



# LIONS DISTRICT A-5 NEWSLETTER

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LION BRIAN CLOSS, GOVERNOR

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## DISTRICT A-5 GOVERNOR LION BRIAN CLOSS

### Lions, Lionesses, Leos:

Welcome back, to another Lion's year.

The theme for 2013-2014 is "Follow your Dream". Nearly every great Accomplishment began as a wildly ambitious dream whether it was landing a man on the moon, running a four-minute mile or webbing together the entire world through computers.



2013 2014 A-5 Cabinet



Everyone should have a dream – a vision – a goal, and something as unique as our very DNA. The challenge is really twofold: first identify your dream, and then work to achieve you dream, for there is nothing more disheartening than a dream unfulfilled.

During 2013-2014, Lions are challenged to follow their dream to reach new heights. As we strive to achieve our dreams, we need responsible leaders who provide timely feedback, share accountability, and work in teams. As we work in teams, we should also provide immediate and expanded recognition of results or contributions. Our overall dream as an organization is to serve those in need in every community in the world. To achieve this dream, we must expand our reach by strengthening existing clubs, adding new clubs, and recruiting new members.

The Reading Action Program was such a success last year that the Board has extended it for at least 10 more years.

Our International President Lion Barry Palmer also has a challenge for us. Women now represent 24.5% of our membership worldwide, even though women comprise just over half of the world's population. By June 2014, we are being challenged to increase that to 30%. Can we do it? I know we can.

There are so many projects that Lions can be involved within & out of our District, The Peace Poster Contest, Blind Essay Contest, Effective Speaking Contest, and the Memorial Forest in Iron Bridge. In MDA, there are is Lions Foundation of Canada, Lion Quest Canada, Lions Home for the Deaf, Lions Camp Kirk, Lake Joseph Centre and Camp Dorsett. Please remember all these great Lions projects when looking to donate some funds.

I also am looking to get some Guiding Lions around the District. Guiding Lions are not just for new club support but are also to orient and train new club officers, to motivate and support existing clubs. Some of the clubs in our District can use all the support and guidance that we can give them.

This year, I want every club in the District to have a membership goal and also to have at least one membership drive. Good members are passing on and others are leaving our clubs with no one to replace them. Imagine what your club could do with a few extra pair of hands or some new ideas. Now is the time to turn this District around.

I also want to remind each club about the Club Excellence Award. This prestigious excellence award is for clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communication, and organizational management.

I am looking forward to working with all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos of this District to ensure that this will be our best year ever and to share in the successes of each club. I am also looking forward, not only to the club visitations this year, as I conclude "My Great Northern Adventure" but also to meeting as many Lions, as I can at the 2014 District A5 Convention in Sudbury on April 11-13, 2014 where the "Sky is the Limit"

Being a District Governor, I am part of the International President's Dream Team, and my Cabinet is part of my Dream Team. We all have different dreams. My dream for this year is to have an increase in net membership by the end of June.

Identify your dream Believe in your dream. Share your dream.

And most of all – Follow your Dream

Yours in service

District Governor Lion Brian

**"If you can dream it, you can do it"**

**– Walt Disney**

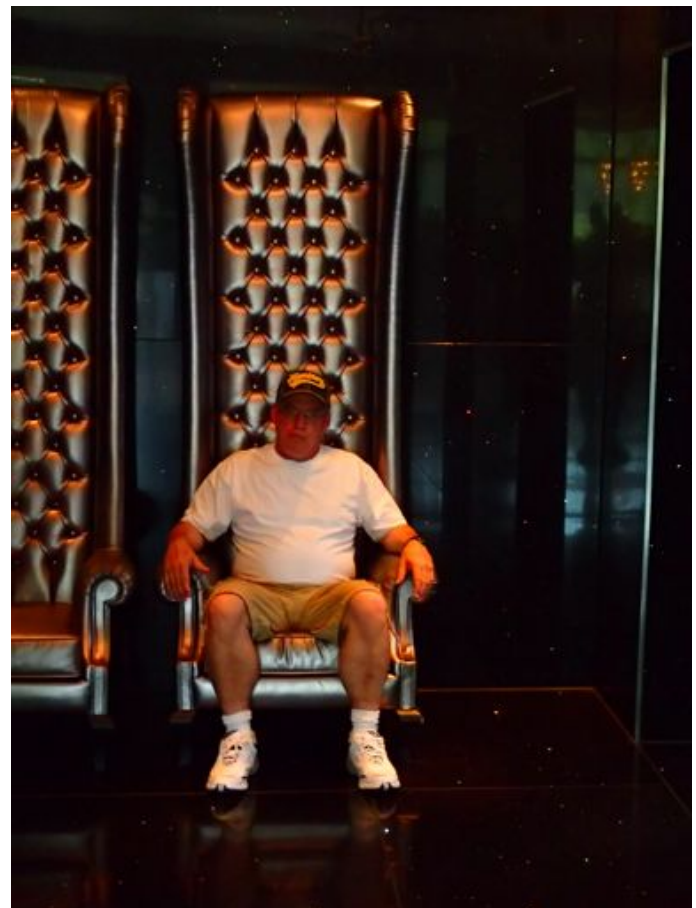


District A5 Lions  
Governor Lion Brian wanted to  
share with you some of the  
pictures he took at the Lions  
international Convention held in  
Germany, last July





