

District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

September 2022

A message from District Governor Carolyn Stephenson

Greetings Fellow Lions and Lioness Lions and Leos!

It is September already, wow! Where has the time gone! What happened to summer. I hope everyone had a safe, healthy, enjoyable and relaxing summer. Sadly we have also lost many of our friends and dedicated Lions. Yet we must move forward - they would have wanted us to. We have not just helped our communities, but we have helped our neighbouring clubs and our fellow Lions and will continue to do so. We have surely lived up to our "***Creed - Where there is a Need There is a Lion.***" Thank you so very much for your Service and for caring.

As your District Governor I have two main goals.

Firstly, to actually deliver on "Succession Planning". So many of our experienced Lions no longer wish to take on leadership roles - in a lot of cases they are just so tired. Understandably so. We no longer have members competing for higher level positions such as VDG positions. We have no pool to draw from to replace or fill Zone Chair positions. While I have started to address this - all district positions now have co-chairs - so in the event there is illness or personal occurrences requiring one member to step away, the business of the District can continue. I encourage all members to keep an eye out for potential future leaders who may demonstrate the competencies required and are willing to step up and fill these leadership roles.

Secondly, I would like to build awareness around the cause of Diabetes. We have worked so hard on all the other Causes but seldom do we speak of this. Yet as of 2019 approximately 10% of our population has been diagnosed with diabetes and that number continues to climb according to the figures posted on the Lions Clubs International website. As our International President Brian Sheehan has repeatedly said, let us think outside the box and be creative in what we can do to build awareness around this. ***We can make a difference.***



**District Governor
Carolyn Stephenson
Markham Lions Club**

As we are fast approaching fall, we will continue serving in our communities - many of you never stopped and I thank you for your diligence. I encourage you to **PLAN, PREPARE AND ADVERTISE**; find out from our communities what their needs are and *plan* what we can do to partner with them, then *prepare* our next steps and then *advertise*. Let them see you working and being passionate about serving; let them see you having fun while making a difference, and this way they will want to join you in service. It cannot be over emphasized that **SERVICE DRIVES MEMBERSHIP**.

Lions, Lioness Lions, and Leos, you have all more than risen to the occasion. Your service has been noticed and broadcast throughout the District via Facebook and other social medias. Your service has become 'infectious'. Your service, combined with the strong efforts of your Service Chairs; your Membership Chairs; your Zone and Region Chairs has been recognized and acknowledged. Please keep up your good work. Our communities need us. By working together in service we can achieve our membership goals which will also allow us to reach even more people in need of our help. By transforming ideas into action, we can create a great membership experience thus aiding us in retention while growing our membership and increasing our service impact for those in need in our communities.

I am excited to see what we can accomplish over the next few months and encouraged by the stories of service activities already undertaken and those planned but not yet brought to fruition. I am so proud to be your District Governor and humbled by the confidence you have placed in me.

District A16 is AWESOME.

Let us show them what we can accomplish when we work together as a Team - Remember **TOGETHER WE CAN!**

Thank you.

DG Carolyn Stephenson



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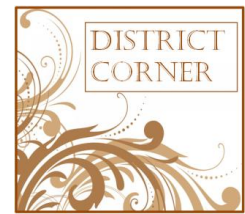
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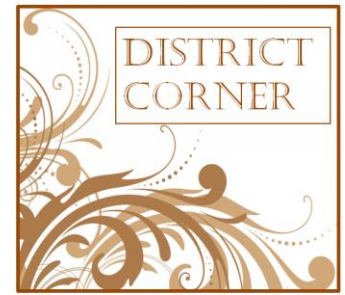
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Lindsay East
Oakwood
Oakwood Leo Club
Omeme
Omeme Lioness
Woodville



Introducing the A-16 District Global Action Team

The District Global Action Team (GAT) is a powerful bridge between Clubs and the international association. It is a field team specifically designed to connect clubs and district to tools and resources developed to improve club service impact. The DG Newsletter is pleased to introduce our District GAT team coordinators:

Global Service Team (GST) coordinator Lion ***Barry MacDonald***

Global Membership Team (GMT) coordinator Lion ***Karen Thompson***

Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator Lion ***Tom Gordon***



From L to R: GST Barry MacDonald, GMT Karen Thompson, GLT Tom Gordon



Zone 52 South is up and running

An update from Zone Chairperson Gail Neiman

From Zone Chairperson Gail Neiman, Zone 52 South:

I had my first outdoor patio meeting with the Dunsford Lions Club on September 8th, with 14 members in attendance. Being their first meeting of the year they were a feeling their way, without a secretary at this time. It was a very good meeting. I gave them an outline of things to be kept up over the year. Their Dues are now paid up-to-date. They are setting up a couple fund raisers, the sale of 2023 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars, and a Lottery.

