



**November 2015**

## **Governor's Newsletter**

**DISTRICT A-16**



**District Governor  
Lion Susan Tate**  
state@a16lions.com.

### **Governor's Message**

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Service Action Day which was held in October. I know the Governor's Team enjoyed visiting your many service projects – I certainly did. There were certainly a variety of service projects to be celebrated: from clean-ups to providing health information to free hot dogs or pancakes, to collecting clothes or providing winter clothes. I applaud your projects and I am sure that Dr. Yamada would too as we conduct our service with “Dignity, Harmony and Humanity”. Many people commented how much they enjoyed being a part of something ‘bigger’ than just their club and I am pleased that 1st VDG David Mills is planning to do it again next year, so we can only get bigger and better.

Many times I have said that Lions Clubs International is extremely good at providing Leadership training and I am very pleased to say that Zone

Chair Gail Neiman attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Chicago in November and Immediate Past District Governor Eleanor Colwell and 1st Vice District Governor David Mills attended the Faculty Development Institute also in Chicago in November and Past District Governor Lloyd Clifton has been accepted to participate in the Faculty Development Excellence Series, having completed his Faculty Development Institute earlier in the year.

Now we are looking for Lions who have not yet been President of their Club to participate in the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute to take place in Denver, Colorado from March 19 – 21, 2016. This is an opportunity to learn a little more in depth about what Lions is all about and an excellent opportunity to meet other Lions from all over the United States and Canada. There is a registration fee to pay, which will be refunded by the District upon completion of the course, but the accommodation and meals while in Denver are covered by Lions Clubs International. Your travel to and from Denver is your responsibility, but many clubs assist with all or part of the fare. The final date to apply is January 10, 2016 so there is some urgency. Anyone who is interested should contact PDG Larry Bell, the Global Leadership Team Coordinator, or myself.

I am thoroughly enjoying my Club visits, meeting old friends and making new ones. It is a wonderful chance for me to see how differently some clubs operate but in a manner that works for them. I believe I am about half-way through my visits and I look forward to the rest of them.

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## INTO THE GREEN

**Lion Carl Vanseader**



I have been given the privilege of being the Environment Chair for this Lions Year and am looking forward to promoting the Clubs' commitments to improve our environment.

First of all, I would like to have representation in each of the regions. That will result in better coverage of the projects in the district. It is important that we publicize our good works and efforts in our communities. Please contact me if you wish to be involved. I am asking the Region Chairs for help in acquiring representation in each district. Thank

you.

Many clubs are involved in such projects: Tree planting, Recycling (e.g. E-Waste, Eye glasses and Hearing aid collection), Community Cleanup and others. We could also consider an Environment Education Project, if any clubs are interested in demonstrating to their communities how to get involved.

One way to get recognition is to take photos of our efforts and submit them for the Environmental Photo contest for display and voting at the District Convention. So don't forget to Snap those Pics.

Let me know your plans for environmental projects and stay green. More to follow.

Contact me at [cvans@rogers.com](mailto:cvans@rogers.com) or at 416-970-7416.

*Carl Vanseader Environment Chair A16.*

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People have been very receptive of my Autism Assistance Dog, Ossie, when he visits their Clubs or Zone or Cabinet meetings and the raffle tickets sales on Ossie are going very well. After the A16 Convention in April, Ossie will go home with a new owner. I also have to say thank you to all those who have contributed to my project so far, of funding an Autism Assistance Dog Team. I believe the donations are currently around \$5,500 towards the \$12,000 necessary.

This is a wonderful time of the year. Although we have shorter hours of daylight, it a time when we celebrate light. A number of our Clubs celebrated Diwali – the Festival of Lights in mid-November, Jewish people will be celebrating Hannukah in just over a week – the celebration of the oil lasting in the lamps for a long period and many of us will be celebrating Christmas, also a celebration of light. Whichever festival you celebrate, my husband PDG Barry and I wish you a happy time and a wonderful New Year.

Yours in Lionism

*Susan Tate*

District Governor – A16





## District A16, Region 18 Lions Clubs Update-November 2015

*Lion Ken Drynan - Region Chairperson*



The fall season is with us, can Christmas be far behind? It has been a very busy period for the Lions Clubs of Region 18, and the work done and achievements to date suggest it will be another wonderful year for Lions "to serve". It seems to me that good things often come in two's, let me give you some examples.

