in a local LTC, who had no family or no family near and provided a Christmas gift of personal items, candy, and a Green Capes Calendar for each.



Donation of wrapping paper to Salvation

We are moving slowly and safely back to what will become the new normal.

Submitted by: Lion Kathi Lewis

Book donation to Southlake Hospital



Omeme Lioness Lions Club

Recruited two new members

The Omeme Lioness Lions Club has recruited two new members over the past few months.

District Governor Barry MacDonald inducted their first new Lioness Lion, Pat McCardle, during his visit to the club in November 2021.

On February 24, 2022, ZC Donna Huelin inducted another new member, Ann Wakelin.



The Club has been busy for the Canada Day celebration. We made apple pies. Yes, lots of apple pies for fundraising. We put together the Fall scarecrow display during Halloween. We collected for Food Bank at our Annual Craft & Bake Sale event.

We are busy!
All for the good causes!



Omeme Lioness Lions with Guiding Lion Simon Wickens and Governor Barry MacDonald



Lioness Lion Barb Johnston with our Fall scarecrow display



Collecting for the Food Bank at our annual Craft & Bake Sale



Governor Barry helping with apple pies



Yes, more apple pies!!!

Submitted by: Lioness Lion Pat Aitken

New Horizon Lions Club Horizon Gala Concert 2022

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Honorary Co-Chairs & MCs: Castro Liu, Amanda Young, Mark Yin

Feature Performers: (List of names)

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The New Horizon Lions Club would like to invite you to the *Horizon Gala Concert*

When: May 7th, 2022
(Saturday)

Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Group tickets will get the following discount:

1. VIP tickets from \$68 to \$48 each
2. Regular tickets from \$38 to \$28 each

Submitted by:
Lion Margaret Law



Bobcaygeon Santa Claus Parade

An adventure to be celebrated!

What an experience!!! We thought we were all crazy, but we did it anyway.

Our adventure with the high wind started at Lions Dave & Ellen's home picking up the decorated trailer. First problem was the tree took off down Dave's alley way dropping Christmas balls and coming apart in pieces. We unceremoniously dumped the poor tree, still in pieces onto the trailer. We didn't even attempt to inflate the lion. Lions John D, Eduardo, Tracy H, Ellen, Dave, and myself helped get the trailer out of a tight fit in the garage, tied everything down, then



headed to the fair grounds. I was following closely behind to keep an eye on everything. We were great until we crossed the bridge. One huge gust came across and several more

Christmas balls came flying off, one hitting my car, and we nearly lost part of the tree.



We finally got to the track at the Fair Grounds, which I should call a huge, muddy, pot hole mess. The Kinettes got us situated in our spot, then the work began.

Lions Tracy H and Eduardo put the poor tree back together, saving as many Christmas balls as possible, tying off the tree to the sleigh. The Lion was a whole new ballgame. Lion John D. had to screw the base of the lion to the trailer floor while the whole time I was holding the poor fellow down as he was trying to take flight. I tied him off in a few places which kept him grounded. Lion Tracy H had done a great job with the lights, because they thankfully stayed attached.



Now you have to keep in mind the power of the wind the night before and then increase it because we were in a wind tunnel between the house trailers and bandstand. Even our chairs tried to take flight a few times. We ended up having Lion Eduardo up on the trailer holding the tree when needed and passing out candy canes to us to hand out.



Just about at the beginning of the parade, the power went out. Thank goodness that Lion Dave R had lent us his generator and he and Lion Ellen arrived just in time to hook us up so that we had our lights and Lion lit up once again. Lion Eduardo appreciated warming his bottom on the generator as well. Some of the other floats were not as lucky and remained in the dark. Poor Lion John D was constantly fighting with our banner, which kept breaking its ties. Then out of the windy, muddy darkness, Lion Lloyd L came to help us. According to Lion Tracy H we handed out 400 candy canes!

Well we did it!! We all ended up full of mud and really cold, but I've never been prouder to be a Lion. It was a crazy night, but even still I was happy to be part of it with Lions Tracy H, Ellen and Dave R, Eduardo, Lloyd L., and John D. A huge thanks to Lion Tracy H for her determination and hard work to have our club represented in the parade with our float. *Well done!*



Submitted by: Lion Lynda Darling



Oshawa Airport Lions Club

Supporting Local Organizations



This past year has been difficult for all Lions Clubs when it comes to raising funds, donating, and helping groups that really need our help.

The Oshawa Airport Lions Club is no different than everyone else and we have projects that we really want to support, but one that we do give to each year did not seem to need us this year.

