



District A-1 "LIONS LINES" Governor's Newsletter

June 2010



Bon Voyage!

In June, Lion Ev was off to the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. We hope she enjoyed a fun time "down under".

[Read her closing message on page 8...](#)



International President Eberhard Wirfs

Moving to Grow...



President reports World Net Growth...

Greetings. As we approach the final weeks of 2009-10, I'm again very pleased to report that Lions all over the world have indeed "Moved to Grow!" Our net membership growth through May has reached plus 33,817. This compares to a net positive growth of 23,729 for the same period last year - making for an unprecedented 42% improvement.

Canadian Lions Move to Grow...

Canadian Past Directors report...

We know that you will be delighted to know that for the first time in many years the Lions membership in Canada has a net increase! Now is not the time to be complacent. We urge you and your Board of Directors to (a) continue to add members, and (b) keep the members you presently have.

Every member of the Global Membership Team is excited about all that our Canadian Lions Clubs have done to reach this milestone membership level - not just for the numbers, but because we now have more hands - and hearts - to fulfill our mandate - to serve.

At the beginning of the year we established a goal of a net increase in Canadian Lions membership of 100. While we have a way yet to go, we know that with your help and commitment, we will get there.

Remember - Goals Are Simply Dreams With A Deadline - let's all work together to reach our goal by June 30th!

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Lions Web Sites

Lions International
www.lionsclubs.org

A-1 Lions

<http://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

The 2010-2011 Directory

The Directory will be posted on the web site over the summer. Check your information and let us know of any corrections.

Submit photos/stories
for the web site to
curtis.marwood@gmail.com

Please attach photos
as separate JPG files.

Lions International

Words of Thanks for Lions' Relief in Haiti

"It has been a day of blessings in that around 9 a.m. the Lions arrived to tell me our soccer areas have been chosen to receive their aid, which includes well formed tents, hot kitchen area, school in a box, dental and eye care. It is a real shot in the arm for us, as I had begun to accept that our neighborhood would have to move to one of the huge tent areas in order to obtain shelter and food. Since writing this, the initial boxes from the Lions club have arrived. I am glad the neighbors will soon have tents, hot food and everything else promised."



Sister Mary Finnick, Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Haiti

Lions provide relief supplies within Port au Prince, Haiti



Funds Provide Shelter, Food, Water to Victims of Haiti Earthquake

Lions provided immediate needs, including water, food and medical supplies on January 22. These supplies were distributed by Haitian Lions and Leos to a hospital and orphanage. LCIF partnered with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions have established three tent cities in Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille, neighborhoods located in Port-au-Prince. Each tent city can accommodate 300 families or 1,200 people. Lions are focusing their immediate relief efforts to support and maintain these tent cities.



Objectives of the President's Theme MOVE TO GROW

- Move to Grow Membership
- Move to grow the DG TEAM
- Move to Grow LEADERS
- Move to grow SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING
- MOVE TO INCREASE public awareness
- The youth of today GROW to be the Lions of tomorrow
- Move to Grow OUR FOUNDATION

Read more about his theme on the web site (www.lionsclubs.org)

District News

**District A-1 Effective Speaking
28 March 2010
Winners & Contestants**

#	Order	Contestant	Category	Club
Senior Speakers				
1 st	Place Winner	Natasha Raval	Sr.	Hyde Park
2 nd	Place Winner	Kim Sanders	Sr.	Petrolia
3 rd	Place Winner	Tabatha Carter	Sr.	Glencoe
Intermediate Speakers				
1 st	Place Winner	Heidi Carter	Imm.	Glencoe
2 nd	Place Winner	Lukas Jeffery	Imm.	Petrolia
Junior Speakers				
1 st	Place Winner	Keeley Baker	Jr.	Thorndale
2 nd	Place Winner	Brendan Delancey	Jr.	Lambeth
3 rd	Place Winner	Marissa Meuller	Jr.	Petrolia
	Runner - up	Liessell Innes	Jr.	Chatham
	Runner - up	Ben Davies	Jr.	Chatham
	Runner - up	Liam Israels	Jr.	Delaware

Lion Bev – Ontario Volunteer Service Award

Our own District A-1 Diabetes Chair Lion Bev Wirta was presented with an Ontario Volunteer Service Award on Wed., April 7, 2010.

The Ontario government through the Ministry of Citizen & Immigration presents Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. This is a way for the Government of Ontario to recognize the millions of Ontarians who volunteer. Our own Lion Bev Wirta received one of these awards on April 7, 2010 for all of her hard work in Diabetes.

