



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

November 2009



Roar Lions;

The witches, ghosts and goblins have gone for another year and if your garden is like mine the last of the leaves are off the trees, and we have turned our clocks back This can only mean one thing---- I don't want to say it—WINTER—okay, I said it.

Thanks to all the club whom I have visited so far; the fun and fellowship is great, not to mention the meals. Like I have said on my visits, your communities would not be what they are today if it were not for your dedication and hard work. Keep up the great work.

I cannot believe that it is November already and we are thinking about our Christmas parades and visits to the Seniors. Our next District Meeting is in St. Thomas with the parade of Cheques for Diabetes. Lion Joan Cope will be speaking on Membership and if your club has a new member you should consider bringing them along. We want our new members well informed on Lionism. Members cannot bring in a new member if they do not get the right information and an understanding about Lions and Lions Clubs International. So bring out that new member to meet the rest of the Lions in the District.

See you at the District Meeting

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 club and District news & events to
curtis.marwood@gmail.com
Please attach photos as separate JPG files.

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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

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District Meeting

November 15 - 9:30 am
At the Seniors Centre,
250 Chestnut St., St. Thomas
RSVP by Nov 8 if you plan to stay for lunch.
Email: wcudney@sympatico.ca

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.

From the President's October Message...



The club is like the ginkgo tree which I adopted as the symbol of my MOVE TO GROW theme. Like the ginkgo, a club needs to be nurtured and cultivated to continue growing, it needs to stretch and move to receive sun light, and it needs to adapt to the environment around it to survive. Yet sometimes change happens slowly enough where we don't even notice it, and then we find ourselves behind.

This can also be true for clubs, especially older ones, where ways of working and meeting may have become routines, where activities and projects may have become a bit out dated, and where membership might have been going slowly down as a result.

But such challenges can be addressed, if you - the Club Leaders - create a plan and commit to action. Sometimes it's as simple as adopting a new project, or recruiting a few younger members to bring a spark of new ideas, or changing the format of your club meetings and activities to liven things up. So during the next three months, I'm humbly asking all clubs to adopt at least one new strategy to make your club even more vibrant.

**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)

**Highlights from
the President's October Newsletter to Clubs**

New Membership Campaign Underway

Declaring that "all clubs can grow given the right encouragement and helpful advice," I have established the Year's End Celebration Ginkgo Award. The award will recognize districts in which the average club size grows by two to four members between September 1 and December 31, 2009. The award criteria vary by constitutional area.

I ask that all club officers and district governors "take up the challenge" and "make a brighter future for millions of people who need our service. Districts that reach their goals will be honored on-stage at the 2010 international convention in Sydney.

Get Ready for "Lions In Sight"

Lions have gained worldwide recognition for our work to improve sight. But we are not always "in sight" of the general public. That's why I am asking every club, district and multiple district to organize a major public relations activity during the last two weeks of January 2010. Make yourself visible-while making a difference in your community. Showcase your favorite service project. Visit the Lions in Sight Web page for more information, including a list of suggested activities. More resources, including sample press releases, will be added to the Lions in Sight web page in the weeks ahead.

E-Clubhouse

All clubs are being encouraged to develop a web site or update their existing site. Now any club can build a web site very easily using LCI's E-clubhouse platform, a new service of LionNET and Lions Clubs International. E-clubhouse enables your club to establish a sophisticated Web presence at no cost and with very little effort.

Next Zone Advisory Meetings

ZONE 1 West	Tecumseh	16-Nov-09
ZONE 1 East	Chatham	23-Nov-09
ZONE 1 Central	Leamington	24-Nov-09
ZONE 2 East	Dorchester	24-Nov-09
ZONE 2 North	London North	21-Jan-10
ZONE 2 South	Port Stanley	20-Jan-10
ZONE 24 North	Granton	27-Jan-10
ZONE 24 South	Delaware	25-Jan-10
ZONE 24 West	Petrolia	01-Feb-10

Editor's Page

From the Web Editor...

As we move into the new Lion Year with the International President's theme, "Move to Grow", I want to thank those who have sent news items and photos of your recent activities. They highlight A1 Lions support for DogGuides Canada, Leader Dog, Youth Exchange, Diabetes and No Child Without. We also celebrate long serving Lions. They are witness to your efforts to move forward in service.

As we *Move to Grow*, we will be striving to grow our clubs with new members and programs. An excellent resource by Lion James Johns-

ton, MDA Membership Coordinator supports the theme's focus on membership growth and recruitment. The [Membership and Recruitment Ideas Handout](#) was forwarded by the Governor for your use and is on the web site. See the article on page 3.

You will also find a few notices of fundraising and club events. More notices may be found on the A1 web site. Support for these events in our District can be an great opportunity to strengthen our commitment to the Lions family.

Don't forget to check out the web site. New items are being

added regularly. The most recent is **a new Calendar with pages to publicize your events**. Send all of your notices to me to be posted and let your members and community know about the web site.

And look for the puzzle on page 4.

Lion Curtis Marwood



**From Your District LCIF Ambassador
—Lion Carolyn Oshell**

Greetings Lions

Together, we are about to embark on an exciting year of humanitarian service through Lions Clubs International Foundation. As A-1 Coordinator & Ambassador for the next three years, I will strive toward updating you on the wonderful work your foundation is doing.

