



A² Team News

**A2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR,
2013–2014
LION JIM ROHRBACH**



Lion Jim has been a member of the Fisherville Lions Club since 2001. He has had perfect attendance since joining. He comes from a family that has been active in Lionism. His father was a2 District Governor in the 1985/86 Lion Year.

Lion Jim has been quite active in his club. He has proudly served as President, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, just to name a few.

Lion Jim is a graduate of the LCI Faculty Development Institute and Senior Lions Leadership Institute. Jim is also a Life Member in the Lions Foundation of Canada and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Jim is proud to have held most of the elected Cabinet positions. He brings a strong background in Lionism and demonstrated leadership qualities. As his logo demonstrates, we should carry our Lion ethic with pride and continue to make our own clubs stronger than ever.

- District Governor
Lion Jim Rohrbach
- Past District Governor
Lion Allen Snicer
- 1st Vice Dist. Governor
Lion Bill MacKenzie
- 2nd Vice Dist. Governor
Lion Stew Patterson
- Cabinet Secretary
Lion Robert Belansky
- Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Charlie Hoover
- Chair Region 4
Lion Jim Lomas
- Zone Chair 4 East
Lion Bill Dewdney
- Zone Chair 4 West
Lion Paul DeCloet
- Chair Region 38
Lion John Harvey
- Zone Chair 38 East
Lion Peter Willets
- Zone Chair 38 West
Lion Stan Francis
- Chair Region 5
Lion Jim McFarland
- Zone Chair 5 North
Lion Catharine Wickabrod
- Zone Chair 5 South
Lion Stan Mach
- Lioness President
Lioness Kim Van Rooy

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NEXT CABINET MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED

Cabinet Meetings

(Fall) TBA

January 19, 2014

Hagersville

March 29th, 2014

A2 Convention

June 1, 2014

Fisherville

Fall Rally

Region 4 Port Dover

Oct. 29, 2013

Region 38 Hagersville

Oct. 29, 2013

Region 5 Grantham

October 30, 2013

Zone Advisory

Zone 4 East / West

Vittoria Sept. 26, 2013

Tillsonburg Nov. 28 2013

Norwich Otterville Jan. 29 2013

Zone 38 East

Jordan Sept. 25 2013

Beamsville Nov. 6

Selkirk Jan. 28, 2014

Zone 38 West

Dunnville Sept. 17 2013

Fisherville Nov. 6, 2013

Selkirk Jan. 28, 2014

Zone 5 North

Thorold Sept. 30, 2013

St. Davids Nov. 27, 2013

N.O.T.L Feb. 12. 2014

Zone 5 South

Ridgeway Sept. 30, 2013

Niagara Falls Nov. 25, 2013

N.O.T.L. Feb. 12, 2014

GOVERNOR JIMS FIRST UPDATE

By the time you get to read this, most of the Clubs in our great District will be well into festival season. Most Clubs will have already hosted, or are getting ready to host their Festivals, Carnivals, or other major summer fundraisers they have. If you have already had your event, I hope it was a success. If you are still planning your event, I wish you all the best in your fundraising events. I was fortunate enough to attend the Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany at the beginning of July. It was an amazing event and I was very fortunate to attend this with the many great Lions who were there. It was an honour carrying the MD "A" banner in the parade and it was amazing to see the amount of people who had to come to you and get their pictures taken with the Canadians. The plenary sessions were good with great speakers. The highlight to me was seeing Andrea Bocelli sing at the final plenary session. Andrea was receiving the Lions Humanitarian Award for the work his foundation does for underprivileged children and sang two songs for us. But, the real highlight was having my father, PDG Raymond, pull my "Elect" ribbon thus making me your District Governor.

When I returned home, I was fortunate to attend 2 events with our Youth Exchange students. They are a great bunch of people and seemed to have a great time together. A very big thank you goes out to Lion Bill MacKenzie, Lions John and Joyce Harvey, Lion Flo Fraser, Lion Rob Falconer and to Lion Jim Swing for helping at the Camp. Also, a thank you to all other family members who helped out, all the Lions Clubs who held dinners or sponsored events for the students and the host families. Without your help, this Camp would not have been as successful. Also, thank you to all the Clubs who donated money to the Youth Exchange program this past year. I ask all Clubs to leave a spot in your budgets for a donation to the Youth Exchange.

In closing, I look forward to my year as your District Governor and I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me. I will be in contact with all the Clubs in the very near future regarding my visits to your Clubs and I look forward to seeing all of you in the very near future.