And who has the 'The Big Chair' this year





## Memorial Forest Golf 'tournament July 27



1 PDG Lion Andy doing his job ... Caddying for Lion Myra! Lion Myra said she felt sorry for him cause he wanted to golf so badly but didn't muster up enough to play in a fun tournament!

2 Lion Anita Moran (Blind River Lions) helps with pruning a dogwood, while she looks for her ball!

3 Tree planting in Iron Bridge (Memorial Forest) is an excuse to bury the loser of the tournament!

4 Apparently Lion Myra's Caddy - Lion Andy didn't like the way she was playing and attempted to ... Well my partner is a social worker with Spousal Violence and she want to see you Lion Andy!

5 2nd VDG Gerry wins a prize to help his game - Potty Putter

6 Lion Gerry Green ZC31E planting a tree & burying his clubs!

7 Winners of the Memorial Forest Golf 'tournament July 27. DG Jerry Stephens from Soo Michigan and his partner Bob Parry Soo Canada receiving the trophy - score of 76

& Lion Myra is trying to take it back! "Give me that!"

Submitted by Lion Myra



## Trout Creek Lions Clubs Very First Melvin Jones Fellowship Presentation



In the photo, from left to right; Lion George Evers, Lion Calvin Osborne, Lion Noreen Osborne Lion Willard Hummel & Past President Lion Raymond Weiler

The Trout Creek Lions were pleased to present Lion Willard Hummel with their clubs first Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Willard is the last surviving Chartered member Of the Trout Creek Club with 47 years of serving his community. He has held many club offices and chaired his share of committees.

Lions George, Calvin, and Noreen also received plaques for the outstanding dedication to the club. With all their commitment by the Lions and their work Trout Creek is a better community.

Past President Lion Raymond Weiler was also presented with a going away present. He has transferred to North Bay Lions.

The presentations were held August 24th at the clubs annual summer Bar-B Que. GOOD WORK LIONS!





## Another Successful Season Lions Club Pointe des Chene Campground

For 28 Years the Sault Ste. Marie Lions Club has operated "The Lions Club Pointe Des Chenes Tent & Trailer Park", in a unique partnership with The City of Sault Ste. Marie.



This year The Sault Ste Marie Lions Club reported another very successful year with the highest site occupancy they have had for several years. One of the campgrounds favorite activities is the nightly hay wagon ride! Camper's young and old love to watch the parade as all the kids ride, or follow the tractor and wagon on their bikes! In the picture you can see all the kids smiling faces.

This year was a very poignant year for the campground. After eight years at the helm as managers of the campground Ken & Debbie Montgomery retired. They leave an impressive legacy. It was announced at the year-end Bar-B-Que that they would not be returning for a ninth season.



The Club and Campground patrons wish Debbie and Ken "All the best"! For information on the Park visit the Sault Lions WEB site or [www.pointedeschenesrvpark.com](http://www.pointedeschenesrvpark.com)

*In the Picture, Managers Debbie and Ken Montgomery, receive accolades from the Staff along with a bouquet of flowers.*

*Nicely done guy's  
Thanks and Good Luck.*



## Good News A-5 Lions

Our District of A-5 finally has a new working WEB site. But that is not the good news.

The good news is that it is up and running with a promise to keep it updated. Whoooo hoooo!!

Go and visit us at [www.a5lions.org](http://www.a5lions.org)

And for those Lions that have a Face book account "like" us on face book at

[www.facebook.com/district a-5](http://www.facebook.com/district a-5)

I am told that Congratulations go out to Lion **Jeff Campsall**, our Website Chair & Web Master! Without his expertise this would not have been possible. Thanks Lion Jeff

Comments are welcomed e-mail Lion Jeff, or the Governor Lion Brian or Newsletter Editor Lion Liam

## Learn More About Lions Clubs



Instagram

Your fellow Lions are here so should you

We all know our new Governor Lion Brian is a very happy go lucky fellow that never really has bad words for anyone. Well the other day Lion Brian and I were sharing a beer at the local hotel - yes a Scotsman an Irish Blaggard occasional share a beer – During our evening of beer drinking.

- I did say I had to pay for most of the beer eh? -

Lion Brian told me the following story in confidence! ...

