



LIONS DISTRICT A-5 NEWSLETTER

LION BRIAN CLOSS, GOVERNOR



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The Governors Message

WHY I AM PROUD TO BE A LION

I am proud to be a Lion. Especially this year! I am part of the largest service organization in the world, which boasts over 1.4 million members. I have met so many Lions not only from North America, but also from around the world. It was such an experience especially at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum and at the International Convention. There are so many opportunities to meet up with fellow Lions from around the world. As your District Governor, I am especially proud, as I see what all the clubs are doing in their cities and towns in Northern Ontario, to make the world a better place. Some clubs are joining up with other service groups, where they live, to work together on a bigger project. Great things come from that. You never know, you might even find a new member there. I would like you all to go back and remember, why you joined Lions. Maybe, you could tell others at your meetings, and rekindle those feelings and go out and find new members.

A couple of weeks ago, I received a call from our International President, Barry Palmer. He wanted to talk to me about how things were going up in Canada. We not only discussed the weather, as we talked about our youth and trying to form campus clubs, membership and some new ideas to get new members, CEP and CEP Lite and we talked about women. We talked about his challenge to get women membership up to 30% of all members. I told him that A5 was already at 35% and he challenged me further ... "Try and get 40%".

I really felt proud to be the lone Canadian Governor he was going to talk with at the mid point of this Lions year.

You know what has really made me proud to be your Governor, was our January statistics. In January, we added 14 new members and we dropped 6 members for a net gain of 8 new members. Currently, we are sitting at a net loss of 10 members for this year. I am really hoping that this is the year; we turn District A5 around and have a net gain in membership for this year.

Being a Lion continues to make me proud, but most of all, I hope all of you continue to make yourselves 'proud to be Lions'.



The Governors Travels

As the weather got bad this winter, the Governor had to stop taking the Lions Club roadside signs that he is famous for and start taken pictures of the more accessible banners and plaques of clubs he visited!





50 Years of Service

Pictured: Sault Ste Marie Lions Club President Rick Boucher Presenting Lion Gerry Huizing with a 50-year service patch.

Congratulations Lion Gerry

Just so you know Lion Rick is on the left!



Attention Wal-Mart Shoppers

Lions Club of Sudbury secretary Sandra Clarke and 2nd VDG Gerry

Bertrand selling CHAA House draws tickets the weekend before Christmas at Wal-Mart

Converting the Converted

Lion Brian likes to ring the bell - so much so - that he joined the Salvation Army as their official Bell Ringer!

I wonder what the Knights of Columbus say about that!!!!



Lion Brian was helping the Salvation Army's Kettle Fund this past Christmas Good Work

No Child With Out



We are currently in a new calendar year and my wish would be to help our children by Clubs sponsoring a neighborhood school for the No Child Without Medic Alert program. This would mean that our Northern Ontario children would be protected and quickly dealt with in a medical situation.



Noting the economy in Northern Ontario and the financial burdens, which some families incur, it is a pity that some children go without Medic Alert bracelets to help save their lives or to get prompt medical attention.

That is where we ask our Lions to get involved. Once a Club sponsors a school, that school is permanently covered for children to be registered with Medic Alert. This could mean a 20 - 30 year span or maybe more for those particular schools. Each Club has three years to complete payment for a school. The cost is 5% of the school population.

Here are some examples

- 100 students - cost \$500
- 150 students - cost \$750
- 200 students - cost \$1000

At this point, I would like to thank the Cochrane Lions Club for sponsoring 3 schools in their community, the Azilda Lions Club for sponsoring 1 school in their community.

In September, I also asked Clubs who have already sponsored schools to contact those schools to see if they needed any new information packages. I received 1 reply from the Noelville-French River Lions Club. Thank you.

Thank you to Lion Roy Telford, Lion Madeleine Langlois, and PDG Lion Ellen Fletcher for working so hard on this project.

Wishing you a Happy Valentines Day and may all your Clubs prosper in 2014.

YIL

Lion Ann Violette

A-5 No Child Without Chair



In The News

Valley East Lions 21st Senior Supper

By Lion Jackie Labelle



Seniors eating dinner



Students
L'Ecole
Secondaire
L'Horizon



New member Lion Ray who is visually impaired and Lion Rolly setting up the hall.



Working their first major event L to R New Lions Rolly and Louise Renaud, Jean St. Pierre, Melanie Campeau, Rheal Lemay, Bob Lachance, Joanne Vandelight.