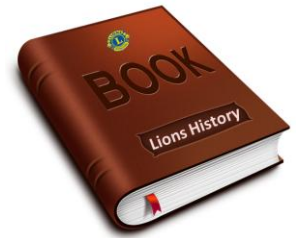
They have one female member and she is doing a great job of getting things organized.

Submitted by: ZC Gail Neiman



Happy 85th Birthday to Port Perry Lions Club

Celebrating and holding a service project all at the same time



The Port Perry Lions Club will be celebrating our 85th Charter Anniversary on Saturday, September 24th, 2022 at the Port Perry Scout Hall.

Celebrations will start at 2 pm with an Open House for the residents of Port Perry until 4 pm. Weather permitting, we will be giving out free hotdogs and have some outdoor games for prizes for the kids. Inside, we will have information and displays of our services in the community, featuring our landfill diversion projects. We are asking residents to bring some of these items with them; old toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and deodorant containers, disposable razors and blades, empty pens, markers, ink cartridges and air care cartridges. We will be shipping these off to super recyclers so that they may be converted into plastic pellets to produce new plastic. This will be done through the Terracycle.ca program.



We are also asking residents to continue bringing their used eyeglasses and hearing aids, pop tabs and prescription bottles and used cellphones for our other service programs.

In the evening, from 7 to 9 pm, we have invited Lions from District A16 to attend along with our community service partners. This includes organizations that we have served in the community, such as North House, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Durham, Port Perry Hospital Foundation, 1st Port Perry Scouting, the Port Perry Angels, the Port Perry Fair Board, the Scugog Chamber of Commerce and many more. In attendance will also be committee members from the Port Perry Petvalue Dogguide Walk.

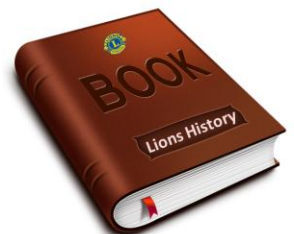
We will have an evening of reflection of service, glimpses of past celebrations and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 draw as well as a fun toonie toss for LCIF.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 24th as we celebrate 85 years of service.

Submitted by: Lion Karen Thompson

The King City Lions mark 70 years of service

A service history proudly displayed



The history of the King City Lions Club was proudly displayed in an article on the June 23rd, 2022 issue of the King Weekly Sentinel, a community newspaper of King City.

The King City Lions had their first Lions Meeting on May 14th, 1952 followed by their Charter Night on July 9th in the same year. For the following 70 years, they have served the community well.

To read the full article, please click [here](#) to go to the King Weekly Sentinel website. Click “2022” and select “06 23 June 23” to download the PDF file of the article.

Lions were front and centre of life in the community


From Page 16
Many said it would be very difficult to imagine the community without the Lions, and who hopes that they receive more support to people in the community than will ever be known - support that never made it onto a fundraising ledger or a project list - far more has been done in kindness and in credit than people will ever know about. Ian McCalland, current KC Lions Club President, and life-long resident of King Township recalls their growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, the KC Lions were front and centre in the life of the community and ran the major sports organizations such as hockey and volleyball and supported other sports financially such as swimming, figure skating and others. Over the years, the KC Lions could be found doing anything from hosting tournaments, providing a proper list - far more has been done in kindness and in credit than people will ever know about. Ian McCalland, current KC Lions Club President, and life-long resident of King Township recalls their growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, the KC Lions were front and centre in the life of the community and ran the major sports organizations such as hockey and volleyball and supported other sports financially such as swimming, figure skating and others. Over the years, the KC Lions could be found doing anything from hosting tournaments, providing a proper list - far more has been done in kindness and in credit than people will ever know about.