Two wonderful Zone Chairs, Lion Micheline Lush in 18 E, and Lion Patty Ko in 18 W. Lion Micheline has six years of service with the Ajax Lions Club. Lion Patty is a Charter member of the Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club. Both Lions are highly motivated and just love the workload, thus we have two winners.

Two interesting and very well attended Zone Meetings have been the result of their efforts. With a large crowd at the Ajax Lions Club September 30th, Lion Micheline skillfully managed the dinner and discussion and enthusiasm evident in the new Lions year. A detailed presentation by 1st VDG David Mills on the proposed Region boundary changes brought little response. The second Zone Meeting was held at the Maple Lions Club on October 6th. Considered a "homecoming" fall event by many Lions of Region 18 W, Lion Patty chaired the event very carefully. This time, the detailed presentation by 1st VDG David Mills on the proposed Region boundary changes brought a hush over the crowd. In both instances the proposed changes were widely accepted.

Two Cabinet Meetings, the first in Minden on August 22nd, the second in Goodwood on November 14th, 2015 were held. Lions' activities updates from the 8 Zones in District A16, Chairperson's Reports from multiple Committees, and Reports from 4 Honorary Committees were received. The aforementioned presentation titled Re-Zoning of District was approved for implementation on July 1, 2016. These changes will impact Region 18, but in many positive ways, including less travel, cost effectiveness for many Lions, numerical balance of Regions, while still offering opportunities for growth of existing and new Lions Clubs.

A large number of Lions were present at the Club Officer Training night in Sunderland on October 29. Wonderful hospitality all evening, and the training material was both informative and interesting. The membership segment included an interactive DVD presentation, excellent handouts, and a thoughtful discussion on "what works" to attract new members. Our District Governor was smiling throughout. Second session, "Everything You Wanted To Know About Being a Zone Chair" scheduled for November 30th.

Have you seen the button? Tom Gordon Candidate International Director for 2017-2019. Get it on. Can we do this? Can we raise the funds? Can we support Tom? "Yes We Can" Check out the website [www.tomgforid.ca](http://www.tomgforid.ca) In summary;

**"We believe that Lion Tom Gordon  
has the experience, knowledge and vision to serve as  
International Director, 2017-2019."**

### *District A16-Region 52S -Zone Meeting*



*On Wednesday, October 7, 2015 Region 52S held its Zone meeting at Fowlers Corners & District Lions Clubhouse. The Head Table guests were: L - R; Region Chair S52 Lion Ken Huelin, Lioness President A16 Terry Windsor, Secretary Lion Donna Huelin, Zone Chair 52S Lion Gail Neiman, District Governor A16 Lion Susan Tate and Fowlers Corners President Lion Scott Mason. Zone Chair Gail Neiman is chairing her first Zone Meeting.*

### *Vision Screening Update*

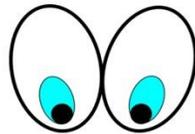


Lion Larry Doble is setting his sights on a 10,000 US Matching Grant from LCIF to purchase 3 new plusoptix vision screeners for District A-16. This is a one shot chance to bring to our Lion and Lioness Clubs state of the art and efficient machines to test the eyes of young children. These new machines save us \$300 per year per refractor unit as they do not need to be recalibrated annually. The application is being submitted in December 2015 and we are asking for your support to raise our share of the \$10,000. In one month we have raised over \$3000 so this is a very achievable project that will serve us for another 10 years. Please make cheques payable to Lion District A-16 with a memo to vision screening. Please send cheques to A-16 treasurer PDG Lion Dick Peel, 101 Ramona Blvd, Markham ,Ontario L3P2K6. If you need the complete vision screening kit contact Larry at [larrydoble@hotmail.com](mailto:larrydoble@hotmail.com) . Also, send us the number of children tested once your club completes the screenings so that we can document the fine work you do.



