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Choose Your Shadow by Engaging Youth

We often hear people say... "Kids today are selfish and self-centered," or "They are spoiled," or even "Young people only care about themselves and not about others."

But did you know that in Statistics Canada's most recent *Survey of Volunteering, Giving and Participating (2010)*, it was noted that Canada leads the world with 58% of young people aged 15-24 involved in service? And that young people volunteer at a higher rate than any other age group in Canada? And that the rate of young volunteerism has been growing every year since 2004?



Lions Clubs International has declared August to be the "Engaging our Youth" Global Service Action Campaign. Involving and engaging youth in our club's projects is critical, because it is shown that when people volunteer at a young age, they tend to volunteer and help others throughout their entire lives. But there is a big difference between simply using young people as manual labourers at our projects and truly engaging them.

To engage young people, we need to understand the differences in how young people think and act, and what they are looking for out of their volunteer experiences. Young people are more open-minded than previous generations as they have grown up in a society of diversity. They are technologically-savvy. They thrive on online communication and collaboration techniques. Our youth require flexibility in their volunteerism because of commitments with school, work, friends, and family. And they are looking for volunteer opportunities that allow them to be given responsibility and a chance to practice leadership skills.

Young people who have had negative experiences volunteering quite often stop serving all together. One of the most common reasons for young people becoming disenchanted with their volunteer experience is when they feel that their opinions and insights are not valued, respected or considered. Sometimes young people feel as if their skills are not being used effectively to help the organization.

Young people are a huge resource in building a better world today and into the future. As Lions, we can make a difference by taking a leadership role in developing, mentoring, and casting a positive shadow on them.

To find out more about Lions Clubs International's Global Service Action Campaign visit, <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/global-service-action-campaigns/engaging-our-youth.php>

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VDG's Barb & Richard Receive Their Patches



DG Chris presents 1st VDG Barb with her jacket patch.

1st Vice District Governor Barb Ennis

A little bit about Lion Barb...

Lion Barb was inducted into the Port Carling Lions Club in February 2001. She was elected club president in 2008 - 2009. Barb was the A-12 Cabinet Chair for Effective Speaking from 2007 to 2010. She is a Knight of Lake Joe & a Guardian of Camp Huronda. This past year, she became a Club Excellence Facilitator. Lion Barb has received a Governor's Appreciation Award, an International President's Certificate of Appreciation & is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

She graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in Physical Education. Now retired, Barb was one of the CNIB's Orientation and Mobility Specialists, promoting safe, independent travel to the blind and visually impaired.

Lion Barb has been married to Past District Governor Dave Hewitt since 1995. They have three grown children between them. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, skiing (both winter & summer) and travelling.

Her goal each day is to leave individuals feeling better than she found them.

2nd Vice District Governor Richard Ratensperger

A little bit about Lion Richard...

Lion Richard joined the Wasaga Beach Lions Club in 1996 after retiring from the Canadian Forces with 30 years of service. He held a variety of positions in that club including Vice President, President, Treasurer and Tail Twister. In 2012 he became a Charter member of the Wasaga Beach Nancy Island Lions Club and is currently the Secretary of the Club.

He has attended one International Convention, one USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, three Lions Learning Weekends and attended the Senior Lions Leadership institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the Helen Keller Fellowship award. Richard is also a Certified Guiding Lion.

He is married to Lion Mary and they have one son.



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Welcome New Members

Larry Samis - Whitestone-McKellar Lions Club

Sponsor - Terence Stanley

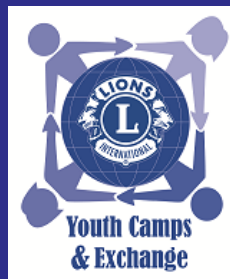


The Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program is life-changing. Participants have a unique cultural learning experience whether in their own country or traveling to another, living with a host family and taking part in a camp.

For more information about the Youth Exchange Program, Contact PDG Len Day at exchange@a12lions.org or 705.728.5579



District A-12 had the honour of hosting 7 youth exchange students this year. These students arrived from Italy, The Netherlands and Finland back on June 29th and spent nearly a month touring the province, learning about Canada, and making lifelong friendships. To hear first hand the experiences of being a host family, speak with any host family from the Tiny Township Club or 1st VDG Barb Ennis & PDG Dave Hewitt who hosted students this year. Please consider this wonderful Lions program when discussing your clubs budget. Your donation will make an unbelievable impact in these students lives!



