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Governor's Message

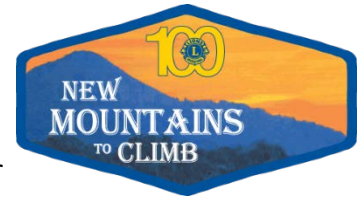
District A-16



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District Governor's Message

As our Lions year rushes to an end, I want to thank everyone in our great District A 16 Family for making my District Governor's year so rewarding. Through your financial support of great causes and your hours of service, you have enhanced the lives of thousands of people. No act of human kindness is too small. I am so happy to see an increase in the level of pure service and seeing clubs partnering to provide this service is so meaningful. Lions, Leos and Lioness...better together.



Forming three new clubs in one year was a terrific accomplishment, especially when one was our first ever Campus Club. So, we have pushed our membership past the 1300 mark and have also accomplished a net increase in adding more women to our ranks. Great stuff!

Our District Convention was first class. There is no doubt that International Director Jerome and Council Chair Stewart are singing our praises back in their home territories. Huge thanks to the Oshawa West Lions and District Convention Chair Susan Tate for an outstanding effort!

How proud I will be in Chicago when I parade my banner with your names inscribed on it! How proud I will be to see Lion Tom Gordon walk across the stage to become our next International Director!

And when Lion Betty and I return, our first order of business will be to visit Sick Kids Hospital and present them with a cheque representing your support of my project, their Music Therapy Program. Thank you for your generous donations!

At the time of this writing, there are 56 days left – 56 days to make a difference in the lives of others; 56 days to invite others to join us in serving our communities; 56 days left to celebrate our Centennial; 56 days left to celebrate us.

Heartfelt thanks for all you do. And make sure you look out for each other.

Lions David and Betty

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.

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Submission Guidelines

Here are some guidelines that should be followed to submit content to the DG news letter and The Lions Magazine.

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

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

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

The Email's subject should include:

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

Club submission

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

Committee submission

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

The Lions Magazine Submissions

In the March/April 2017 edition of the "Lion" magazine there were a few submissions from Clubs in A-16

Markham Lions Club

Inside back cover - "Markham Lion becomes Melvin Jones Fellow"

Newmarket Lioness Club

Newmarket Lions Club

North Newmarket Lions Club

Page 24 - "Lions of Newmarket Reading Action"

Eyeglass Recycling

Page 12 - "A True Knight of the Blind - Lion Roger Larocque"

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Oak Ridges	Stouffville
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Thornhill	Angus Glen

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BAM	Durham Region Community
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Goodwood	Oshawa Airport
Greenbank	Oshawa West
Port Perry	Whitby
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Haliburton	Lindsay East
Kinmount	Oakwood
Kirkfield	Omeme
Minden	Woodville

Committee Submissions



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

HEADS UP: Please look at pages six and seven of the current Lions Magazine (March/April 2017 edition) to see the activities of our Foundation. Tell your friends about our work.

NEW POSITION: Lions Clubs International has created the position of Lions Clubs International Foundation Club Coordinator, whose job it will be to tell your club about LCIF activities worldwide. Check to see if your club filled this position.

REMINDER: All clubs are being asked to support LCIF. A donation from all clubs in the District will show our appreciation of the fact that we have received grants for our great work. It will go far to support the work of the Foundation.

PLEASE SUPPORT LCIF

MD"A" Effective Speaking Contest

A-16 Speakers

On March 28th at Trinity United Church, The Newmarket Lions Club hosted A-16 Effective Speaking Contest. From 14 Clubs came 32 contestants and an audience of 140 friends, families, and Lions. Our contestants did their best and after a light lunch, the awards were handed out by Lion Martin, Governor David, and Co-chair Sylvia.

Our winners went on to the MD"A" Effective Speaking Contest held last week-end in St. Catharines. MD"A" includes all 10 districts in Ontario and part of Quebec. There were 48 competitors representing each of the 6 categories.

Our A-16 contestants did an exceptional job with their speeches and represented our district with pride. Below are our A-16 winners, their placement at MD"A" and their sponsoring club.

Placement	Division	Name	Club
2 nd	Junior English	Vega Hartman	Newmarket
3 rd	Junior French	Ethan Lam	Richvale
1 st	Int. English	Galiya Vendrov	Newmarket
Hon.	Int. French	Yilin (Shirley) Ren	Markham
1 st	Senior English	Catherine Cadigan	Fenelon Falls & D
2 nd	Senior French	Parsa Entesari	Richvale

Galiya Vendrov spoke at the MD"A" banquet. Her Topic is "My Home". It is about how grateful she is to be a Canadian.

We are exceedingly proud of our young people.

A big thank you to the 14 clubs who entered contestants making our Effective Speaking Contests such a success.

A huge thank you to all the clubs who contributed financially making it possible for all of our students to be able to compete.

Lion Sylvia Brock and Mike Barker
Co-chairs A-16 Opportunities for Youth Committee

Colwell Award Winner

2016-2017

The Colwell award was created in 2007 in memory of Past Vice District Governor Bruce Colwell and is presented annually at our District Convention.