**LION'S DISTRICT A16 FACEBOOK PAGE IS**

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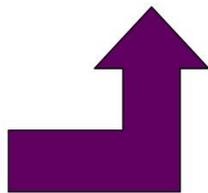


**FOR YOU**

**TO START POSTING YOUR CLUB'S EVENTS**

**GO TO THE WEBSITE AND UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO AND WRITE A LITTLE STORY TO GO WITH IT.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1423918801186446/>



**STILL NOT SURE HOW TO PUT ITEMS ON FACEBOOK**



**GIVE US A CALL AND WE WILL ASSIST YOU OR PUT THE ITEM ON FACEBOOK FOR YOU:**

Lion Carrie Clifton

705 471-7109 or carriecrash@me.com

Lion Linda Heeps

705 457-2064 or celtic.cross@sympatico.ca

*Markham Lions Club Charter Night*



On November 14, 2015 the Markham Lions Club held their 72nd Annual Charter Night Celebration at the City of Markham Civic Centre. District Governor Lion Susan Tate and PDG Barry Tate were in attendance. In the Photo on the right , L - R: Markham Lions Club President Bryan Gray and his wife Laura, DG Lion Susan Tate & her husband PDG Lion Barry Tate.



***The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive***

**Zone Chair Lion Patty Ko (Left) Paid a visit to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle drive location in Markville Mall in Markham. In the photo is Zone Chair Lion Patty Ko with Lion Grace Medland of the Markham Lions Club.**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

Each month I get a recap of the donations by club to date for the year. To the end of October there have been four donations totaling \$2,474.28. The odd amount is because your donation has been converted into US dollars. It is early in the year and that is a good start.

I know that we lions of A16 have an obligation to support those lions projects in our own area such as Dog Guides, Lions Camp Dorset, Camp Huronda and especially our own Camp Kirk but please remember our Foundation, LCIF, must also receive funds to continue its work.

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Every day, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission: "To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants."

Since our founding in 1968 we have strived to sustain Lions' humanitarian service goals throughout the world, awarding over 12,000 grants totaling more than US\$900 million, in the four key areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts.

LCIF Chairperson Barry Tate



# TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE A16 WEBSITE COMPETITION FOR 2016

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

## NEED HELP!

I AM AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU WITH ANY ISSUE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE ESPECIALLY FOR THE 3 CLUBS WHO HAVE NOT GOT A WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING.

LION LINDA HEEPS AT:

705 457-2064

[celtic.cross@sympatico.ca](mailto:celtic.cross@sympatico.ca)



## CRITERIA AND SCORING FOR DISTRICT A-16 WEBSITE COMPETITION

Use of logos and emblems	5
Information about the club	
History (3)	
Service activities (3)	
Meeting time and location(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
Over all 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

**YOUR WEBSITES WILL BE JUDGED DURING TWO TIME PERIODS  
AND THE AVERAGE BETWEEN THESE TWO NUMBERS WILL  
BE YOUR SCORE**

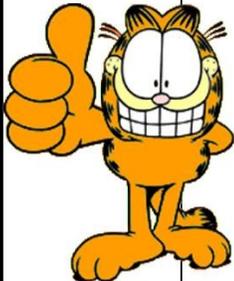
2 JUDGING PERIODS WILL BE:

WEEK OF: November 15th to 22nd, 2015

and

WEEK OF: March 6th to 13th, 2016

**SO IT IS TIME TO LOOK AT THE  
CRITERIA AND UPDATE YOUR WEBSITES**



## The Lindsay Lions Club Welcomes you to the Heart of the District for the 40<sup>th</sup> District A-16 Convention April 22-23-24, 2016



The host hotel, the Admiral Inn and Conference Centre (705) 328-1743 still has some rooms available however, the other two convention hotels are the Days Inn & Suites and the Knights Inn. For information for these establishments and the registration form please refer to our e-clubhouse website page

“[e-clubhouse.org/sites/lindsayon/page-9.php](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/lindsayon/page-9.php)”

Registration forms and hotel information can be downloaded from the District A-16 website.

RV parking is available at the Admiral Inn however; there are NO hook-ups.

Please contact Lion Ken Huelin [khuelin@lionsa16.com](mailto:khuelin@lionsa16.com) for additional details.

### R45 Joint Zone Meeting



On November 26, 2015 R45 held a Joint Zone meeting in Goodwood, in the photo District Governor Lion Susan Tate (backing the camera) is addressing Club members.



On November 26, 2015 at the R45 Joint Zone meeting District Governor Lion Susan Tate presented an LCI Centennial Challenge Banner Patch Award to Region Chair Lion Adam Jackson of Sharon Lions Club



At the R45 Joint Zone meeting District Governor Lion Susan Tate presented an LCI Centennial Challenge Banner Patch Award to Lion Don Lewis of the Aurora Lions Club.



