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Miracles through Service

**International President
Al Brandel's Theme**



The International President's theme is "Miracles through Service" and the role of Lions as Everyday Heroes. During his term in office, Lions are encouraged to "tell the world" about Lions and our service.

Lions lead the way in community service – making miracles happen each and every day. LCI created an attractive booklet titled *We are Lions* that outlines Lions' new public relations and branding strategy. It can be downloaded from www.lionsclubs.org.

"The most important Lion is the individual Lion member. The big picture is about the people we serve, and the Lions who serve them."

Al Brandel



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Lions Web Sites

Lions International
www.lionsclubs.org

A-1 Lions
www.a1lions.tripod.com

MD 'A'
www.mdalions.org

Leader Dogs
www.leaderdog.org

Lions Foundation of Canada
www.dogguides.com

CNIB Lake Joseph
www.cnib.ca/lakejo

District A-1 "Miracles through Service"

District A-1 Lions are:

- helping people with vision challenges
- providing equipment in hospitals to treat eye diseases
- supporting diabetes awareness
- supporting training of service dogs
- partners with CNIB Low Vision Clinics
- partners in "No Child Without" Medic Alert program
- International Youth Exchanges

PDG Mark Mahovlich Appreciation Night

Saturday November 1st

6pm for cocktails / 7pm for dinner

Belle River Lions Club House

\$25.00

Cutoff Date: 24th October

Contact Steve - lionssm@windsor.igs.net

Governor’s Message



Hello Lions!
 Or should I say, "Hello my heroes!" the more I see of what goes on in District A-1 Lions Clubs, the more I realize why I am so proud to be a Lion.

Our International President Al Brandel's theme "Miracles Through Service" is certainly demonstrated by the many activities now underway in Lions Clubs of District A-1. We have been building parks, putting roofs onto parks, recycling eyeglasses, sponsoring minor sports, peace poster contests, hosting youth exchange, providing insulin pumps, meals for seniors, organizing parades, installing eye care equipment... the list of services is huge! We give aid, comfort, dignity and enrichment to many in need in our community.

But I am not the only one who should be proud to be a Lion. All Lions should be very proud! Sometimes, I think Lions are much too humble. Did you know that Lions Clubs International, an organization of which we are all part of, has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize?! Indeed Lions, you should all be proud!

So when you are talking with friends, neighbours, co-workers... don't be afraid to tell them what Lions do! You are not being boastful when you do this... you are just being justly proud... and it's good public relations!

The second part of my message to you today is about that dreaded word "membership". Our numbers are down.. if this trend does not reverse.. we may be forced to make organizational changes that none of us will like. But that is not the reason we should be passionate about growing membership... our world simply needs more heroes and Lions are heroes!

Lions Foundation of Canada Fund Raiser

The Bay is hosting Giving Day, a one-day shopping event designed to help charities across Canada raise funds. Purchase a ticket for \$5 and receive a 15% discount coupon to be used on regular, sale or clearance items at the Bay on **Saturday, November 1st, 2008**. Purchase by phone with a credit card and LFC will mail the \$5 card. Call 1.800.768.3030 and press 0 to order.

So I encourage all Lions Clubs to put forth an extra effort to grow their membership this year.

1. Set goals of service to attract service-minded people,
2. Don't ask people to join Lions. Instead, ASK people if they would like to become involved in a Lions project. They will join.
3. Set up a membership growth plan for your Club this year.
4. Ask the MERL team and District Officers for help.

And while you are doing all this... don't forget to **HAVE FUN!**

Grateful for the opportunity to serve.

DG Lion Don McKessock

Newsletter Distribution

Hello again Lions!

I have a little more time to talk to you today, so I'd like to tell you about how this newsletter is to be distributed to you. We would like to ensure that every Lion in District A-1 has access to the Governor's Newsletter. We know that the majority of Lions have internet access. This allows us to send out more bulletins each year to keep you informed. Just go to the A-1 website and click on A-1 Newsletter.

For those who still need hard-copy Newsletters, we are hoping that a member of your Club will print off a copy from the internet for you. If this is not possible, we will gladly mail a copy to you. Please have your Club Secretary forward you name/ address to the Bulletin Editor.

DG Don

Tell others about your “Miracles through Service”

Send photos and a brief description of your “heroes” to the editor at curtis.marwood@gmail.com

Separate the photos in JPG files from the write up.