In Memoriam

Lion Frank Erdelac,

Long Point Lions Club

July 6, 2013

Lion Steve Prytulak

Waterford Lions Club

July 25, 2013

Lion Shirley Pond

Simcoe Lions Club

August 9, 3013

Lion Jim Fyfe

Niagara Falls Lions Club

August 12, 2013



BARRY J. PALMER

Lions INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

2013—2014

Lion Barry J. Palmer, of Berowra, NSW, Australia, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention, held in Hamburg, Germany, July 5-9, 2013.

President Palmer was a real estate company director.

A member of the Hornsby Lions Club since 1976, President Palmer has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and district governor. He has served on numerous committees and as the Host Committee Chairperson for the 2010 Lions Clubs International Convention in Sydney, Australia.

In recognition of his service to the association, President Palmer has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, six International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, President Palmer is a recipient of the Australian Medal issued by the Australian Government, the Australian Childhood Cancer Research Award and the Spastic Centre of NSW Award. He was a Pioneer Volunteer at the Sydney Olympics and a member of the New South Wales Paralympic Committee.

President Palmer and his wife Anne, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and eight grandchildren.

You can watch a the International President's video by clicking on this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV5Ntv-ahgo>



A Short History of Lions International and District A-2 Youth Exchange

In 1961, the first Youth, Lorenzo Calabrese, from the city of Vari, Italy was hosted by Sam Verdi in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. Also in 1961, about 300 other Youth were hosted, mainly in Japan and California, U.S.A. By 1971, approximately 1500 Youth were exchanged between 36 countries worldwide.

District A-2 joined the Youth Exchange Program in 1971, and a few Youth were hosted yearly for 10 years. In 1981, Lion John Sheppard of the Grantham Lions Club spoke with Lion Bill Evers of Dunnville regarding starting a camp. The A-2 Cabinet turned it down.

In 1982, Lion Bill suggested that Districts A-2 and A-1 work together. Cabinet approved. Lions John Sheppard and Pat Howe were the Chairs of A-2 and A-1 respectively. Lions Bill Evers (A-2) and Governor Al Beterlee (A-1) co-chaired the camp as directors.

The camp was in St. Catharines in Short Hills Provincial Park at Wetaskiwin, a Boy Scouts of Canada camp. Accommodation was in tents. [It rained extensively, it seems, and plywood platforms were recommended for the next year.] There were 35 Youth, some from Canada and U.S.A. Maria Evers was the 'den mother', and was tired out after the week! They did their own cooking on site.

By 1985, approximately 5,096 Youth from 54 countries were participating in Lions Youth Exchange programs worldwide.

Districts A-1 and A-2 continued to work together until 1986, moving the camp from Wetaskiwin to Mt. Brydges in A-1 in 1984. Accommodation was still in tents [as it is yet in A-1].

In 1987, Lion Bill Evers became A-2 Chair and split with A-1 as there were too many Youth. Captain Louis at the Salvation Army Camp near Selkirk welcomed the campers to that facility. It had cabins, a dining hall, a meeting hall, an outdoor pool, etc. and was very central in District A-2. Attempts were made to stick to 20 Incomers. Camp Opening and Closing were celebrated events as well as International Night [when each Youth would highlight his/her country.]

Following the camp, Youth were hosted with two A-2 families for about a week and a half each. This gave the Youth the experience of being a part of a Canadian family. The program is a cultural exchange and this provided insight into Canadian living. To match Incoming Youth with appropriate host families, Lion Bill and Lioness Maria would spread out the Youth

applications on the living room floor and pair them with the host applications. Matches usually worked very well.

Meanwhile, A-2 also sent Youth overseas. Lion Bill was responsible for sending out at least 50 from Dunnville over the years! He always interviewed each Outgoing Youth with their parents in his home outside of Dunnville. They knew exactly what was expected of them in terms of behaviour, and that it is a cultural exchange, not just a holiday. They also knew a lot about Lions!

The program continues in District A-2. Read on for more history.

Remember the first Object of Lions is *"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world."* Can any Lions' program do this better?

To be continued.....

Many thanks to Lions Joyce and John Harvey and Ward MacKenzie for their Youth Exchange work, information and wonderful pictures.



Youth Exchange Activities Around The District



We Have Proved

We have proved that people can live together in spite of different races.

We have proved that people can join each other in prayer to God in spite of different religions.

We have proved that people can live together in spite of different cultures.

We have proved that people can live together and join each other in faithful friendship in spite of all the things that separate our world.

