



LIONS DISTRICT A-5 NEWSLETTER

LION BRIAN CLOSS, GOVERNOR



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How To Get A Story And Picture In 'The Lion' Magazine

By Lion Brian Closs

This year, while visiting the clubs, one question keeps getting asked. Why are there not many pictures of District A5 in the MDA magazine?

Since June of this year, only 3 pictures have been sent to the magazine, and 2 of them were from the same club. I know, because our MDA magazine District Reporter Lion Liam Brennan from Sault Ste Marie Lions Club copies me on all submissions.

You can send all your material to Liam Brennan email:

lembrennan@hotmail.com



*In the picture, that's The Gov and Me
Lion Brian is the handsome guy on the left...*

So, I am wondering, why are clubs not submitting any pictures or articles? I am thinking you don't know what to submit for fear of rejection. The only type of picture, the magazine does not want is a cheque presentation. Here are a few suggestions:

- New member induction
- Charter night celebration
- A club fundraising event
- A senior supper
- Children's Christmas party
- A tag day

There are so many things we do, all year round. Bring a camera to everything you do and capture it on a picture and publish it for everyone to see. Be proud to be a Lion and a member of the world's largest service organization.

From the Lion 'Lion

Liam Brennan is the appointed District A5 Reporter for the Lion Magazine. His job is to assist the Magazine Editor and you the Lions. Their job is to collect new photos with stories, anything that you would like to submit to the Magazine for consideration. Please be aware anything for the Magazine should now go to the District Reporter in your District. Please remember when sending your articles to your Reporter to indicate if it is for the Governors District Newsletter or the Lion Magazine.



The Governor Discovers the Great District of A-5 Is very accomodating



Our Governor was to make his official visit with the Moosonee Lions Club back in September. Unfortunately, the visit had to be cancelled because the Lions Club Den had severe water damage from recent flooding.

Lion Brian was extremely disappointed that he could not make this trip; as he told me that he was looking forward to visiting the four corners of our great District during his term as governor. And, he went on to say he was even more disappointment when he could not meet with all the wonderful Lions he hears so much about in our districts most northerly clubs.

However, Lion Brian did have a chance to meet with Lion President Doc and his wife Lion Lucy at the Minnow Lake Lions meeting. It was a win, win for all the clubs as the Governor got to meet with Lion Doc and Lion Doc got to visit another club and get some new ideas.

ED's Note; The flooding is what would make an article for the "The Lion" Magazine. Include a picture and a few lines on what happened.



Disaster Relief, Philippines ... Get with it, Lions of A-5

Please read the latest update from Lions Clubs International in respect to the natural disaster in the Philippines. Go to the LCI website www.lionsclubs.org

Lions Clubs & individuals can donate on-line if they wish by following the instructions provided. All donations are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible. Personal donations can also be sent to:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
Barrhaven RO
P.O. Box 89059
Nepean, Ontario K2S 0R2

Tax receipts will be issued for all donations of \$20.00 or more. Donations clearly marked as **Philippine Disaster Relief** are also eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Kindly share this information with Lions in your Club.

I have also been asked two questions in respect to Philippines Disaster Relief.

1. Is the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF a recognized charity eligible for the matching funds from the Canadian Government?

The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is a registered charity, which is eligible to receive funds, donated to the Philippine Disaster Relief efforts. Cheques must be made payable to the following:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF

And mailed to:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
Barrhaven RO
P.O. Box 89059
Nepean, Ontario K2S 0R2

Cheques must be clearly marked as Philippine Disaster Relief and must be received no later December 9th to be eligible for the Canadian Government matching funds.

2. Is the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF only for Lions members' donations or can anyone make a donation?

The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is a registered charity to which anyone can donate money. Official Tax Receipts will be issued for amounts of \$20.00 or greater. It should be noted that every penny, which is donated, goes to the charity. Absolutely no funds are used for administration fees.

The Picture shows the Lions in the Philippines doing what they can to help



By Lion Brian Closs



A Great Presentation

One of the best things our Governor gets to do on his trips around the District is to recognize some fantastic milestones.

