



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

August 2009



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Lions Web Sites
Lions International
www.lionsclubs.org

A-1 Lions

[http://
a1lions.tripod.com/](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



Lions, as my journey begins as District Governor I say thank you to you for giving me this amazing opportunity.

The International Convention in Minneapolis was great from the DGE sessions to Rocking on with the Beach Boys and listening to former Secretary of State General Colin Powell. However you put it the International Convention is one that everyone should experience just once.

The finally was the swearing in of the International President and the 742 other District Governors who were sworn in along with myself. It was a very overwhelming experience.

MOVE TO GROW is this year's theme. So Lions lets Move to make our district the best it can be as I know only you can. Lets grow in Membership, Lets grow is community spirit. Lets grow by understanding that there are over 1.3 million other Lions doing work just like us. We may live in different countries with different cultures and beliefs but our dedication is the same. Lets embrace all that is different and move forward to make the world better.

I am looking forward to the first District Meeting and encourage all to attend.

Seeing you all soon and the District Meeting on the 30th of August.

Lion Evelyn
District Governor

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
Please attach photos as separate JPG files.

District Meeting

August 30 - 9:30 am
Active Lifestyle Centre,
20 Merritt Ave. Chatham, ON

Guest Speaker: Lion Nancy Ransom
MDA MERL Extension Chair



MOVE TO GROW

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Lions International

International President Eberhard Wirfs



Eberhard J. Wirfs, of Kelkheim am Taunus, Hessen, Germany, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization

and the global leader in humanitarian and community service.

International President's Theme Move to Grow in 2009-2010

International President Wirfs' theme, **Move to Grow**, expresses the thought that all things need momentum in order to progress. The adaptable ginkgo tree represents this idea, and symbolizes hope and peace. Like Lions Clubs International, the ginkgo has an esteemed heritage, longevity, value and global abundance.

The ginkgo has a long history, with ancestors extending back some 280 million years. The ginkgo is a symbol of hope and love, and a monument of peace and environmental protection and even considered a vision aid.

Compared to the origins and lifespan of the ginkgo, Lions Clubs International is still in its infancy. As a global organization dedicated to promoting international understanding, we must symbolically plant a ginkgo at every opportunity. The sapling has to be planted and nurtured world-wide in an appropriate manner with good soil, sunshine and water. Like a ginkgo tree, our programs must be a sustainable resource that will stand the test of time. Always mindful of our motto, "We Serve," we must continue to plant seeds of understanding and enduring community service, and cultivate a clear and consistent message of purpose. This involves effort, momentum, action and NEED TO MOVE.

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

International President Eberhard Wirfs Announces Ginkgo Awards

To recognize and reward effective action I am pleased to announce the Ginkgo Awards. Most Ginkgo Awards will go to district governors for outstanding performance in membership growth and club extension. I hope that you will do everything you can to support your district governor's efforts, but please take note of the President's Ginkgo Awards. These will be presented to 100 special Lions on the basis of recommendations from area Lion leaders. Any Lion, perhaps even you, can qualify for these awards through outstanding actions including:

- Implementing a unique public relations idea
- Developing an outstanding service project
- Executing an innovative fund raising campaign
- Initiating a valuable leadership development program
- Selfless service to the association



The President's Theme MOVE TO GROW will have the following objectives:

- 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

For more about these efforts, read and print the brochure from the web site.

Editor's Page

From the Web Editor...

I hope you have had a chance to look over the new District Directory on the web site. I have added the lists of officers, chairs and clubs in a format that can be printed by members who do not have a Directory booklet or for those who do not have internet access. The club secretary or president is also asked to make copies of this bulletin. You will also find some selected information from the directory on this page and the next.

I hope the summer has been a good one for you. Dawn and I hosted 2 boys again for the Youth Exchange and enjoyed their company. Joonas was from Finland and is an active competitor in international orienteering. Konstantin, from Austria, is also athletic and so we played tennis and golf as well as visit some of the local points of interest like Fort Malden in Amherstburg and the Buxton Museum. Chatham Lions held a BBQ for the host family changeover on July 15.

As well as editing the Governor's bulletin and the district web page, I am interested and willing to help Lions with internet technical questions. If you have trouble finding things on the Lions International web page, doing the online membership reporting, membership cards, Lions store orders, or finding things on the District web site, please just ask. I have had a few requests for such things and I hope I have been able to help.

Finally, I would like to thank Governor Ev for the change-over gathering. I appreciated the opportunity to meet the new officers.

I believe the internet is a great tool for communication and public relations. IP Eberhard Wirfs asks that all clubs/sub districts/multiple districts to organize one significant public relations activity during the last two weeks of January 2010. As President Eberhard says,

**Lions are known for their SightFirst activities.
But they are not INSIGHT of the general public.**

Let's work together to be more INSIGHT. PLEASEremember to send me news of your club and region activities, with photos. Let's share our successes with others so that we can **MOVE TO GROW**.