It's hard to pick just a handful of KC Lions projects to include with this article - goodness knows there have been so many of them - each of which being special in different people for different reasons. But over the years, several fundraising initiatives have stood out as being significant to the life and lives of the residents of King City, including: \$25,000 for the King City Senior Community Centre, including and park improvements; \$100,000 to youth sport leagues; \$125,000 to the former York Central Hospital, now Mackenzie Health; \$130,000 to South Lake Regional Health Centre and \$21,000 to Sick Kids Hospital. Over the past few years, the KC Lions have been donating their time to local seniors, the King Township Foodbank, fundraising for hall/billars throughout the community, fundraising for emergency blanking north light and AEDs, autism and learning disabilities. Most recently, money raised by the KC Lions during the 60th Anniversary at the King City Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival will further this month will help Lions International and their work in the Ukraine. Over the past few years, the KC Lions have been donating their time to local seniors, the King Township Foodbank, fundraising for hall/billars throughout the community, fundraising for emergency blanking north light and AEDs, autism and learning disabilities. Most recently, money raised by the KC Lions during the 60th Anniversary at the King City Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival will further this month will help Lions International and their work in the Ukraine. Over the past few years, the KC Lions have been donating their time to local seniors, the King Township Foodbank, fundraising for hall/billars throughout the community, fundraising for emergency blanking north light and AEDs, autism and learning disabilities. Most recently, money raised by the KC Lions during the 60th Anniversary at the King City Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival will further this month will help Lions International and their work in the Ukraine.

Charter Night
King City Lions Club

THE GRAYSTONES
Aurora, Ont.



Wednesday, July 9th, 1952
7:00 P.M.

Sponsored by
Oakridge Lions Club

The King City Lions mark 70 years of service

By Kelly Mathews
On the occasion of their platinum jubilee, I want to extend the heartfelt congratulations of the King City Lions. For 70 years, our community has been on the receiving end of your support and generosity. I raise a glass to the King City Lions and applaud their continued legacy of service!

Steve Pellegrini
Mayor of King Township

Many things have changed since the first meeting of the King City (KC) Lions, which took place in the former Masonic Lodge (Robinson Lodge, No. 202, King) on May 14, 1952. The official Charter Night was held on July 9, 1952, at the Graystones, in neighbouring Aurora, thanks to the support and sponsorship of the Oak Ridge Lions Club. Since that early day, the population of King City has risen from around 600 to over 230, making it the largest community in King Township; the number of households in King City has gone from a few hundred to almost 8,000, and, with each passing decade, the agricultural canopy that once did just that.



Today's King City Lions Club includes (back, l to r) Brock Row: Ian McCalland, Frank Sator, David Perry, (middle) Bob Payne, James Carran, Wayne Lawton, David Gossett, Peter Taylor, Ken Orr, (front) Brian Featherstone, Craik Holmes, Josephine, Michael Mitchell, David Bessley.

There are those Lions clubs serving King Township, and all are celebrating milestones anniversary this year celebrating 70 years of active service, the Robinson Lions Club was the first to appear on the scene in 1947. Five years before the KC Lions, two years after the KC Lions formed, the Northern Lions Club was founded in 1951 and is currently celebrating their 70th anniversary. It's no surprise that King, being such a large municipality would have more than one Lions club to serve their respective villages, but they can often be found joining forces for projects that span across the township.



King City Lions, circa 1970-75 (Back, l to r) Theodor Galbraith, Duncan Marwood, Walter Deane, (front) Glen Her, Don Hansen, Joe Nelson, Stan Koop, Leslie Lawson, Grant Howie, Howard Clegg, Doug Manson, George Barnett, Ken Sutton, Harry Gooding, Don Telford, Jack Longhorn, Ray Long, George (Nip) Armstrong, Brent Jack Washington, John Daw, Gord Orr.

Today's Lions Clubs International can be found in over 200 countries with over 48,000 clubs and 1.4 million members. There are 1,600 clubs in Canada alone. The Lions are one of the world's largest service organizations with men and women around the world working together to bring positive change to the communities where they live. Although located in King City, the KC Lions are part of a global service network, meaning that their services are not limited by geography. The area of the KC Lions stretch far beyond the boundaries of King City and into the township, supporting causes at the provincial, national and international level as well. Working together in a pack of sorts, the KC Lions began fundraising with their first Auction Sale in October 1963. The inaugural event raised \$700, but forward to 2022 and the KC Lions have raised over 1.6 million dollars in

Lions have touched thousands of people over the years

From Page 17
Former District Governor of the Lions and past president of the KC Lions Club, Gord Orr (Aug. 7, 1921 - Feb. 7, 2010), served the Lions for 58 years and at least once has said on record that "a Lions Club can contribute to a community, but to be successful, they must have the support of the community and in this regard, we have had an excellent response." Many a president of the KC Lions has spoken of the great support of the King City community whether through attending events, donating funds or waiving or purchasing a ticket for an activity. And in this regard, the 70th anniversary of the KC Lions, is also an anniversary of and for the people of King City.