To your left our District Governor Brian presents a 60th Charter certificate to Temagami Lions Club President Lion Bob Sykes, receives the recognition at the Governors official club visits in October.

Congratulations Temagami Lions on 60 years of service to the community!



60 Years and Still Going Strong

District Governor Lion Brian presents a 60th Charter certificate to Blind River President Lion Kim Groen on his official visit in October.

The Blind River Lions Club is the Premier Club to belong to in Blind River. Anybody who is anybody in Blind River belongs!

Status beyond recognition!



Lets Dream about Membership



Does your Lions Club have an elected 3 person 'Membership Committee'?
Does the Board of Directors review that committee and its achievements regularly?

The Membership Committee's main focus, main objective, main purpose is to seek out prospective new members. Right? Well that is not everything.

What else does it do?

Since 1989 when the 3-person format was implemented by Lions International, the committee was challenged with four important responsibilities, They were asked to be the lead in reinforcing the importance of membership to the club and the importance of individual members responsibilities.

They are to have an open and ongoing dialogue about membership issues with the club's board of directors.

Also they are to provide a direct link to the district and multiple district MERL teams.

More importantly they are to engage with all members to help them stay active and involved.

This model with it's 3 member - 3 year term has be been heralded with creating stronger, healthier Lions Clubs when fully implemented as designed.

Then in 2002 LCI, after careful review, and in an effort to give a more defined role for each member changed the responsibilities to help focus each committee member's activities. This helped them use their time more effectively to cover all aspects of Membership.

The changes helped defined each member's responsibilities as described below.

The newly elected member with three years to go (referred to as the Freshman) would be the member responsible for MEMBERSHIP that is they will:

Create achievable goals and develop an action plan on how to get new members. He/she will encourage members to set their own goals on how to ask new people to join our clubs.

They will co-ordinate workshops on membership.



They are the Liaison with the board of directors initiating communication. And, lastly they will seek out the counsel of the previous chair, to ascertain that goals and commitments of previous committees have a continuum.

The junior member, with two years remaining in their mandate is to focus on LEADERSHIP and RETENTION. This member also serves as the vice chairperson of the committee. Responsibilities include:

- Set leadership and retention goals and develop an action plan for each
- Organize and promote annual officer club training
- Work with the district leadership chairperson to conduct annual club officer training
- Coordinate and conduct club workshops on leadership and retention
- Assist club committee chairperson in developing their own workshops, seminars, conferences, and other meetings
- Prepare articles on leadership and retention for club and district publications
- Involve previous club leadership chairperson in developing leadership

The (Chairperson) member with one year left concentrates on extension. This

Member is also the chairperson of the committee and serves on the club's board of directors.

Their primary focus should be, but not limited too the following:

Look for new opportunities to start new clubs.

Create a set of goals and write an action plan for the extension committee. Start a sub-committee that focuses on extension.

Organize and oversee a group of extension minded Lions interested in chartering new clubs.

Keep the Board of Directors informed and up to date regarding extension opportunities.

Prepare articles on extension for club and district publications

Attend district and multiple district extension workshops

There you have it A Three Person Membership Committee. The Workload is an indication that this is not a position for junior Lions. It is for the well-informed and active members with above average communications skills and a commitment to Lions Clubs. It is also important that they enjoy credibility with the Lions and can work cooperatively with the membership. Electing the wrong members with all the good intentions will not guarantee success.

So you say, "We are only a ten or eleven member Lions Club, how in heck are we suppose to find three member to sit for three years on this committee?"

The answer is in your question.

You are only a 10 or 11 member club because you don't have a membership committee!

From The Files of Lions international



We need to have FUN!



Lion Steve Olsen from the Warren & District Lions Club shows everyone his new Tail Twister hat.

Woo Hooo Lion Steve you look wonderful!! I hope you don't wear that to work though ...

Ed's Note: This would make a good piece for 'The Lion' magazine.