For 21 years The Valley East Lions have hosted a 'Senior's Christmas Supper'. It is held every year at the Centennial Arena, in Hanmer the 3rd Wednesday in December. The seniors start arriving about 3:00 PM, to get the best seats and socialize before the dinner. This year was one of the biggest ever with over 250 guests!

A real treat was the traditional turkey dinner Classic Catering, a local caterer, prepared.

The Club advertises the event in the Caperol Press, and with flyers in the local malls. But for sure, many of the seniors look forward to his event every Christmas and a good number of them return year after year.

Decorating the hall is a club activity with all the members coming out to help and set up the tables and chairs the day before.

For several years the students from L'Ecole Secondaire L'Horizon music program under the direction of Andre Lachance serenade the guests with Christmas music and singing.

Each senior receives a small Christmas gift from the Lions. And to keep the evening exciting different draws are held during the meal.

It takes more than 50 Lions, students, and friends to volunteer to make this event such a huge event every year. And this year was the best ever!

"THE SKY IS THE LIMIT" **District A-5 Lions Convention 2014**

3-889 Chestnut Cr.
Sudbury ON
P3A 5Y7

Co-Chairs:
Jackie Labelle
Phone: 705-693-2293
Email: jacquie.labelle@castlink.ca
Leanne Furchner
Phone: 705-525-4066
Email: lfurchner@persona.ca



Dear Lions of District A-5

As you are aware, our 39th A-5 Convention "The Sky is the Limit" will be taking place at the Radisson Hotel on April 11th, 12th and 13th 2014.

If you wish to buy an Ad for our book, please do so as soon as possible.

Cut off date is January 31st 2014

The costs are:

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| Credit Card Size - | \$100 |
| ¼ page size - | \$150 |
| ½ page size - | \$200 |
| full page size - | \$300 |

Please send write-up of your Ad and make cheque payable to **A-5 Convention 2014** to:

Lion Leanne Furchner
3-889 Chestnut Cr.
Sudbury On
P3A 5Y7

In Lionism,

Lion Leanne Furchner A-5 Convention 2014 Co-chair

Lion Jackie Labelle A-5 Convention 2014 Co-Chair



Azilda Lions
Capreol Lions
Minnow Lake Lions
Onaping Falls Lions
Valley East Lions



39th District A-5 Convention 2014

"THE SKY IS THE LIMIT"

April 11th, 12th, 13th, 2014

Radisson Hotel, 85 Ste Anne Rd., Sudbury ON P3E 4S4
(705) 675-1123 Toll Free (1-800-967-9033)



All persons attending the Convention (including guests and spouses) must be registered to participate in the Convention.

This includes attendance at meetings, sessions, voting, Luncheon and Governor's Banquet

Complete names exactly as you would like them to appear on your name tag.

NOTE: Please send Registration Form with payment.

Registrant A: Lion Lioness Leo Spouse

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____ Position _____

Registrant B: Lion Lioness Leo Spouse

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (____) _____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____ Position _____

| | Registrant A | Registrant B | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Registration: | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 12.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 12.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Friday Night PDG Dinner (PDG's & spouses) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 38.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 38.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Friday Night Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 15.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Saturday Luncheon: | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 22.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 22.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Saturday Governor's Banquet: | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 44.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 44.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Sunday Melvin Jones Breakfast (MJ Fellows) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 20.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Convention Pin: | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 5.00 | Costs: \$ _____ |
| Make cheque payable to <u>District A-5 Convention 2014</u> | | | Total Payment \$ _____ |

Dietary Restrictions: If you have special diet requirements please let us know so the hotel can be advised

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| Mail Registration and payment to: | Lion Marjorie Martin 1-17 Kelly St, Capreol, ON POM 1H0 | Phone: 705-858-1617 email: nommarges@eastlink.ca |
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****No posted cheques, no refund after March 31st****

If you wish to book a Hospitality Room . Please do so directly at the Hotel. Ask for Mary or James.

You are responsible to book your own room. (A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson)
\$119 (Standard) \$139 (Executive) + HST until March 14th)
Please indicate you are with the Lions Convention!