A multi-generational Lions family Gord Orr's son, Ken Orr, also a past president and member of the Lions for a remarkable 42 years. This year, shared that this anniversary means a great deal to him and his family as well.



Did you know?
The King City Lions have held no less than 1,400 meetings assuming two meetings a month, 10 months a year for the past 70 years. Current members continue to meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesday at 7 pm, from September to June. Meetings take place in the "Lions Den" of the King City Area and Community Centre on Doctor's Lane in King City. New members are always welcome. For more information email kingcitylionsclub@gmail.com.

For all 70 years that the KC Lions have served the community, there has been a serving member of the Orr family with the club. On the topic of the Orr legacy with the KC Lions Ken shared that "our family wanted to be involved in the community and being part of the Lions was the best way to do that." When asked what project or activity Ken feels most proud of after all his years of service, he said for him it was the KC Lions contribution to the original seniors building, noting that he was the chairman of the committee that built the centre and it's something that meant a great deal to him and his family in a 1961 article for the Aurora & Platinum is the material often gifted for a 70th anniversary, and just like our KC Lions, it is precious and rare. On behalf of the thousands of children and youth, adults, families and seniors that you have directly or indirectly supported, I want to say thank you for being at the heart of the community and for 70 years of selfless service.

An Interview with Lion Eleanor Colwell, Past District Governor



Congratulations to PDG Eleanor Colwell on celebrating your birthday in August. The Newsletter Editor recently had the opportunity of speaking to PDG Eleanor on her experiences as a long-serving dedicated Lion.

Editor: Happy Birthday PDG Eleanor! You've been a Lion for a long time. How do you see the changes in Lionism over time? Have you gained any insights into how to entice others to join Lions given our diverse environment?

PDG Eleanor: *During the 20-some years that I have been a Lion, our approach to inviting prospective Lions into our Clubs has certainly changed. Instead of the focus being on the great meetings we have, we are asking friends and neighbours to give us a hand with our projects. Often, we recognize the need for a specific skill-set and can encourage someone to step in and help.*



Editor: You worked for almost 40 years as an educator before retiring. How do you find your teaching experiences helping you in your Lion journey?



PDG Eleanor: *It was my experience in the classroom that made me realize back in 2001 that we needed vision screening in our schools. When I was made aware that 1 in 6 children have a sight challenge, it got my attention. But when I heard that behavioural problems in the classroom might be linked to the inability to see clearly enough to read, I was hooked. Before I was inducted into Lionism, I had the opportunity to help out with the promotion of vision screening of kindergarten children in the schools, and it wasn't long before I became a member.*

Editor: You serve in many various roles in your Club, A-16, and MD”A”. Can you share some memorable moments or experiences you had serving in these roles? Or any insights that you would like comment on?

PDG Eleanor: Before becoming a Lion, I had travelled to many Conventions and Forums with my late husband, Bruce, had visited many Clubs, and had witnessed many inductions of new members. When I decided that the time was right for me to become a Lion, I had it all planned out... filled in the membership application form and presented it to our Club Secretary, telling him when I would like to be inducted and whom I would like to perform the ceremony. This was somewhat awkward for him because, as he told me, that's not the way we do it....there needed to be a Club vote.... a home visit..... etc. In the end, it turned out as I had wished!

During my year as District Governor, the highlight for me was visiting our Clubs. I had acquired a DVD from our International President which shared his goals, showed the Head Office in Oak Brook, and the many programmes that Lions International offered and I wanted to share this with our members, but I didn't have the technical skill to do so. However, when I discovered that my four grandchildren (ages 9 through 13) did, it wasn't long before they were conscripted. Each of them commented on how friendly the Lions were, especially commenting on their talents. One of my grandchildren even suggested that he would like to become a Lion someday! And of course, they all commented on the desserts!

As a member of the Honourary Committee and a Mentor to District Officers, it is important to me to be up to date on all that is current in Lionism; that is why I attend as many Joint Zone Meetings and training sessions as I can. I always learn something new!

Editor: You played in a musical band and sang in a choir. Are you still with them? Have you observed any approaches or practices from these other groups that might be usefully applied to Lions?

PDG Eleanor: Each Monday and Wednesday morning will find me at band rehearsal playing in the French Horn section of Lakeshore New Horizons Band. Many in the band are far more talented, however, I am reminded of the motto of this band: Your best is good enough! I am reminded of this when working on Lions projects.