BURK'S FALLS LIONS CLUB

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**WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY
ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2013**

Venue: Vic Fell Memorial Royal Canadian Legion Branch 405, Burk's Falls ~ Social: 3:30pm ~ Meal: 4:30pm

Dinner Menu: tomato juice, hip of beef, gravy and horseradish, hot ham with pineapple and glaze, mashed potato, bean medley, baby green and yellow beans and baby carrots, coleslaw, broccoli salad, pickles, rolls and butter. Cherry cheesecake and pie, tea and coffee.

Cost per plate: \$25.00

Guest Speaker to follow meal.

Other presentations to follow Speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER PDG (of the Burk's Falls Lions Club) LION EARL BOX

Current member of the **Magnetawan Lions Club** (lives there May to November)

Current Associate member **Cedar Kay Lions Club in Florida** (lives there December to April)

If wanting to attend please reply to the above address or contact Lion Ian Smith as soon as possible, see below for contact information. The caters will need to know.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING ALL WHO CAN ATTEND

Ways to contact: Ian Smith P.O. Box 535241 Queen Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0
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Club Charters

Burk's Falls Lions Club

75th Charter Anniversary - October 20th

Sundridge Lions Club

70th Charter Anniversary - May 24th

Elmvale & District Lions Club

65th Charter Anniversary - Date To Be Determined

If your club wishes to have an event published in the Governor's Newsletter, please send your request to newsletter@a12lions.org.

Club Events

Peninsula Lions Club - Car Wash, August 10th & 24th

Contact: President Edwin Campbell 705.765.6249

Victoria Harbour Lions Club - Golf Tournament, August 17th

Contact: Dennis Esterbrooks 534.7786 or 209.0848 or restec606@rogers.com

Emsdale Lions Club - Pike & Pickerel Tournament, September 7th

Contact: emsdalelions@gmail.com 705.636.1207 or 705.788.3309

Bradford Lions Club - Car Draw, September 7th

Contact: President Debbie Hrynyk at dhrynyk@acncanada.net

Gilford Lions Club - Paws for a Cause, September 8th

Contact: President Joan Burbidge at 705.436.1548

Stayner Lions Club - 43rd Annual Car Draw, September 22nd

Contact: President Shawn Davidson at stayner@a12lions.org

Camp Dorset Fun Weekend - October 25th & 26th

Registration Contact: Brian Harper 705.487.8757 or 705.734.5498

Accommodations Contact: Steve Woolman at 705.766.2780

Washago Lions Club - Grey Cup Party & Auction, November 24th

Contact: Jim Hanwell at 705.689.5629

Important Dates

2013

August 11th - Executive Cabinet Meeting
Cabinet Officers, Chairs and Partners Social
Contact Cabinet Secretary Kathy Daoust 705.687.7150

September 6th & 7th - MD"A" Council Meeting
Contact DG Chris Lewis 705.687.2144

September 19th - 21st - USA/Canada Leadership Forum
Contact Zone Chair Barry Hackett 705.434.9788

October 27th - Cabinet Meeting at Camp Dorset
Contact Cabinet Secretary Kathy Daoust 705.687.7150

November 1st & 2nd - MD"A" Council Meeting
Contact DG Chris Lewis 705.687.2144

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February 2nd - Cabinet Meeting at Angus Lions Hall
Contact Cabinet Secretary Kathy Daoust 705.687.7150

February 28th - March 1st - MD"A" Council Meeting
Contact DG Chris Lewis 705.687.2144

March 22nd & 23rd - A12 Lions Learning Weekend
Contact GLT Chair PDG Dave Durant 705.646.1313

May 2nd - 4th - MD"A"/A12 Convention
Contact Convention Chair PDG Jim Hilt 705.636.1862

June 1st - Cabinet Meeting at Elmvale Lions Hall
Contact Cabinet Secretary Kathy Daoust 705.687.7150

July 4th - 8th - Lions Clubs International Convention
Contact Convention Ambassadors 1st VDG Barb Ennis & PDG Dave Hewitt 705.765.6092

Contact the Editor, Marjorie Lewis with your feedback, and submissions.



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