- So don't you go and repeat it, OK!!

“Liam, one day last week” Brian said”, I came home from a Lions meeting and no sooner than I walked in the door my wife was staring me down. I said to him, “Brian we have all have been there, right, No worries buddy”

He said, “No, No, No, Liam, it was not like that!

She looks at me with a glint in her eye! I thought I was in trouble!” He said.

Then, he said, “She said, in a very seductive voice, Have you ever seen twenty dollars all crumpled up?”

“No!” he told me he answered her sheepishly!

He then said, ‘She gave me a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by her push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill.”

He told me he took the crumpled



**Twenty Dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.**

**She then asked him, "Have you ever seen one hundred dollars all crumpled up?"**

**"Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice. She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties... and pulled out a crumpled \$100 dollar bill.**

**He took the crumpled hundred, and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.**



**"Now," she asked, "Have you ever seen \$50,000 Dollars all crumpled up?"**

**"No way!" he gasped, while obviously becoming even more anxious and excited! To which she replied.....**

**"Go look in the garage honey"!**

**Lion Brian hasn't stopped crying since! ...**



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# How to get your article, picture, or Club event into THE LION Magazine



THE LION Magazine is dedicated to promoting the “We Serve” philosophy that Lions around the world demonstrate every day. They want you to send in your Club’s events, humanitarian deeds, fundraisers, and service information to them for consideration of inclusion in the magazine. So to help you get your submission published, they have come up with some helpful guidelines to get your contribution to their pages.

And as a point of information they want you to understand that it is impossible for them to publish everything that is sent to them so please don’t be offended if you don’t see your submission, it might have been put aside for reason of space. However they do want you to know that the more thoroughly it is prepared and thoughtfully illustrated your article is the higher the chance of getting it selected for publication.

Here is what they want.

They are looking for your well-written articles accompanied by photos, which explain in detail the successful completion of a service project, or fund raising activity. Because an article must have mass appeal to the readers of THE LION they don’t usually publish accounts of a Clubs social calendar such as anniversaries.

Here are some helpful hints

The length of a story is not as important as

WHAT the project was about

WHO was involved and who benefited.

WHEN did it take place?

WHERE was the venue or the location it took place in?

HOW it happened.

By detailing how your club helped other people you will help THE LION fulfill it’s goal and that is to stimulate other clubs in our district to perform humanitarian services.

THE LION will be happy to include your local newspapers article or picture on the

clubs activities if it is accompanied by the papers standard release for republishing in THE LION.

What makes a good photograph?

A picture is worth a 1000 words. Generally candid action pictures, meaning that they are random not posed, make for more interesting story telling.

Assign a club photographer to take pictures of the club in action to accompany your articles. It is better to have a few people in the photo than to have it too busy.

And the only 'cheque presentation picture they will publish is the one that is of your club giving a million dollars to THE LION! So really don't send that style of picture in.

How do they want it?

They want a well-written, proof read, fact correct, typed article.

It can be in point form a news release or an article.

Include your mailing address, daytime phone number, and e-mail address if you have one. Please don't send in multiple articles assign one person to send the articles in for publication. THE LION needs a contact person if a follow up is needed.

Make sure all photos that are submitted are sharp and clear on glossy paper. They cannot use pictures in a PDF file nor can they use photos embedded in a word document. If mailing photos do not staple or write on the photo.

They also can accept digital photos sent via e-mail. The quality must be at least 300 dpi and be saved as either a .jpeg

Joint Photographic Experts Group

It is pronounced, "jay-peg". JPEG is a colour image compression technique. It can reduce files to about 5% of their original file size. However, the more you compress a jpeg the more detail is lost. Or a .tiff file Tagged Image File Format Both are good to send quality photos for publication.

Where to send your story

Send your story to      Lion John Daniels, PDG The Lion Magazine  
100 Myers Road Cambridge, Ontario  
(519) 622-1997  
mdathelionmag@hotmail.com

The magazine needs a three-month lead-time so in June they are working on September's issue.

Your club works hard in service to your community and deserves recognition for their efforts.

Tell THE LION and THE LION can tell the world.

Hey! Isn't this a great Newsletter!  
Think you should mail it to your entire  
club membership?

If you would like an article published in the  
newsletter, send it in a MS-word document and your  
pictures as a .jpeg file to

Lion Liam Brennan  
[lembrennan@hotmail.com](mailto:lembrennan@hotmail.com)

In the subject line, put  
"For A5 Newsletter"  
Otherwise it will automatically go to my 'JUNK'  
folder.

Or if you prefer snail mail;  
Type your article and mail it to:  
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All pictures that are received are the property of the editor  
and cannot be returned.

Some articles received will be forwarded to "The Lion Magazine" For their  
consideration.