And each Thursday evening you will find me at choir practice preparing the music for Sunday morning church services. Here I marvel at the strength and confidence my fellow songsters have when they are sight-reading new pieces, or when only a few attendees are available to sing. That can happen with our Lions, too, as we reach out and partner with others.

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

PDG Eleanor: How quickly the grandchildren have grown!!! It seemed only yesterday that they were learning to skate, to play a musical instrument, to drive a car; and now, we're watching midget hockey, attending band performances, and riding in their car. And they even helped me move a new refrigerator into my house, and bottle wine with me!

It was a pleasure talking to PDG Eleanor.

Thank you for your dedication and service to Lionism!

We have a New Club in A-16

Introducing Markham Elite Lions Club

Markham Elite Lions Club will celebrate its Club Charter on Friday, September 23rd, 2022. The new Club was officially chartered on August 17th, 2022.



The Markham Elite Lions Club has set its direction along the vision and recommended priorities of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to support hunger, diabetes, environment, childhood cancer, and vision. Our priorities and primary goal, shared by all members of our Club, is to serve the needy and marginalized in the community.

Markham Elite Lions Club plans to provide hot dinners to residents of homeless shelters quarterly. We have collected over 1,000 gently used eyeglasses to donate to LCIF vision programme. We plan to support diabetes, environment and childhood cancer in the near future.

We will be celebrating our Charter Night with 20 members on September 23rd, 2022 at Dum Phukt Restaurant with a lot of fanfare and guests from the community.



Submitted by: Lion Nina Sethi, Charter President

Markham Lions Club

Opening of Morgan Park



The Official Opening of Morgan Park was held on Saturday August 27th, 2022. The Markham Lions Club was instrumental in building the first pool at Morgan Park and they continued their support by contributing to the new Splash Pad which bears our Lions emblem. District Governor Carolyn Stephenson represented the Club in her usual gracious and graceful manner. Her timely speech, which emphasized the connection between community and service, was extremely well received.



Submitted by: Lion Charles Harriot

More from the Club - An Active Club for the past three months

IPDG Barry and David Burnett (Special Olympics Chair) Play Golf

The Ontario Blind Golf Association held their annual tournament on July 9th at Oakridges Golf Club. Pictured here is Lion David Burnett (Aurora Lions), his Coach, Wayne Cook and, IPDG Barry MacDonald. It was a great day making some new friends and playing some great, and not so great, golf. Next year, it is possible the challenge will extend to other Districts within MDA. This should create a friendly challenge.



Markham Lions participates in the New Horizon Lions Club Table Tennis Tournament on August 21st.

The Markham Lions Club once again entered a team to play in the “FUN” part of the Table Tennis Tournament. *Lions Elaine, Scott, Sharon and Barry* displayed their Ping Pong ball bouncing skills against the Lions Club Camp Kirk Foundation Team. We enjoyed a win and had lots of laughs while doing it. Our entrance fee of \$120 went to support IPDG Barry’s Camp Kirk project.



Support STEER Friends with BBQ

On August 13th, the Markham Lions Club used their Food Booth at the Markham Fair Grounds to support STEER Friends Antique Car Show. STEER Friends support youth and adults with disabilities and complex care needs. We served over 1,000 people during the one-day event. Next year, the event will carry over three days. Markham Lions Club would like to thank the Stouffville Lions Club for their much-appreciated support. As our International President says, *“Together We Can”!*

Submitted by: IPDG Barry MacDonald

Port Perry Lions Club

Cares about our environment

In Focus

Club
News

The Port Perry Lions collect the following items to be responsibly recycled:

- ✓ All brands of toothbrushes, toothbrush heads, flossers, floss picks, floss boxes, toothpaste tubes and caps
- ✓ All brands of disposable razors, disposable razor blades and plastic packaging of these items
- ✓ Personal care product containers including deodorant containers, hair gel containers and more
- ✓ Pens, markers, highlighters and other plastic writing instruments
- ✓ Printer ink cartridges, air care cartridges, packaging from disposable wipes, trigger heads, air care product containers.
- ✓ Gerber plastic pouches
- ✓ Purex and Sunlight plastic pouches

We have registered with Terracycle.ca for the free collection of these items. These programs have been sponsored by manufacturers and retailers. When we have a boxful, we will send them to Terracycle.ca and they will forward them to super recyclers, who will convert them into plastic pellets. The plastic pellets are then sold to plastic manufacturers that will melt them into new plastic items such as lawn furniture, buckets and more. This decreases the need to make new plastic from petroleum, thus reducing the size of the plastic monster that is crowding our planet.