Who Knew?

Lion Brian is a sentimental old Lions member who likes to collect picture and memories of all he places he has visited in our great District of A-5 as our Governor! Who doesn't eh?

Below are some of the photo's he took.

Lets make his dream come true then!

As Lions Clubs in our cities, towns, villages, and townships lets appoint an official photographer and take a picture of our communities entrance welcome signs. Then lets send that photo to Governor Lion Brian as a memory of his term in office! (brian.closs@gmail.com)! Or better yet, lets get the whole club membership out and take a picture in front of that sign!

Governor Lion Brian says he will send each and every Club that sends in a picture to him a special collectors edition picture of himself in front of the sign leading into his community, an he will be wearing his 'Gloss Scottish Kilt' ... Can't wait to see that!

My Great Northern Ontario Adventure" Starts Here!



Hudson Lions Den
Great Food
Great Time
Great Lions Club!



Welcome to Charlton
A community based on friendship and
Lions Service to make the community
better.



And who hasn't taken this picture

Wawa, Welcome Sign.

The town that is so
loved it is named twice
Wa Wa!
And has a very hard
working Lions Club



The First City in
Algoma,
Sault Ste Marie,
Welcomes all
Lions



North Bay
The City
that has a
heart as
big as its
welcome!
And Proud
Lions to
serve!





Tamagami Welcome Sign

The town that is synonymous with what Northern Ontario is all about!
8000-year-old rock and of course Grey Owl! And Lions to keep the tradition alive!

Markstay Warren District Welcome Sign

Settled by the CPR - And served by the Wonderful Lions



Restoule Lions Sign
The enchanting community is home of the provinces largest White Tail Deer herd! And one of the best Lions Club!



Welcome to
Thessalon
Home of the
Worlds largest
Muskoka Chair
and the
biggest Lions
welcome ever!



DG Lion Brian
chatting with
Warren & District
Lions Club
President
Lion Anne Duchaine

DG Lion Brian met
up with Club
Secretary Lion
Mario Bergeron
from the
Dubreuville Lions
Club





DG Lion Brian
chatting with
Wawa Club
President Linda
Ouellette and
some of the
Board members

Lion Brian, our
District Governor,
Lion Andy our Past
District Governor and
Lion John laugh
intensely over Lion
Brian's tale of finding
a Leprechaun in a
bottle (Read to the
end)



DG Lion Brian
presenting Judge Brian
Stevenson award to the
Soo Lions Club
Secretary, Lion Don
Cameron, for his
tremendous dedication
to Lions.



Multiple District "A" Lions and CNIB Partnership Program

November 2013

DEAR MEMBERS OF OUR LIONS FAMILY:

2012-13 brought a renewed energy to the long standing partnership between CNIB and Lions Clubs Multiple District "A". This partnership has made a tremendous difference in the lives of countless people in our local communities who are blind or partially sighted. From helping children and their families learn new skills and experiences at Lake Joe to helping a senior new to vision loss adjust so they can stay in their own home, Lions have continued to be a true partner in building confidence, skills and opportunities.

Thank you.

We are looking forward to another successful year of supporting Ontarians living with vision loss. Specifically, we are asking for your continued support of CNIB Lions Low Vision services *in* your local District and for CNIB Lake Joseph Centre Programs.

CNIB Lions Low Vision Services

Low vision services are community-based support programs that are held across the province and offer anyone affected by vision loss the ability to learn more about CNIB and vision loss and gives them the opportunity to test products and assistive technologies that can make their lives easier. CNIB low vision, independent living and orientation and mobility specialists are on hand to answer questions.

With your support, CNIB can ensure Canadians with vision loss continue to benefit from these Low Vision services. For many communities in Ontario they are vital as they are the only way to connect and access information about vision health.

CNIB Lake Joe is more than a vacation, it is a springboard to independence

CNIB Lake Joe is recognized as a global leader in providing life-changing experiences for children, teens, families, and adults who are blind or partially sighted. Lake Joe programming includes modified activities and accommodations for the various needs and interests of our guests. Lake Joe creates a space for people to connect, communicate, and participate in fuller and more meaningful lives.