Not only is she District A-1 Diabetes Chair but she is also on the Canadian National Diabetes Liaison Board with representatives from all across Canada from various Lion's clubs and districts



Hyde Park and District Lions Club 30th Anniversary

The Hyde Park and District Lions Club are holding their 30th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday November 13th

Where: Byron Legion,
1276 Commissioners Road West, London.
Just west of Boler Road in London

Social Hour 6.00 pm
Dinner 7.00 pm
Cost \$ 35.00 a person

To order tickets, contact:

By mail: Lion Grant Brown
42 Surrey Court, London ON N6E 1T9
Or by email: grantbrown@sympatico.ca

Please send a cheque with your order payable to Hyde Park Lions Club

District News

New Club Chartered in District A-1

Saturday, January 16, 2010 saw a new Lions Club chartered in District A-1. The Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club became the forty-ninth club in the District. Twenty-seven clubs were represented at the event. The new club is made up of new members, reinstated members and transferred members. It is a family club.

Seated, left to right :

Lions Betty Powell, Alma Dolansky and Verna Plante.

Second row:

Lions Al Hughes, Bev Powell, Ben Dolansky, Crystal Alves, Marlene Wolfe, Barny Wolfe and John Watson.

Back row:

Lions Luanne Kresky, Adam Kresky, Michael Kresky, Ed Hadbavny and Jacques Plante.

Absent from photo:

Lions Derek Bron, Bill Bron, Shirley Bron, Heather Campbell, Ryan Cann, Jean Hoogstra and Klaas Hoogstra.

Submitted by
Lion Marilyn Madacsi
District A-1 Reporter



One of the first activities for the new Lions Club of Strathroy-Caradoc was to invite Lion Mickey & Emmerston, Leader Dog Team to talk about the Leader Dog Program.

**Lions of District A-1 “2010”
Lake Joseph Centre Transportation Project
*Peter’s Bus***

Sunday July 11/10—Saturday July 17/10

The Lions and Lioness Clubs of District A-1 are pleased to announce that we are once again offering transportation assistance for the blind, visually impaired and their escorts of Southwestern Ontario wishing to travel to and from the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre for a fun-filled relaxing vacation. Our complimentary service includes a round trip to the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre with lunch, aboard a deluxe highway cruiser, equipped with a washroom, air conditioning and undercarriage luggage compartments. There will be ample room for all your luggage, guitars, coolers, etc. There is an overhead rack for carry on luggage. This complimentary service is available to blind, and visually impaired residents of the Windsor, Chatham, Sarnia and London region as well as other invited passengers subject to available accommodations.

All Aboard

Lion Peter W. B. Best
District A-1 Chairman 2010
Lions’ Lake Joseph Transportation Project
Email peterbest@sympatico.ca

We Serve



Strathroy-Caradoc Charter Members

Thirty Effective Strategies for Sponsoring

At the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis last September, Past Council Chair JT Binstead of Pennsylvania presented a session on “thirty effective strategies for sponsoring”, which offers ideas that clubs can use for recruiting new members. A link is provided below:

http://www.magma.ca/~johnstonj/lions/lions_material/thirty%20effective%20strategies%20for%20sponsoring.pdf

Club News

Helen Keller Award Presented to Cheryl Schleihauf by Petrolia Lions

The Lions Club of Petrolia honoured Lion Cheryl Schleihauf with a Helen Keller Fellowship on June 7, 2010. Presenting the Fellowship is Past District Governor Joe Madacsi.



Lions Jim and Joanne Lystar with Odie



When Lion Jim brings Odie to a Lions Club Meeting, Lion Ron Craig says, “Odie is cuter than his male handler.” Lion Jim replies, “I Get No Respect!”

Port Stanley Golf Tournament

On June 5, 2010 the Port Stanley Lions and Lioness Clubs in conjunction with our corporate sponsor, the Shoppers Drug Mart stores of Aylmer and St. Thomas hosted our first annual Marr Family Golf Tournament.

One of the first golfers on the course was the President of the Port Stanley Lions Club, Lion David Marr whose family once farmed the land which is now the Kettle Creek Golf Club.

148 golfers enjoyed a fun day of BBQ lunch, martin/lampman golf demonstration, 18 holes of golf and a fish fry dinner.

A donation was made to the St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of 2 Surgical Telescopes.



\$10,000 for Purina Walk for Dog Guides

On Sunday, May 16th 2010 the Lions Clubs of London (London Central, London East, London North and Hyde Park) held their annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides. It was a lovely sunny and warm spring day. A total of 37 registered walkers, 2 CVC and 1SSD walked the path from Gibbons Park to Blackfriars Bridge and back raising just under \$10,000. The walkers were treated to “boodle” bags with dog treats and cake for the human. DGE John and his wife Bonnie came to the event to show their support of this Zone 2N project.