At the R45 Joint Zone Meeting on November 26th, 2015 in Goodwood, . IPDG Eleanor Colwell (centre) presented 2014-2015 District Excellence medals to RC Adam Jackson (left) and ZC Paul Crowe (right).



on November 26th, 2015 At the R45 Joint Zone Meeting District Governor Lion Susan Tate presented a Banner Patch to Lion Sylvia Brock of the Newmarket Lions Club.



on November 26th, 2015 At the R45 Joint Zone Meeting District Governor Lion Susan Tate presented a Banner Patch to Lion Tony Follis of the North Newmarket Lions Club

# HAVE YOUR LIONS CLUB'S EVENTS ON THE A16 WEB SITE CALENDAR TO SHARE WITH ALL OF THE A16 CLUBS

Go to the A16 web site

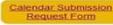
<http://www.lionsa16family.org/>

and look in the right upper corner and click on the calendar.

Click on the [Calendar Submission Request Form](#), complete and submit the form and we will do all the rest to add your event to the calendar



To have your event listed in the calendar please complete the Calendar Submission Request Form



Any questions regarding the calendar feel free to contact one of the members of the "Communications & Networking" Team



## MARKHAM LIONS - CRUISE RAFFLE

Markham Lions Club is having their annual Raffle Draw

1st Prize - Cruise to Western Caribbean or \$3500.00 Cash

2nd Prize - \$500.00 Cash                      3rd Prize - \$300.00 Cash

4th Prize - \$200.00 Cash

Tickets are \$20.00 each

The Draw will take place on December 12, 2015 at 8 pm at the Box Grove Community Centre, Markham

The proceeds from the draw will go to Lions Foundation of Canada - Dog Guides, Lions Camp Kirk Foundation and the Markham Stouffville Hospital - Presidents Project.

Contact Mark Carrington for tickets - Phone 905 472-1188



**Diabetes Awareness Month.**



**Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club**

November is the Diabetes Awareness Month. At their Club meeting on November 15th, 2015, Heritage Lions formed a blue star and put on blue gloves to raise awareness of diabetes to all club members.

Lion Patty Ko, Diabetes Awareness chair of Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club



At the R45 Joint Zone Meeting on November 26th, 2015 in Goodwood, Governor Susan Tate presented the Club Excellence Award to Lions Don Lewis and Ra'ed Dallal of the Aurora Lions Club. In the photo on the right the District Governor presented a Banner Patch to Lion Yvonne Hurst of the Stouffville Lions Club.



## City of Markham Santa Claus Parade



On November 28 members of the Markham Lions Club took part in the City of Markham Santa Claus Parade. In the photo the Lions are decorating their golf carts for the parade. Looking on are Zone Chair Patty Ko and Marianne Milligan



### ***Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club***



The Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club held their Annual fundraising Lottery draw on October 31, 2015 and the winner of ATV (In the background) prize was Frank D'Aquila. In the Photo (L-R) Paul Ranger (Treasurer, Fowlers Corners LC) Gail Neiman - Zone Chair 52S - A16, Scott Mason (President, Fowlers Corners LC) and an Employee of Todd Equipment.



This is an excellent community project for the members of the Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club. Here they are enjoying their handy work after completing repairs to the Tressel Bridge in their community. The Bridge was in a bad state of repair and the Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club was approached to assist with the purchased of the material and repairs.

18E & 18W Joint Zone



On November 24, 2015, Zones 18 East and 18 West held a Joint Zone meeting hosted by the Milliken Mills Lions Club in Markham. In the Photo District Governor Lion Susan Tate is speaking to the members in attendance.



At the 18E & 18w Zone meeting District Governor Lion Susan Tate presented IPDG Lion Eleanor Colwell with a Certificate of Appreciation from PID Joe Preston



IPDG Eleanor presented the Governor's Team Excellence Medals for 2014-15 to 1st VDG David Mills, District Governor Lion Susan Tate and GMT Coordinator, PDG Brian Moore.

Other Clubs receiving Awards were; Canada HC New Horizon Lions Club, Whitby Lions Club, Box Grove Lions Club, Brooklin Ashburn Myrtle Lions Club, Oshawa Airport Lions Club (Absent), Richvale Lions Club (Absent), North Oshawa Lions Club, Ontario York Region Lions Club and Markham Lions Club.