ACCOMODATIONS

| | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Radisson Hotel | 85 Ste Anne Rd., Sudbury | (705) 675-1123 | Toll Free (1-800-967-9033) | |
| Selmont Inn | 340 York St., Sudbury | (705) 673-1131 | Howard Johnson | 50 Brady St., Sudbury (705) 675-6602 |
| Comfort Inn | 2171 Regent St., Sudbury | (705) 522-1191 | Quality Inn | 390 Elgin St., Sudbury (705) 675-1273 |
| Days Inn | 117 Elm St., Sudbury | (705) 674-7517 | Super 8 | 1956 Regent St., Sudbury (705) 522-7000 |
| Hampton Inn | 2280 Regent St, Sudbury | (705) 523-5200 | Travelodge | 401 Paris St., Sudbury (705) 522-1100 |
| Holiday Inn | 1695 Regent St, Sudbury | (705) 522-3000 | Travelway | 1200 Paris St., Sudbury (705) 522-1122 |

Confirmation will be sent to Registrant "A" prior to Convention



Once again the Minnow Lake Lions Club Step up to the plate with a BIG donation.

Pictured is the President of the Minnow Lake Lions, Shirley Ogilvy presenting a Cheque to Lion Brian Closs, District A-5 Governor for 1,000.00 in support of the CNIB Eye Van

Submitted by Leanne Furchner



97th Lions Clubs International Convention July 4 - 8, 2014
Toronto, ON, Canada

Online Registration & Hotel Reservation

@

registration@lionsclubs.org

2014 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FACT SHEET

- WHERE:** Toronto
- WHEN:** July 4 – 8, 2014
- MD'A' HOTEL ASSIGNMENT:** Intercontinental Hotel
Cosmopolitan Hotel
- HOTEL RATES:** International – standard - \$194.00
Club - \$264.00
Cosmopolitan - \$260.00
- TRANSPORTATION:** A5 is arranging buses from Timmins, North Bay, Sudbury, and Sault Ste Marie. Depart for Toronto – July 4th, return July 8th. Call All Seasons Travel at 705-560-1225 or 1-888-255-7327 to book or for more information.
- TO VOLUNTEER:** Please go to the MD'A' website's 2014 International Convention section and fill out the Volunteer sign-up sheet.
- REGISTRATION:** You must also register with Lions Clubs International.
- Please fill out and submit a registration form (which can be found on the International website.
 - There is a special registration form for volunteers with a registration fee of \$110.00 US.
- PARADE DRESS**
- LCI Parade Delegate Ribbon
 - MD'A' Maple Leaf safari shirt
 - White pants
 - White shoes
 - Gambler hat with MD'A' headband (optional)
 - Dress items can be ordered from MD'A'





- (Optional) Gambler Hat with Red MD-A Band
- Smile
- LCI Issued Parade Delegate Ribbon
- MD-A Maple Leaf Safari Shirt
- (Optional) White or Red T-Shirt
- (Not Shown - Optional Red Fanny Pack)
- White Pants
- All White Shoes

Lions Clubs International Convention MD-A Delegate Parade Dress

YOU CAN ORDER YOUR PARADE DRESS

From

PDG John Chilvers, 5220 McLean Cres. Manotick, ON K4M 1G2

E-mail: chilversbb@rogers.com

Phone Inquiry: (613) 692-3731



Celebrate Family and Friends Month in April!



There's nothing more important than family and friends. In April, let's show them how much they mean to us, and how much your Lions club means to the community. Family and Friends Month in April is an opportunity to invite your family and friends to learn, serve, and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, plan an open house, host a lunch, or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love. Download the [Family and Friends Month flyer](#) and get the word out to your members today! [Learn more about Family and Friends on the LCI website.](#)

Lions Are Now on The Radio



The Lions Clubs International Online Radio is now streaming music for free for your listening pleasure! Listen to your favorite songs on stations including Greatest Hits, Oldies, Country Hits, and Classic Country. You'll also stay up-to-date with regular international news announcements that affect Lions everywhere. Access the Lions Radio directly from the LCI website, or visit the Lions Radio page and choose a media player of your choice (Windows Media Player, QuickTime, Winamp, etc.) Enjoy!

Lets Hear It For The Valley East Lions

One of the best parts of a Lions meeting is when we have a new member induction. The Valley East Lions Club had to quadruple that feeling of euphoria when it inducted 4 - count them – FOUR new members this year Welcome New Lions and Congratulations to Valley East Lions. Left to right is Lions Kenny Vandelig, Sheila Winger, Denise Barrette, and Raymond Perreault (who is visually impaired).