We want the world to know what we have done, what we have proved.

We want the world to understand what we have discovered.

We want the world to learn from our experience.

We want the world to live in peace and faithful friendship as we have done.

We, the children of the world.

This poem was written on 17 July 1982 by Helle Vibeke Nielson of Denmark after attending the Lions Clubs International Friendship Youth Camp in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. It is tradition to read it during the International Presentation segment of our camp. This year it was read by Pernille Thrane of Denmark.



Further More.....

Youth Exchange Video:

Jet Boat Ride: <http://youtu.be/fnKbK-LPXKY>

Does your club want to have an event that is invitation by ticket only? Check out Evenbrite www.evenbrite.ca. This site will allow you to issue invitations and tickets for an event for free. If you are selling tickets, there is a charge for this service. This is one resource you may wish to look into.

All club newsletter publishers should be aware that copies of your newsletter should be sent to the District Governor, your region chair, your zone chair, Lion the Cabinet Secretary and Lion Tom McLarty the A2 Newsletter judge for this year: tom.mclarty@xplornet.ca

This year we want to celebrate all members who receive awards of distinction: Judge Stevenson, Hellen Keller, Melvin Jones and Life Member. There will be space dedicated to these winners in the Spring issue of the A2 Team News.

When you submit the name of the recipient, please send a photo of that person receiving the award.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. The winners are:

* Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately,

shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

* Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

* Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

* Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

* Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

Washington Post's neologism Contest Winners:

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.

2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.

6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.

9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.

11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.

13. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.

14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Join Us For.....

"Journey for Sight"

Car Cruise and Car Show

September 21st, 2013 to raise funds for
the CNIB and Lake Joseph CNIB Camp for
the Blind

Start and Finish at the Chippawa Lions Community Centre

Start Time: 1:00 p.m. Finish Time 4:30 p.m.

Supper at 5:30 p.m.

\$15.00 / Person

Pre-Registration required

Supper Included!



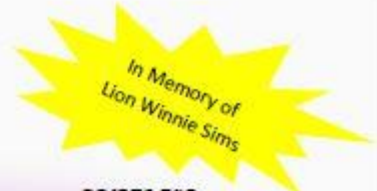
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AND DOWNLOAD PLEDGE FORMS:

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OR CALL (905) 295-4998



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BEST PASSENGER COSTUME
QUIZ

MOST PLEDGES
POKER RUN



This years theme.....

The War of 1812

Sponsored By....

Chippawa Lions Club

Black Creek / Stevensville Lions Club

Ridgeway Lions Club

Niagara Falls Lions Club



Peace Poster Kit Deadline



For 25 years, more than eight million children across the globe have participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Our World, Our Future." [Purchase your Peace Poster Contest kit](#) by October 1, 2013 and encourage children in your community to express their feelings of peace through art. Each kit includes an official club contest guide and rules, participant flyers, certificates and more. Order kits through [Club Supplies](#) (item search: Peace Poster Kit) or [download the order form](#).

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Mentoring him could be the
start of something Big -
like a rise in literacy

start something™



Do Your Part - Red Deer 2013

When

Thursday October 3, 2013 at
8:00 AM MDT

-to-

Friday October 4, 2013 at 5:00
PM MDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Red Deer College
100 College Blvd
Red Deer, AB T4N 5H5



Dear Bradd,

In light of recent floods in Southern Alberta we have extended the Early Bird Deadline for Do Your Part! Red Deer to Wednesday July 31st. We are keeping our friends in this part of the country in our thoughts during this difficult time.

[Register Now!](#)

[I can't make it](#)

We look forward to seeing you in Red Deer!

Sincerely,

Kay Nelles
Lions Quest Canada
kay@lionsquest.ca
800-265-2680 ext 102

The Garden City Lions



Announce the Celebration of our
20TH ANNIVERSARY

And wish to share it with you on

Saturday, October 26, 2013

Stamford Lions Hall
3846 Portage Road, Niagara Falls

Dress: Business Casual

Social 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$25.00 per person

Advance sales only by October 12/2013

Entertainment provided by Randy Thomas



Make cheques payable to Garden City Lions Club
Tickets may be obtained from *Lions*:

David Lawrason 905-646-7596

9 Mariners Court, St Catharines, On L2N 4E2

Or

Larry Rendall 905-945-5241

26-24 Kenyon Crescent, Grimsby, On. L3M 5S3



Effective Speaking English Intermediate Contestants



Effective Speaking Junior English First Place Winner