Submitted by: Lion Catherine Heberle



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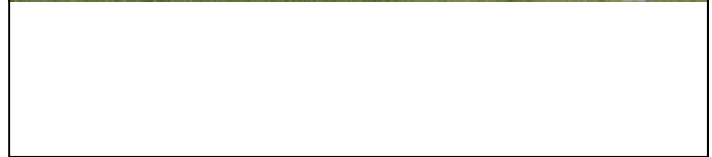
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London Central Lions Memorial
 Central Lions and family of Late Lion Henry Feenstra gather for an outdoor memorial service at the Central Lions Memorial. He was a member of the London Central Lions and a Lion for 40 years. This memorial, with the names of deceased Lions and Lioness on the back, is located in the Klopp Commemorative Woods in the Bayfield Conservation Area. It is available to all Lions and Lioness for remembrance.



Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia Awards Presentations

Awards presentations for the Bluewater Lions Club of Sarnia (formerly Sarnia Township Lions Club) took place on June 23, 2010 at the club dinner meeting.

Left to right in the picture:

Front row: Lion Marjo Nieuwenhuis, Treasurer (recipient of this year's Harry A. Newman award), Lion Beverly Wirta, President, PDG Bill Bissonnette (recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship), Lion Joyce Doucet, Secretary, Lion Audrey Henry (recipient of the Lions Foundation of Canada Life Membership)

Second row: Lion Koert Nieuwenhuis, Lion Art Krick, Lion Bob Lake, Lion Al Taylor and Lion Bob Henry (all recipients of the Certificate of Excellence from the President for the Lion's year 2009 – 2010)

PDG Lion Bill Bissonnette recipient of Melvin Jones Fellowship



Editor's Page

From the Editor...

As I close this year's publication of the Governor's Newsletter, I thank Governor Ev for the privilege of serving as the editor for the District newsletter. This is the fourth issue of the newsletter for this Lions year. I regret that I was not able to publish this issue earlier but both Dawn and I have spent some time in hospital and Dawn is now beginning chemotherapy.

Good news for Lions! The President reported net growth in 2009-2010 and the Canadian Past Directors commend Lions for net Growth in Canada. In District A1 we celebrate

that growth as the Lions Club of Strathroy-Caradoc was chartered this year. A photo of the members is shown in this issue. We are Moving to Grow!

A highlight of this year's LCIF international response has been the Haiti Relief. Several words of thanks have been shared in the President's messages to clubs and repeated here.

The session on Internet Technology at the School of Instruction this year was a highlight for me. The IT is a useful resource for sharing stories and photos of your fundraising and service activities. Check out the

calendar on the web page and send information and posters of your coming events to me for posting.

With a little effort, we were able to sponsor some students in the Effective Speaking Contest and were glad to host the Region speak-off. We hope to get on board earlier to encourage students in both the speaking program and Peace Poster programs. I believe these programs can reach youth and their parents as potential new members. Resources are on the web page. Lets start planning now.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer. Lion Curtis

Sarnia Township Installation of Officers

Governor Elect John Ross installs Sarnia Township Lions Club new executive Wed., May 12, 2010.

From left to right:

Back row: Governor Elect John Ross, Lion Tamer/Tail Twister PDG Bill Bissonnette, 1 Year Director – Lion Koert Nieuwenhuis, Bulletin Editor – PDG Bob Lake, 1st Vice-President – Lion Larry Nutt, Secretary – Lion Al Taylor

Front row: Past President – Lion Beverley Wirta, Membership Chair – Lion Joyce Doucet, President – Lion Fran Taylor and Treasurer – Lion Marjo Nieuwenhuis

Missing from the picture – 2nd Vice-President – Lion Gerry Landon, 2 Year Director – Lion Bob Henry



EyesRight Presentation



A cheque was presented by Harry Wismer, District A1 Sight Conservation (EyesRight) at the District meeting in Petrolia for the Phaco Emulsifier used in cataract surgery at the Pat Mailloux Eye Centre (Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital, Petrolia).

Is your club doing any fun things over the summer? Tell us about them.

Governor's message



Lions,

Move to Grow was the theme this year and you certainly rose to the occasion; membership numbers were up and down but in the end we had a positive growth of 2 members over allthank you.

As I travelled the District this year I tried to encourage each club to work for their communities because in the end that is where your largest accomplishments lie and I know that you all have done that with great gusto. It has been a pleasure to serve as you Governor for the 2009/10 Lions year. Thank you for all you encouragement, and support. This job is not done alone and each of you have a hand in how the Lions year will shape up in the end. So I thank each of you who work at club events to enhance your clubs presence in your community in the name of Lions International and assist in helping us grow.

In closing thank you to all the Club Presidents and Secretaries for all your hard work and to the Cabinet Chairs, elected and appointed, for your dedication this year.

Lion Evelyn
DG 2009/2010