So in November a member called the local men's shelter. They were desperate for so many things and feel they are often forgotten at Christmas when help goes to others. Their needs were simple and our club easily earmarked some funds to help but there is more to the story. Many of our Lions donated their own funds to this cause and we raised \$650. Three Lions went shopping and purchased t-shirts, underwear, socks and deodorant for the shelter to disperse as needed. I have never seen a more grateful group of shelter workers and I am sure the residents were happy to get some new clean clothing.

As an added gift our vice-president Cathy Murray went to a bakery and purchased a cake for dessert with their supper that night.

This is why we are Lions. Find the need and help to fill it. I am so grateful to the Oshawa Airport Lions Club who leads the way when it comes to serving the community.

Submitted by: Lion Gail Bates



Sunderland Lions Club
Port Perry Lions Club
Greenbank & District Lions Club
Blackstock Cartwright Lions Club



We are "Here for You"

The Sunderland, Port Perry, Greenbank and Blackstock Cartwright Lions Clubs joined together to support the "**Here for You**" campaign of the Port Perry Hospital Foundation.

The four clubs made a donation to the Port Perry Hospital Foundation for the acquisition of a CT scanner. This is a \$4 million fundraising campaign - known as the "Here for You" campaign - that the Sunderland, Port Perry, Greenbank and Blackstock Cartwright Lions Clubs joined forces to contribute to. The combined donation of the four Clubs was \$45,000.



At the cheque presentation photo below are (from left to right):

Lion Larry Doble, President Greenbank Lions Club; **Lion Perry Grandell**, President Blackstock Cartwright Lions Club; **Rachel Agnoluzzi**, CEO Port Perry Hospital Foundation; **Trena Debruijn**, President Port Perry Hospital Foundation; **Lion Joe Young**, President Port Perry Lions Club; and **Lion Kevin Richardson**, President Sunderland Lions Club.

Submitted by: Lion Don Gordon



Haliburton & District Lions Club

Lions Reading Action Program



There are four elementary schools in our Club's geographic area: Stuart Baker (JK to Grade 3) and J. D. Hodgson (Grades 4 to 8) in Haliburton Village; Cardiff (JK to Grade 3) in the Village of Cardiff and Wilberforce (Grade 4 to 6) in the Village of Wilberforce.

Blue Spruce Award Program for Cardiff and Stuart Baker Elementary Schools

The Blue Spruce Award is a new addition to the Haliburton Lions Reading Action Program. The Blue Spruce Award is part of the Forest of Reading Program, which is organized by the Ontario Library Association and is Canada's largest recreational reading program with participation by schools and children from kindergarten to grade 12. Ten books are chosen in each level and the Blue Spruce Award books are specifically designed for readers in kindergarten to grade 2.

Children vote to determine the winning book after they have read all of the titles. Participation in the program encourages a love of reading; promotes the development of the skill of evaluating a picture book based on the story and the pictures; and provides high quality books which remain in the schools. The Haliburton Lions have purchased two sets of the nominated books for Stuart Baker and one set for Cardiff and, in addition have paid the program registration fee for both schools.

We are excited to work with our local schools and to add this component to our existing programs.





Also, in our continuing programming are:

- Annual Stories in the Park Fun Fair
- Support for our Libraries
- Books for Haliburton County's Point in Time Sensitive Santa
- Books for the YWCA HERS Shelter
- Our two Little Free Libraries

In September we will be partnering with the Haliburton Arts Council with the first ever Bookapalooza - a showcase event featuring local writers and arts/writing-related organizations and businesses in Haliburton and Muskoka.

Submitted by: PDG Lion David Mills

***A-16 District Convention
is coming to town***



When: April 29 to May 1, 2022

Where: Holiday Inn Peterborough Waterfront

For more info, visit the A16 website at

<https://convention.lionsa16family.org/>

***Or click [here](#)
for the registration form***



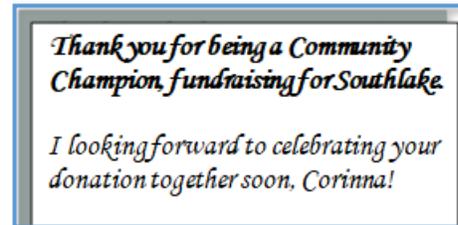
Newmarket Lions Club

A letter of thanks from Southlake Hospital



The Newmarket Lions Club is pleased to share a letter of thanks from the Southlake President and CEO for our donation of \$50,000.00 for their Mental Health Program. Many, many weeks of fundraising at 40 to 50 hours per week made this success possible.