The Port Perry Lions also collect:

- ✓ Used but working cellphones – we give them to shelters to be reused for those in need
- ✓ Your old eyeglasses, frames and hearing aids – they are refurbished and sent out to medical missions in developing countries, changing the lives of many with the gift of improved sight and/or hearing
- ✓ Poptabs and beertabs – our District of Lions (50+ clubs) collect them for the aluminum value. We send the \$'s to the Lions Foundation of Canada for the Dogguides program. Helps costs of raising the pups that will enhance the lives of others.
- ✓ Prescription bottles – We clean and sort these by size and send them to missions for use in hospitals and medical centres in developing countries.



Somehow the Port Perry Lions are not ready to act as the hub for clubs in A-16. We are a very small club and do not have the resources to process all those collected items such as clearing the labels and sort the prescription bottles. We are collecting for **Port Perry** area residents. We are happy to assist clubs in the district to do similar service projects in their clubs. If you need more information on how to start a similar service project in your club, please contact one of us.



You can check out our Facebook page: [Port Perry Lions Club](#), or visit our website at: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/portperry/> for more details and contacts.

Submitted by: Lion Karen Thompson

Port Perry Lions Club

Welcome a New Member

In August 2022, Port Perry Lions Club inducted its latest member, Lion Scott Riley, owner of Port Perry PetValu Store. The Induction was done at the store. What a wonderful group of smiley Lions in the picture!



Submitted by: Lion Karen Thompson

Newmarket Lions Club and North Newmarket Lions Club *Together We Serve! Sweatshirts and Sneakers Event*



Along with the North Newmarket Lions Club, the Newmarket Lions Club held its inaugural Sweatshirts and Sneakers Event for families in need. Donations of new or gently used sweatshirts and sneakers were solicited using social media, newspaper articles and by contacting several of our community partners, including York Regional Police. A member of the North Newmarket Lions Club generously donated the use of his storefront for the event. Over two days in September we were able to help over 70 families!



Submitted by: Lion Megan Bennett, Newmarket Lions Club

Angus Glen Lions Club

We have been busy over the summer months



Activi-thon for 55+

Angus Glen Lions Club has received funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program for our "*Activi-thon for 55+*".

It is a series of activities, an activity marathon, for people who are 55 years of age or above. It promotes active living and lifestyle. It encourages participants to learn new things and gain new experiences. Participants can choose to complete activities of their own choice at their own pace. We also provide organized events such as hiking, bingo night, book club, card games, badminton day, and chess day to bring them together for some outdoor as well as activity-type social and fun events. The program will run from July 2022 to March 2023.

A promotional poster for the "Activi-thon for 55+" program. At the top, it says "Activi-thon for 55+" in red. Below that, it reads "An Activity Marathon at your pace from July 2022 to March 2023" and "You are as Young as you feel". The poster features the Lions Club logo and the slogan "We Serve". It lists "Program Events" including Walking, Hiking, Reading, Badminton, Chess, Card Games, Bingo, Learning, Exercise, and "And more...". There are four small photos showing people participating in various activities. At the bottom, it says "Angus Glen Lions Club", "No cost to register", "Email: angusglenlionsclub@gmail.com", and "www.angusglenlionsclub.ca". There is also a QR code and logos for "In Partnership with Wesley" and "Funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program" with the "Canada" logo.

We kicked off the "*Activi-thon for 55+*" program since July 1st, 2022. We are happy to have over 100 registrants to the Program already. We had two hiking events in July and August in York Regional Forest with about 60 people joining each time. We started the first gathering of the Book Club in September and will be hosting a Bingo Night on September 20th, 2022.



Angus Glen Lions Club *Supporting Community Family Services of Ontario*



We are happy to support the settlement service of Community Family Services of Ontario (CFSO) in support to their services to the newly arrived immigrants.

Our Club President Allan Tam and 1st Vice Charles Djeu presented a cheque to Anna Wong, Executive Director of CFSO on August 30th, 2022.



Submitted by: Lion Tim Cheung

Oshawa Airport Lions Club *Supporting Denise House*



The Oshawa Airport Lions are ready for the 2022/23 Lions year and have started our service year by donating gift cards to Denise House, a women and children's shelter in Oshawa.

The cards will be used to purchase a new outfit for the children so they can start school feeling good about themselves at this most important time of their young lives.

Many children arrive at the shelter with just the clothes on their back and our Lions hope they can feel there are some adults who do care.

In the picture, Lion Janine presented Denise House with gift cards for the children



Submitted by: Lion Gail Bates