The award is presented to the Club that has entered a project involving youth which is new to the subscribing Club this year. This year we had 3 very deserving entries. They were from the Mount Albert and District Lions, Greenbank Lions and the Angus Glen Lions.

The winner was selected by the International Guest, District Governor and the District Chairperson for the Opportunities for Youth Committee.

The recipient of the award this year was Angus Glen Lions. They prepared an Easter Dinner for the 360 Kids Richmond Hill Drop In Centre.

Zone Chair Patty Ko and 1st Vice District Governor Tim Cheung accepted the Award for their Club.



Club Submissions

Angus Glen Lions Club

Serving Angus Glen Lions Serving Easter Dinner hosted by 360Kids

On April 15, 2017, Angus Glen Lions were serving Easter Dinner in support of 360 Kids Richmond Hill Youth Drop In Centre that aimed at providing youths and young adults of the Centre with a fun-filled afternoon, and a festive and satisfying meal.

There were games, fresh popcorn, and the serving of a nice turkey dinner.

We presented the project as an entry to the Colwell Award at our District Convention, and we won the Colwell Award!



Welcoming all with the all-welcoming aroma of freshly made popcorn



Our Lion "kitchen" crew all geared up to serving a delicious and heart-warming Easter Dinner..."Happy Planet" it is!

Some After Thoughts from those who were at the event.....



AN unexpectedly friendly WELCOME
from the Unwelcome
with genuine appreciation

Our basics = their *Lifeline*

Lets not take things for granted

... a nondescript plain backpack
for those who have

...became...a much valued valuable
for those who have not.

When you saw the lucky draw winner

Give his prize to another youth

who was looking on longingly,

you also saw...

bone-chilling , heart-breaking ,

Compassion.

A Big ***Thank You*** ...

Waved at you whole-heartedly by someone ill-hearted to

Happiness is not a given...

Lions Club of Minden and District

Minden gets Emergency Grant from LCIF

Flood warnings were sent out for Haliburton County on April 30th, as District A-16 was starting their final day at convention. We watched the weather reports while in Oshawa and hoped that the flooding would be minor in nature. A few closed roads and the ever-expanding ditches is what we were hoping to be the worst.

As the week wore on, the waters rose around Minden from melting snow and day after day of rain. Road Closure signs went up as people started to sandbag, our town staff working hard to get a head of the waters to avoid everything that went wrong in 2013 when the last big flood hit. May 5th, many riverside streets were closed as many people started to pitch in and sandbag anyone who got hit with the flood 4 years ago.



Haliburton County is full of people who just give and give and give. They gave their time to bag, deliver, and place the sandbags. But it was not just Haliburton County. Others came from all over to help this town avoid the deepening waters. The first weekend, you saw many businesses and private people sending food and drinks over to the different locations that sandbagging was being done at. The Community Kitchen started lunches and dinners for volunteers and those affected by the flood waters at the Arena. They moved the dinners to the Community Kitchen on the other side of town so that flood victims would have easier access to

the community dinners. These dinners were provided for the victims, the volunteers and those that wanted to give moral support to those that were suffering the most.

May 8th and finally, the Minden Lions Club found out that enough people were affected, lists were being published for needed items and food. We sprang into action and got a hold of the Food Bank/Community Kitchen to see if there was a need for the emergency grant from LCIF. There was a need. An email was sent out to Governor David Mills, who was being kept abreast of the flooding, requesting the Emergency Grant. Forward thinking on the part of Governor Mills, he had already given LCIF a heads up that the request might be coming in. LCIF, within 48 hours of the request, had placed the money in the District's account. Within hours of being told that the funds were being made available, the Minden Lions made orders for items to be brought in so we did not have to strip the shelves of our local stores. Haliburton Lions, Kinmount Lions and Kirkfield Lions worked with the Minden Lions to gather the items and get them over to the foodbank. We can't thank these clubs enough for being with Lions in our time of need.



Governor David Mills has been exceptional to work with during our crisis, and his guidance has been fantastic. During the height of our flood, MDA Convention took place, many downtown roads were cut off from vehicles and pedestrians alike. Our town is still split in two, east and west of the only bridge linking the two sides of the river.

As the flooding slowly recedes, there is now another cry for volunteers to assist with removing the sandbags and getting them to curbside for the town to pick up. Now the real work begins as we put our town back together while tourist season is approaching.

For the Good of Lionism

District A-16 Convention



The District A-16 convention, took place on April 28-30 of this year. It was hosted by the “Oshawa West Lions Club”. It was a great success.

Although, I was not asked to be the official photographer for the event, I did take many photos.

Below are the links to the photos and Video that I (Lion Rick Lush) took.

A-16 Convention Photos

<http://photography.2smerks.ca/LionsClubsEvents/Lions-Conventions/2017>

A-16 Convention Videos

[Lions District A-16 Convention - Day 1 - April 28, 2017](#)

[Lions District A-16 Convention - Day 2 - April 29, 2017 - Induction of new member](#)

And the full version of “Our Guy”
[Lions A-16 Convention - Karaoke - Our Guy](#)

HOW THE INTERNET STARTED, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

Received from Lioness Pat Aitken

Please do not Google or check this with Snopes. They will lie to you. Trust me!

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew to the People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed, he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth.

I would not make this stuff up.