District Events

**Zone Advisory Meetings
(First of 3)**

ZONE 1	LOCATION	DATE
West	Windsor	01-Oct-08
Central	Wheatley	28-Oct-08
East	Blenheim	26-Nov-08
ZONE 2		
South	Dutton	18-Sep-08
North	Hyde Park &	27-Oct-08
East	Belmont	19-Nov-08
ZONE 24		
South	Strathroy	25-Sep-08
North	Parkhill	27-Oct-08
West	Sarnia Township	26-Nov-08

COMING DISTRICT EVENTS

Lucan 60th Birthday Bash	Lucan	25-Oct-08
Diabetes Cavalcade Parade of Cheques	Springfield	26-Oct-08
Lambeth Lions Memory Box Fundraiser	Lambeth CC	15-Nov-08
Eyes Right Annual Meeting	Strathroy	25-Jan-09
Chatham Breakfast	Chatham	01-Mar-09
Chatham Lions 60th Anniversary	Chatham	02-May-09

A-1 Web Site

Go to the web site (www.a1lions.tripod.com) for more photos, resources and useful Lions links.

**Windsor Roseland Lions
10th Anniversary Celebration**

November 29, 2008

Knights Of Columbus Hall
1286 Lauzon Rd. Windsor Ontario

Country & Western Theme

Cocktails at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person

RSVP

**E-mail: Mark at mark@omegatoolcorp.com
Or call Dawn at 519-977-5635**

Lions Store Notice

There is no longer
a licensed Canadian agent for
Lions Clubs International Store.

To purchase items from the Lions Catalogue,
visit the Lions Store at www.lionsclub.org
or call (630) 571-5466
to speak to a Lions Store representative.



Hyde Park and District Lions of District A-1

held a classic car cruise every Thursday night from May to September at Steve Plunkett's Fleetwood Farms. The Club raised and presented a cheque for \$14,000 to S.A.R.I. Therapeutic Riding at the final cruise night Sept. 25th. The classic car drivers donated the funds through entrance donations, a 50/50 draw and T-shirt and hat sales. Presenting the cheque to Susan Morel of S.A.R.I. were Lion Walt Grieve and Lion Peter Seguin.

A-1 Heroes

A Proud Father, Lion, Canadian :

On Friday, September 19th., **Lions Brian Nicholds, Ron Lindsay and Bill Telfer** had the privilege and honor of attending a Canadian Citizenship ceremony for the swearing in of new Canadian Citizens.

Among the seventy-five recipients from twenty-nine different countries was **London Central Lion Tarek Kotob**, his wife **Hala** and their five children. As **Lion Tarek** introduced his wife, four daughters and son to us, you could sense how excited he was that this special day had finally arrived, and how proud he was of his family’s achievements since their arrival in Canada, in July of 2004.

Dr. Tarek Kotob and his family emigrated from Lebanon, where in 1992, **Tarek** joined Lions as a Charter Member of the Saida Metropolitan Lions Club of Lebanon and Jordan District 351. While with the Saida Lebanon Lions Club, **Lion Tarek** was the Charter Secretary, received two Membership Awards, and held the Office of Club President. He also held a District Office as Region Chairman.

In November of 2007, **Lion Tarek’s** membership was transferred to Canada and he became a member of **London Central Lions Club** in May of 2008.

As we watched each of these New Canadians receive his or her Canadian Citizen Certificate, and later wave their Canadian flag as their country of origin was read out, we couldn’t help but notice the pride they displayed as Canada’s “newest citizens”. Being a Canadian Citizen is something that many Canadians just take for granted.

The Membership of London Central Lions Club congratulate **Lion Tarek** and his family for this great achievement and extend a sincere welcome to the City of London, London Central Lions and Canada.



Leamington Lions Club Playground

The Leamington Lions Club held their official opening of the Leamington Lions Club Playground on August 6/08 at Seacliff Park. Total cost of the project was \$250,000.00 and was financed by a grant from the Trillium Foundation and a large donation from the United Food & Commercial Workers, the Municipality of Leamington and the residents of Leamington. This will stand for a long time as a legacy of the Leamington Lions Club. People have told us that it was long overdue is much appreciated. It is fully accessible to all children.



LIONS SHOW APPRECIATION

Sarnia Lion President Don Godfrey and Project Chair Lion Manfred Altmann presented a thank-you plaque to the Princess Auto Sarnia Store to show Lions appreciation for their support of the successful Zone 24W Tractor Draw. The Lions Clubs of Zone 24W raised over \$7300 was raised for Diabetes.