Take Joe is committed to providing programs that are empowering and deliver practical and sustainable skills to its guests, developing new capacities and confidence. CNIB Lake Joe is proud to once again offer a **new goal-based athletic program**. During this program, participants spend the week enhancing their athletic skills in one area of specialty. Skilled experts in the chosen disciplines are on hand to provide one-on-one coaching and guide participants to their performance goals. Specialties include cycling/running, swimming, canoeing/ kayaking and sailing.

The combination of supportive staff, inclusive activities, and barrier-free buildings at Lake Joe make this facility unique in Canada.

For more information about any of the initiatives mentioned here or to arrange for a CNIB representative to make a presentation to your club, please contact Shari Lovelock, Director of Development at 416-486-2500 ext. 7695.

Once again, thank you for your commitment and we hope you will continue to support CNIB as we work together to see beyond vision loss for all Canadians.

Yours in Lionism,



Lion Andrew McRae
MD "A" Sight Conservation Chair



Shari Lovelock
Director, Development

Enclosures:

Lions Family Impact Report, November 2013 Lions Low
Vision Clinics CNIB The Cost of Vision Loss in Canada
About the Multiple District "A" Lions Clubs

The Lions Clubs of Multiple District "A" in Ontario, Canada are part of an international network of 1.35 million men and women in 207 countries who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world.

Beginning in 1917, the association of Lions Clubs has provided millions of people with the opportunity to give something back to their communities.

About CNIB

CNIB is a registered charity, passionately providing community-based support, knowledge and a national voice to ensure Canadians who are blind or partially sighted have the confidence, skills and opportunities to fully participate in life.

To do that, CNIB's dedicated specialists work with people of all ages in their own homes, communities or local CNIB offices - providing the personalized rehabilitation support they need to **see beyond vision loss**, build their independence and lead the lives they want.

The Minnow Lake Lions Club Presents the “Bob Ogilvy Honorary Award”

The Minnow Lake Lions Club is proud to award the “Bob Ogilvy Honorary Award” to this year’s recipient, Lion Sheila Wallace.

Lion Sheila has 19 years of service to Lions, starting with the Minnow Lake Lioness in 1994, and then joining the Lions in 2000. She has served as Secretary for both the Lioness and Lions Clubs, and has been active for many years on the CTV/Lions Children's Christmas Telethon Committee.

The “Bob Ogilvy Honorary Award” is given for recognition of service and is presented to a member with at least 10 years of active membership in the Minnow Lake Lions Club. With the award the recipient receives a Life Membership to Lions Foundation of Canada and is allowed on behalf of the club to donate \$500 to a charity of his/her choice, as long as it stays in the community and a tax receipt for Income tax purpose is issued to the recipient.

Lion Sheila’s charity of choice, is the Child & Community Resources of Sudbury



In the photo, left to right: Lion Leanne Furchner Past President, Lion Sheila Wallace, and Sherry Fournier Director of Child Care services,

Congratulations Lion Sheila

Submitted by Lion Leanne Furchner



**Blind River Lions Christmas Dinner and Charter
Night
Celebrating 60 years of service in the Season of
Giving**



December 4th 2013 –
Gather at 6:00 p.m. Upstairs at Mustang's Restaurant –
Optional \$15 Christmas Gift Exchange (bring one, take one)
Lions Presentations and Awards

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' LIONS CLUBS

Requires a

TREASURER

“Management Position”

Multiple Districts 'A' Lions Clubs requires a qualified individual to fill the position of TREASURER, effective July 1, 2014.

The Multiple District 'A' Treasurer shall manage the M.D. 'A' financial functions as detailed in the Multiple District 'A' Policy & Procedures Manual under the direction and supervision of the Governors' Council.