Lion Curtis Marwood

First Zone Advisory Meetings

Region 1

ZONE 1 Central	Essex	13-Oct-09
ZONE 1 East	Chatham	23-Nov-09
ZONE 1 West	Windsor Downtown	16-Sept-09

Region 2

ZONE 2 East	Thorndale	16-Sept-09
ZONE 2 North	Hyde Park	26-Oct-09
ZONE 2 South	Highgate	22-Sept-09

Region 24

ZONE 24 North	Parkhill	13-Oct-09
ZONE 24 South	Mt. Brydges	19-Oct-09
ZONE 24 West	Sarnia	20-Oct-09

Lions Events in 2009-2010

Lambeth Lions Memory Box Fundraiser

Lambeth—14-Nov-09

Diabetes Calvacade Parade of Cheques

St. Thomas—15-Nov-09

Dinner of Dreams for Leader Dog

Troy, Michigan—03-Dec-09

Eyes Right Annual Meeting

Petrolia—07-Feb-10

Chatham Breakfast

Chatham—07-Mar-10

Lions Flight for Sight

London—01-May-10

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District News

TILLSONBURG LIONS CLUB

**85th Charter Anniversary
Celebration**



Guest Speaker:
Past International President
Kay K. Fukushima & Denise

Tillsonburg Community Complex,

Lions Auditorium

45 Hardy Ave.,

Tillsonburg, ON N4G 3W9

November 7, 2009

Tickets: \$35.00

Social 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

For Tickets Contact:

**Lion Bruce Kendrick,
(519) 688-1153**

Email: TillsonburgLions@hotmail.com

**Please join us in celebrating 85 years of Service to
our community, our country and the world.**

**Dress: Men—White Jacket or Business Suit
Ladies—Semi Formal or Business Attire**

District News

Crusading Against Darkness

The Lions Club and other generous donors are helping St. Joseph's serve the blind and visually impaired

When he was just two weeks old, Luc had his first operation to save his sight. Since then, he has undergone six surgeries, and he's only four years old. Diagnosed with glaucoma soon after birth, the youngster will likely receive care at the Ivey Eye Institute of St. Joseph's Health Care, London for the rest of his life.

Thanks to the generous support of many people in the London area, Luc and thousands of patients cared for each year



at the institute will continue to have access to the finest technology, frontline equipment and care programs.

* proud supporter

The Lions Club of Central London is one such generous donor. The service club has pledged a gift of \$50,000, which will support equipment that will completely outfit an examination room in the institute's new space, now under construction at St. Joseph's Hospital. Through community-focused events throughout the year, the Lions raise funds to support various causes related to the visually impaired. "We take our role as Knights of the Blind very seriously," says Lion Jim Balicsak. "We have met the doctors at the Ivey Eye Institute and have seen the important work they do. We want to support them every step of the way. We are very proud to be a part of a project that is improving the health of the citizens in this community."

* opening next year

The Lions' gift is a significant contribution to a \$1 million goal of St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation to support state-of-the-art technology in the new institute. Expected to open in early 2010, the new space will be specially designed for a wide range of eye care and will

include 53 examination rooms, a diagnostic centre, procedure rooms and a patient education centre.

Renown for its care, teaching and research, the Ivey Eye Institute is the main referral centre for eye disease in Western Ontario, serving patients of all ages, including children.

For more information on the funding priorities of the institute, please contact St. Joseph's Health Care Foundation at 519646-6085. Online donations can also be made at www.sjhcfoundation.org.

Editor's Note: The above article is in St. Joseph's Foundation magazine "Vigour", submitted by Lion Jim Lystar.

Springfield Lions 50th Anniversary

The Springfield Lions 50th Anniversary held on April 25th at the Springfield Lions Community Hall. A social hour and dinner followed by Entertainer Roy LeBlanc was enjoyed by over 125 in attendance.

The Springfield Lioness Club presented the Springfield Lions Club with a cheque for \$5,000.00. This was the Club's opportunity to say THANK YOU to a terrific group of volunteers for enriching our community with 50 years of untiring service and dedication ... a chance to say "Thanks, Lions! We appreciate what you have done!"

Front L to R: Lioness Laurie Bartlett, Lioness Rosemary Kennedy, Lioness President Betty McCabe, Lion President Ken Graves, Lion Rob Blancher, Vice District Governor Ev Spiering, Lion Don Manicom, Lion Charter Member Jack Irish

Back L to R: Lioness Susan Carrel, Lioness Anne Scanlan, Lioness Janice McCallum, Lioness Kelly Pearson, Lioness Brenda Smith, Lioness Ruby Hunter, Lion Max Hoffman, Lion Mike Fick, Lion Tim Wakely, Lion Dan Gotzmeister



Photos



Saying
goodbye!

