



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

May 2009



## BACK TO SCHOOL – FOR LIONS!!



Many Lions believe their school days are far behind them. I hope to change your mind. In this newsletter I am asking all Lions to join us for a District Training School on May 9th, 2009.



Lionism, like all else in the world, has been changing and there is much new knowledge that would benefit all Lions. The School is intended to update not only Club Officers and District Officers, but also new Lions and old Lions.. In other words, there is something for all Lions to learn in a world that is constantly changing.

When is a PU-101 form to be completed? (What is a PU-101 form??) Why is this so important? Do you know when membership data is to be filed each month.? Do you know the 3 most powerful actions that a president can take to assure the success of his or her club? What is the best kept secret to attracting new members to your club? What portion of publicly raised funds can be deposited into an administration account? Is Lions Clubs International changing it's mandate? There are a thousand questions that can be asked... and most of the answers will be provided at the District A-1 Training School to be held in Chatham on May 9th, 2009

Going back to school is important for Lions... remember – it's only for a day, it will be a learning experience that will greatly benefit District A-1 Lions, you will enjoy the opportunity to learn and ... there is a FREE LUNCH!! So fill out the enrolment form on the District A-1 website and send it in to VDG Lion Ev right away!

Hope to see you all when the school bell rings!

DG Lion Don

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### Lions Web Sites

- Lions International  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)
- A-1 Lions  
<http://a1lions.tripod.com/>
- MD 'A'  
[www.mdalions.org](http://www.mdalions.org)
- Leader Dogs  
[www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)
- Lions Foundation of Canada  
[www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)
- CNIB Lake Joseph  
[www.cnib.ca/lakejo](http://www.cnib.ca/lakejo)

For more photos, resources and useful Lions links, go to A-1 Web Site (<http://a1lions.tripod.com/>)

Send photos/stories of Lion "heroes" to [curtis.marwood@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.marwood@gmail.com)  
Please attach photos as separate JPG files.

### School of Instruction

May 9th  
Union Gas Ed Centre,  
20 Bloomfield Rd, Chatham

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District Events



REACH OUT!

Most Lions have by now heard or seen the Governor’s motto for this year.. “REACH OUT”. This motto is reflected by the figure in the Governor’s pin.

Most Lions have heard me say “REACH OUT... with your mind – to what we are not , but must be – in order to grow.

An excellent example of this of this motto is the Memory Box program developed by the Lambeth Lions Club.

- This program did not exist a few years ago... but the need did.
- The Lambeth Lions did not craft incredible Memory Boxes... but now they do (100 this year!).
- The Lambeth Lions were not growing... but now they are.

What a wonderful example of REACHING OUT to be different in a world in need of heroes! Thank-you Lambeth Lions!

Governor Don

How old do you have to be.. to be a Hero?

In my travels this year there have been many highlights. One was meeting Lions who helped me to understand that the age limit for being a Lion is 18 and forever!

Lion Amber Reid of the Dutton Lions Club became a Lion on her 18th birthday! Lion Aldo Gonzalez of the Chatham Lions received a Life Membership on his 81st birthday! Lion Aldo has been serving as a Lion for over 48 years!

Congratulations to these two wonderful Lions!

DG Lion Don



A-1 Youth Exchange 2009

1. Youth arrive July 4 - leave August 1.
2. Host family terms: July 4-15 & 15-25.
3. Camp July 25 - August 1 in Mt Brydges
4. Closing ceremonies & International Day—July 31

Contact Jim Deslippe if you are interested in hosting youth this year ([jdeslippe@rogers.com](mailto:jdeslippe@rogers.com))

“Healing Garden” Project Announcement

Congratulations Lions Families of District A-1, A-2, A-9 and A-15! Together, over a period of 6 years, we have donated \$225,000 to the Children’s Health Foundation through our “Healing Garden” Project! This very successful initiative was brought to a close on March 31, 2009.

As a result of our fund raising perseverance and dedication to helping the children of Ontario... The Children’s Health Foundation will be recognizing the Lions and Lioness of Districts A-1,A-2, A-9 and A-15 with the naming privilege for the Healing Garden and a recognition ceremony in the Healing Garden Area at the official opening of this phase of London Hospital early in 2011.

Thank-you for your incredible support.

DG Lion Don McKessock



District Events



**Wyoming Jamboree Fundraiser**

**Standing from left to right:**

Wayne Ramsay, Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society, Pam Kerrigan, Wyoming Lioness, Jessica Beaulieu, Petrolia Leos, Jack Stirling, Wyoming Lions, Sue Hart, Petrolia Lions, Murray Preece, Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society, Marjo Nieuwenhuis, Sarnia Township Lions Club

**Seated from left to right:**

Sue Mayer, Plympton Wyoming Agricultural Society, Roger Mailloux, John Stewart, Wyoming Lions, Joyce Doucet, Sarnia Township Lions Club  
 Missing from the picture: Don Godfrey, Sarnia Lions and Don Kampstra, Wyoming Legion

John Stewart, Fundraiser Chair, presenting a cheque for \$9,000 to Roger Mailloux, CEEH Foundation’s Board of Directors for the Pat Mailloux Eye Centre in Petrolia.