Minnow Lake Lions Make a BIG Donation



Minnow Lake Lions presented Salvation Army with a cheque for \$1,000.00
In the Photo - Left to right:
Lion Bob Wallace, DG Lion Brian Closs, Lion John Roy, Lion Shirley Ogilvy, Lion Sam Khoury, Salvation Army Coordinator Caroline Lewis, Lion Armand Jean, Lion Brian Scagnetti, Lion Julianna Roy, Lion Rick Lashuk

From File: Lions Club International Foundation



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Dear Lion,

As the year comes to an end, I want to thank you for all you have done through your clubs and through Lions Clubs International. It is not what it is without your support and dedication to serve.

This can easily be seen through your disaster relief response in the Philippines. As I was shown the devastation and wreckage there, I was humbled and saddened by what I saw. But your aid, including where other organizations could not. The work you have done on the ground have made a huge difference in the lives of many.

Lions around the world are helping to amplify typhoon relief efforts with US\$ 1 million in disaster relief donations to LCIF. The list of countries that have made large contributions and complete lists can be found on the LCIF website.



Along with Lions, our partners at VSP Global should also be recognized for their commitment – they are matching every dollar that VSP Global employees donate to LCIF for disaster relief in the Philippines, up to US \$10,000. We are grateful for everyone's support – every dollar helps and can restore hope when someone has lost everything.

I witnessed more of Lions' dedication to supporting LCIF at several recent fundraisers. Contributions made at local golf events in Japan and MD 300 Taiwan will strengthen humanitarian programs. And I am looking forward to attending a Lions golf fundraiser and tournament in Spain this March. Lions must register by January 31, 2014. The tournament proceeds will support LCIF's efforts to stop measles worldwide.

Lions around the world are truly making a difference. I am excited to see what the next few months hold for Lions and LCIF as we continue our humanitarian efforts to change lives.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Following My Dream By Lion Ron Anderson



Travels of the Lions A-Team (Atkins-Anderson)

Have you ever thought what it would be like to visit Paradise, not Paradise, Michigan, but Paradise in old Mexico where the flowers and cactus thrive and the sun shines (almost) all the time.

Many of our Lions in A5 and our Sault club are aware that PDG John Moody and his wife Elizabeth moved to Lake Chapala, in Jalisco, Mexico three years ago, living there year round now, making it their permanent home. In conversation with Lion John Atkins, we and our wives, Darlene and Donna decided that it would be nice to visit with them and see firsthand what living there is like and we were not disappointed to find PDG Lion John and Elizabeth enjoying their new lifestyle, conversing in Spanish like it was second nature.
(PDG Lion John and Elizabeth Moody's home)



Travelling to Flint, Michigan, then on to Atlanta and finally Guadalajara where our Hosts met us and took us to their home, about 40 minutes away to the Chapala Haciendas. To say they have a beautiful home would be putting it mildly, with large spacious rooms and decorative patios. When you add all the plants, cactus, flowers and ornate fencing it makes for a very comfortable secure setting.
("Our first days outing, can you say", Ola, Wish you were all here.")



We enjoyed excellent food (and beverage) wherever we went and I verified that **GREEN BEANS** are also available here whenever you want them. Somehow one Lion John convinced the other Lion John that a ride by the pool was in order and as all our PDG's do what they can to help their fellow Lions I took the following photo. (Is this what providing leadership means?)



The streets are narrow and the colourful paint jobs on the shops and houses made shopping an adventure where every doorway held extensive examples of local craftsmanship, whether it was clothing, jewelry, metal or leather works



I am sure there was a sign somewhere that said, "Don't feed the Lions!"



Elizabeth, Darlene, and Donna break out the umbrella to protect themselves from the rays of the Sun



We visited the local Casino for an hour one day after lunch to see what they had to offer. Can you guess who the Lucky Lion is in this photo?



This Restaurant had an open air dining area and was a colourful place to visit where we all enjoyed the best cuisine and dancing an evening in Mexico had to offer. Our sincere thanks to PDG Lion John and Elizabeth for sharing their home and for hosting a vacation experience we shall always treasure! This was by far the longest we have travelled on a Lion's Visitation, but well worth the trip!!

(Goodbye our Friends until we meet again)
(Adiós nuestros amigos hasta que nos volvamos a ver)



**ONAPING FALLS
LIONS**

2nd ANNUAL

**HOBO
SUPPER**



Saturday March 8th 2014

Drawing Lions Den

27 Neurgem St.

Tickets \$10 + Cash Bar

Cocktails @ 5pm

Supper @ 6pm

Come dressed the part.