February 24, 2022
Lion President Rick Metcalfe
Newmarket Lions Club
PO Box 55 Lcd 1
Newmarket ON L3Y 4W3



Dear Lion Metcalfe:

Our sincere thanks to you, Kirby and Sylvia Brock and all of the Newmarket Lions Club members for your most recent and very generous donation of \$45,000 fulfilling your pledge of \$50,000 in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre! Your kind and thoughtful donation will support the most urgent needs of our Mental Health Program, ensuring that we can continue to provide patients in our communities with leading edge care close to home.

As you know, Southlake's Mental Health Program is facing the perfect storm, with capacity challenges made worse by critical factors close to home. The mental health crisis is close to home and care should be too. 17 patients a day come into our Emergency Department experiencing a mental health crisis. Southlake's Mental Health Program faces a perfect storm: growing and rapidly aging communities, rising rates of dementia, addiction and mental illness, and of course, the impact of COVID-19. Last year alone, Southlake's Mental Health Program saw 1,074 adult inpatient admissions and more than 33,500 outpatient treatment visits. These are our family, friends, neighbours, colleagues—ourselves.

From our Emergent Mental Health Assessment Unit to our new 12 Bed Adult Inpatient Unit, together, we are building spaces that heal. You are helping to provide our talented mental health clinicians with the space they need to deliver the best, most effective care for mental health patients. You are helping those who need it most by providing things we take for granted but that are critical for a patient experiencing a mental health crisis: natural light and outdoor space, a secure place to store belongings, and the dignity that comes with a private place to focus on your own wellbeing.

Thank you for your incredible hard work and continued efforts in fundraising to support Southlake alongside you. You are making it possible to continue to address our most pressing challenges and deliver the compassionate and leading edge care you and our communities rely on close to home.

With warmest thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Ritter".

Jennifer Ritter
President & CEO

Submitted by: Lion Kirby Brock



Greenbank & District Lions Club

Greenbank Lions Care

After reading an article from a nurse in Toronto about the constant stress and hardly bearable working conditions due to COVID, overcrowding, and staff shortages the Greenbank Lions took positive action. They delivered a “*We Care*” package to all the Lakeridge Health Port Perry staff that had a lot of individually wrapped goodies to cheer them up and let them know how much we appreciate their efforts each and every day.

Hopefully this is a project that any Lion club can do in their area.



Submitted by: Lion Mindy Richardson

Oak Ridges Lions Club

Giving Eyewear New Life



It used to be (pre pandemic!) that our Club would, annually at this time of year, provide vision screening to the hundreds of senior kindergarten children in our community. We truly missed being able to provide this service and interact with them all during the pandemic. Knowing that we would not be able to provide this service again this year, we decided we would put an increased effort into collecting used eyewear to help support the eyeglass collection for the District A-16 initiative.

Our Vision Lead Lion, Walter Haluza, began organizing our team and we ordered new donation boxes and sought out new “sponsors” in our community. These sponsors were asked if we could place a donation box in their business for a specific week in February and in return, we would encourage residents to come to their location on all our media applications, thereby “advertising” for them! It worked like a charm! We were able to greatly increase our locations to receive donations and through our media posts we generated a great deal of interest! By the end of the month, we had collected ***over 825 pairs of glasses*** for our Districts goal. We were thrilled that we were able to abide by the necessary protocols and still provide a valuable service to our community and the larger LCI community as well!



Congratulations Team!

Submitted by: Lion Kathrine Madley

Milliken Mills Lions Club South Asian Women's Center Food Service



Markham Milliken Mills Lions Club donated over \$500 worth of non-perishable food items to South Asian Women's Center serving over 75 residents and spending over 24 volunteer hours.

Submitted by: Lion Kasturi Ghoshal



Thank You for reading the March 2022 issue of the A-16 District Governor Newsletter!



Thank you for all the submissions to this issue of the Newsletter. We have grown the content from 24 pages to 33 pages.

We added a new segment on “Lions History” which is dedicated to interesting stories, facts, and events in A-16 and beyond. We hope you enjoyed the “Wonderful Lost and Found of the Stouffville Lions Express Train” and the recognition of LIONS promoting humanitarian causes through the participation in the United Nations.

*Our next issue of the **DG Newsletter** will be sent out on 10th June, 2022. Get ready to collect your stories for submissions then.*

You may be asking where you can find all the previous issues of the DG Newsletters. Well, they are all on the District A-16 website at <https://lionsa16family.org> Or, you can simply click [here](#) to go directly to the previous issues.

As always, we welcome your submissions on your club stories, your comments and feedback on how we can make the DG Newsletters even more interesting to you to read.

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

Happy reading!

Lion Tim Cheung

DG Newsletter Editor