The money were raised from a day-long jamboree held at the Wyoming fairgrounds exhibition hall on March 1, 2009. A jamboree was held at the Wyoming fairgrounds exhibition hall where \$9,000 was raised for the Pat Mailloux Eye Centre in Petrolia. Local service organizations organized the day-long jamboree on March 1 for the recently opened Pat Mailloux Eye Centre, and it included brunch, afternoon refreshments and entertainment by local bands: Country Kings; Borderline; Joan Spalding; The Rick Steeves Band; Geetec; Scotch Prophets; and Pain-killer Jane.

Participating local service organizations included Wyoming Lioness, Wyoming Lions, Sarnia Lions, Sarnia Township Lions, Petrolia Lions, Petrolia Leos, the Royal Canadian Legion’s Wyoming branch and the Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society. Many local businesses and private individuals contributed services or gifts for raffles and a silent auction.

**Eyes Right**

The District A-1 Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (also known as “Eyes Right”) announced its next project at the recent Lions convention in Sarnia. A donation of \$75,000 to the CEE Hospital Foundation will be made to finance the purchase of a phaco machine for the Pat Mailloux Eye Clinic. Included in this amount is a pledge of \$20,000 from the Petrolia and District Lions club, and recent donations from the Petrolia LEO club of over \$2000.

This donation is in addition to the \$9000 raised by a Jamboree in Wyoming in March, which was a joint effort involving the Lions clubs of Sarnia, Sarnia Township, Wyoming and Petrolia, the Wyoming Lioness and the Petrolia LEO Club as well as the Wyoming Fair Board and Wyoming Legion.

Donations from the 48 Lions, 18 Lioness and 5 LEO clubs in District A 1, which spans from Windsor to Sarnia and as far east as London , allow the Foundation to fund new technology / new equipment for hospitals in the district to create “Centres of Excellence” in eye care.

A phaco machine uses an ultrasound probe to disintegrate the eye’s natural lens (which is opaque due to cataract), and uses a vacuum probe to remove the broken up lens material, making room for a lens implant to be inserted, thus restoring clear and focused vision to the patient once the eye is healed.

Chair	Lion Dr. Harry Wismer, Port Stanley Lions
Secretary	Lioness Sherry Wismer, Port Stanley Lioness
Treasurer	Lion Joe Madacsi, Petrolia Lions
Vice Chair	Lion Dr. Gail Tanner, Petrolia Lions & Region 24 Rep

Left to right: Lioness Sherry Wismer, Secretary; Dr. M. L. Pato-dia, Lion Dr. Harry Wismer, Chairman Eyes Right; Owen Byers Chairman of CEEH Foundation, Lion Joe Madacsi, Treasurer; Lion Dr. Gail Tanner, Vice Chair & Region 24 Representative; Vern Gekill, Finance Chair CEEH. Lion Joe Madacsi presented a cheque for \$25,000 to the CEEH foundation as our first installment.



A-1 Heroes

Harry A. Newman Award

Kingsville Lions are proud to announce that Lion Randy Eaton was awarded the Harry A Newman Award (HAN)

Mr. Harry A. Newman was the first Canadian President of Lions Club International in 1924-1925. During this year Helen Keller challenged the Lions Clubs and Lions to become Knights of the Blind.

His son Tom Newman and family of Whitby, Ontario are pleased to have this award named after their father to a Lion, Lioness, or Leo member (or club) in good standing in Canada, who has shown outstanding commitment to the Lions and the work of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Each recipient of the Harry A. Newman Diabetes Award will receive an engraved glass award from the Canadian Diabetes Association, a Harry A. Newman lapel pin, and a personalized letter from the Canadian Diabetes Association Chair of the Board. Each sponsoring club will receive a letter of thanks from the Canadian Diabetes for their donation and participation in this award.



IP Doug Lozier & DG Don

International Leadership Award

P.D.G. Lion Joe Elliott and life member of the Thorndale Lions Club received the "International Leadership Award" presented by District Governor Lion Don McKessock at the Lions convention in Sarnia. April of 2009.

Congratulation's Joe, we couldn't be prouder.

Thorndale Lions  
R.C. Lion John Ross



All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Hyde park New Members

On March 23rd Hyde Park Lions inducted 3 new members: DG Don with new members Lions John, Peter and Bill. Then on April 27th pictured with DGE Evelyn are new Lions Warren and Matt.



Chatham Lions  
Donate Braille Signs

The Chatham Lions donated Braille signs for restrooms at the Chatham Kent Health Alliance from the sale of the Lions Really Big Colouring Books. Below are Lions Mickey Puddicom & Emerson, Aldo Gonzalez & Myrtle Piggott with hospital staff.



What's going on down there?