KEY SKILLS:

- Possess proven accounting skills, including financial planning, budget preparation, reconciliation of control accounts & preparation of financial statements
- Possess a thorough knowledge of Simply Accounting Software
- Have a thorough knowledge of the financial implications throughout the MD 'A' Policy & Procedures Manual
- Have a good understanding of the Lions Constitution & By-Laws, and a thorough knowledge of those areas covering the application of the Rules of Audit
- Possess previous Management/Administrative skills
- Be a member in good standing with a Lions Club located in Multiple District 'A' and have a good general knowledge of Lionism
- Possess excellent communication, problem solving & organizational skills
- Attention to detail and able to meet deadlines

This is a part time, home based position with varying weekly time commitments throughout the year. It is a five-year appointment with an annual honorarium.

As Treasurer you will sit on the R & LRP Committee, Lion Magazine Committee, Administration Committee & the Promotion Committee. A detailed job description is currently in the Multiple District 'A' Policy & Procedures Manual, which can be downloaded off the MD 'A' Website – www.mdalions.org

Interested applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume no later than Friday, January 25, 2014, to MD 'A' Administration Committee, c/o PCC Todd Wilson, Chairperson, 4 Raising Mill Gate, Elmira, Ontario, N3B 3K8

Or email to
lion.todd.wilson@sympatico.ca

While all applicants are thanked for their interest, only those to be interviewed will be contacted



Lion Brian and I were talking the other day when he stopped and asked, "Hey Liam, What is a Millennia?"

I explained that it was from Latin, and it was a measurement of time equaled to one thousand years! "Why did you ask?" I inquired.

He went on to tell me this story, he said, "Well about two weeks ago I was walking along the beach, you know the one near Minnow Lake. When, I happened to notice a bottle on the sand, which had obviously washed ashore that morning." I think all Lions know that Lion Brian is of Scottish descent and has an admirable taste for Scottish spirits.

He went on with his story to say, "I was thinking that this bottle might contain something of value such as anything over 120 proof! So I picked it up, and pulled out the cork. As soon as I had, a leprechaun popped out in a cloud of dust and smoke and a round of pyrotechnics."

Brian went on to say when the little fellow was done with the smoke and flames he was appreciative of being saved, "He said to me," Brian said, "Oh thank you for liberating me, brave sir, I've been trapped in this bottle for 40 millennia. In recompense for your good deed, I shall grant you three wishes."

"Wella now sir," replied Lion Brian to the leprechaun. "It has been a busy week for me working on all this Lions stuff, I would surely like a nice jug of fine Scottish ale."



In a very surprised voice Brian exclaimed, "Liam, you could have knocked me over with a feather at what happened next!

And before I could answer him, he went on, "Immediately, there appeared before me a large 2 liters glass container of golden ale, 2 liters can you believe it?"

His eyes were as big as saucers as he told me the tale.

He said, "I wasted no time and downed it in one or two chugs! It was wonderful Scottish ale!" He exclaimed! "The best I ever had!"

And then, still in the same excited breath he said, "That was not the best part". He went on, "Imagine my surprise when as soon as I had lain the glass down, it magically refilled itself to the top!" Yeah to the top!" he repeated.

"Special feature," explained the leprechaun, "The magical glass can never be emptied! Now, what would you like for your other two wishes?"

"Why that's a fantastic idea!" exclaimed Brian, "I'll take two more of the same!"

True Story ...

**Another great Newsletter!
This should be in the hands of all
your Club Members!
So, Yes, E- mail it to all your
members!**



If you would like an article published in the newsletter, (and who wouldn't) send it in a MS-word document and your pictures as a .jpeg file - Not a .png file - they publish blurry – And do not send them via the 'cloud'!!!! That is not the best method; it is actually kind of difficult to reformat them for publication! Send them as an attachment to your e-mail as a jpeg.

To

Lion Liam Brennan

lembrennan@hotmail.com

**In the subject line, put
"For A5 Newsletter"**

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Or if you prefer snail mail;

Type your article and mail it to:

Lion Liam Brennan

56 Elmwood Ave.

Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4V8

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