Prize for the best costume.

**Come and enjoy an evening
filled with lots of fun and friendship!**

**Only 50 seats available! Will come first serve
For tickets call Norm Beaulieu @ 705-983-4458**



**Azilda Lions
Annual Jug Curling Bonspiel**

Dr. Leclair Centre/Azilda Arena

March 28, 29 -2014

To Register

Call Norm Beaulieu at 705-983-4458

(norm_beaulieu@yahoo.ca)



Azilda Lions Club

3964 Regional Road 15
Chelmsford Ontario
P0M 1L0
www. Azildalions.ca
705-983-4458



Pre Registration Form /Formulaire d'inscription

Jug Curling Tournament /Tournoi de " Jug Curling"
LeClair Center (Azilda) Arena
March /mars 28 & 29, 2014

ONLY FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Name of Team /Nom de l'équipe _____

Rink to consist of 2 couples 19 years of age and older. L'équipe se compose de 2 couples de 19 ans et plus

Lead /Premier _____

Second/ Deuxieme _____

Vice / Troisieme _____

Skip /Chef _____

Phone number /Numero de telephone _____

Email /Courriel _____

Submit application and ENTRY FEE of \$120.00 before
Soumettre l'application et frais d'inscription de \$120.00 avant

March/mars 14 /2014 to /a

Caisses Populaire in Azilda or /ou Chelmsford

Please indicate starting time for Friday Night best suited for you .Accommodation will be made if possible./SVP indiquer l'heure qui vous convient le mieux pour la parti du Vendredi soir . Nous tenterons de vous accommoder:

7 p.m. _____ 8 p.m. _____ 9 p.m. _____ 10 p.m. _____ 11 p.m. _____ 12 a.m.

Lions Get Your Sunday Best On Cause Here is the Schedule For our Regional Rallies

Following are dates and information for the Region Rallies in District A5

- Region 14 – March 15, 2014
Finlandia Rest Home, 233 4th Ave Sudbury
10 a.m. Breakfast meeting, \$10.00 per person
Contact: Region Chair Lion Roger Lagace
@ 705-586-0590 deadlines: March 3rd
Please have club, Zone, Region Chair, and
Membership reports for this meeting.
- Region 17 - March 1st, 2014
Bonifield Lions Den in Bonifield
1 pm meeting \$10.00 per person.
Please notify Region Chair Shorty Joudoin
@ 705-478-7037 of the number attending by February 24th 2014
- Region 31 – March 8, 2014
Lions Place in Sault Ste Marie
12 PM lunch, meeting to follow.
For information contact Region Chair Lion Kim Groen
thekimgroen@hotmail.com 705-356-7797
- Region 47 – March 2, 2014,
Coniston Colonial Inn
10 a.m. Breakfast meeting \$10.00 per person
Please notify Regional Chair Lion Allan O'Bumsawin of the number of
members attending the rally no later than the 23 of February 2014
705-855-0659 obumsawinal@hotmail.ca

Lion Jackie Labelle has sent an email to all the Clubs with the rules and the regulations for the candidates and the nominations form.



March is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Lions, you can play a key role in promoting the importance of eye donation and its life-changing effects on corneal recipients. Contact your nearest Lions Eye Bank to learn how to get involved with educational activities, community awareness events, donor recognition ceremonies and other functions. Learn how to register to become an eye donor, invite a speaker from an Eye Bank to a club or district event, or organize a fundraiser for your nearest Eye Bank. For more information about corneal donations and sight-saving transplantations, access the Eye Bank Association of America's Frequently Asked Questions.

Lions,

We need you to tell your story, tell *all* of us why 'You Are Proud To Be A Lion". Type it, print it, hand write it, snail mail it or e-mail it, to us at the Newsletter. We want to tell the whole district what is so special about why being a Lion is important to you.

District Governor Lion Brian has told his story in the opening remarks to this newsletter. PDG Lion Myra has told here story and a few others have done it. Those stories in the newsletter have got more responses than any other article.

Don't worry about spelling or grammar; our crack editorial team can make corrections for you!

We need to hear your story in your words.

Keep it to 500 words or less and make sure you name and phone number is included, just incase we need to contact you for clarification.

We would like your picture too but that is not as important as your story.

Email it to Lion Liam Brennan at lembrennan@hotmail.com

Or mail it to

56 Elmwood Avenue

Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4V8