Our Canadian Leaders are working hard at getting a Canadian Charity number so our Canadian LCIF donations can be sent to a Canadian address and a tax receipt will be pro-

vided. Hopefully this will happen sometime this fall. I will keep you posted. If you have any questions about LCIF please contact me at lion-carolyn@sympatico.ca

We recently:

- Brought 3,000 volunteers together to build [a playground for children of all abilities](#) in California, USA (see story on page 2),
- Fed 60,000 people in a township in South Africa. It's something Lions do there every day.
- Sent a team of eye surgeons to Honduras to treat more than 100 adults and children.

Everywhere we work, we make friends. With children who need schoolbooks, with seniors who need transportation and with people we may never meet.

We're led by talented, dedicated [volunteer leaders](#) from around the world. And, we're supported by the [Lions Clubs International Foundation \(LCIF\)](#), which helps to fund Lions humanitarian projects. Click on <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/newsroom/current-news-releases.php> for updated news release and see how your donations are helping worldwide.

Peace Poster Contest

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This Contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.

The theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest is **"The Power of Peace."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.



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Membership & Recruitment Ideas Handout

Ideas For Recruiting New Members Into Your Lions Club And How To Keep Them

This 2 page article by Lion James Johnston, MD"A" Membership Coordinator 2009-2010, is an excellent summary for recruiting and retaining members.

The full document is on the A1 Lions web site at

<http://a1lions.tripod.com/>

[Membership Recruitment Ideas Handout.htm](#).

Lion James provides links to key resources and suggests ways of using them. The [Membership Recruitment Ideas Handout](#) is in PDF and can be printed as a handout to your members or to the membership committee. Click on the link above to open the PDF document for reading and printing. If you forward the document to your membership committee by email, they can connect to the links in the document.

Can You Solve This Puzzle?

Do you know anything about these tokens? One side has the date May 12, 1937 and H.M. King George VI, H.M. Elizabeth and Coronation around the outer edge. The other side has "Good Luck Token", "Help the Blind", and "The Lions Club of London, Ont."



Effective Speaking Contest

Are you gearing up for the Effective Speaking Contests in your Zone? Ron Lindsay is work hard to find club hosts.

Check out the flyers and handbook on the A1 web site (<http://a1lions.tripod.com>) for help.

LONDON CENTRAL LIONS CLUB SPECIAL CELEBRATION SALUTE TO A TRUE LION PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION FRED JENKINS

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2009

LOCATION:

Mocha Shrine Temple Centre
468 Colbourne St. London On

COST: \$20.00

All Lions, Lioness and spouses are welcome.
Bring your best story of Lion Fred Jenkins

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 04/09

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Simcoe Lions Club present John McDermott & Friends in a Christmas Concert

Sunday, 2:00 pm—November 29th, 2009.

Simcoe Composite School Auditorium

Reserved Seat Tickets—\$45.00
Credit Card (VISA) order call 519-426-6655

Come and enjoy the lights of the
Simcoe Panorama Festival of Lights in the park.

All proceeds from sale of his latest album "Journey"
at the concert will be donated to aid the families of the
soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

See the A1 website for poster:

http://a1lions.tripod.com/Happenings/McDermott_poster.pdf

**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

District News

A1 Lions Support Service Dogs

Pups and people walk for Purina Walk for Dog Guides

Courtesy of The Essex Voice by Sylene Argent

Sadlers Park had paws prancing on the pavement last Sunday as local dogs and their families herded together as the Essex and District Lions Club hosted the nation-wide Purina Dog Walk for Dog Guides.

Jacqui Tofflemire-Flood, Secretary of the Essex and District Lions Club, said that there were 17 dog and owner teams walking the track at Sadlers Park to help raise funds for the Dog Guide program ran out of Oakville. The participants donated pledges that they had gathered prior to the event.

Each Guide Dog costs roughly \$23,000 by the time it is ready to find a permanent home with someone with a disability. Tofflemire-Flood said that Dog Guides trains dogs for the visually and hearing impaired, and for special needs persons.

The dog will spend its first

year with a foster family before heading back to Oakville for training. Once the training has been completed, the dog is housed temporarily with its perspective owner to ensure they are compatible before the dog is moved to its new owners location.

Mickey Puddicomb and her 6-year old black lab Leader Dog, Emerson, were at the walk. Puddicomb has been visually impaired since she was a youngster and said that when she got her first leader dog 37 years ago, I got pride, dignity, and the quality of my life back. Puddicomb attends the Leader Dog School in Rochester, Michigan.

Tofflemire-Flood said that if there are any community-minded individuals who would be interested in joining the Lions Club, they are welcome to attend a meeting to see what they are all about.



Nine-year old Kailynn Lemire and her five year old buddy Bonz came out to support the Purina Dog Walk for Guides at Sadlers Park that was hosted by the Essex and District Lions Club.

Hyde Park Lions Raise \$15,000 for LFC Dog Guides

Every Thursday evening from May until September, weather permitting (12 out of 20 nights), Hyde Park and District Lions held their Country Cruizin' car show at Fleetwood Farms. On average we had over 200 cars per night. Through the generous donations of our cruise drivers and guests,

we presented to LFC Dog Guides a cheque on September 24th for \$15,000.

Hyde Park and District Lions looks forward to this event again next year and encourages all Lions in District A-1 and MD"A" to come out and enjoy a evening of fun and being able to view some great classic cars.



Ju-Lee and HED Doughall enjoying an evening at Hyde Park Lions Country Cruizin'



Leamington Lions Sponsor Roy Roberts & Dempsey

Roy Roberts with his Leader Dog Dempsey. Through the generosity of the Leamington Lions Club Mr. Roberts was able to attend the Leader Dog training in Rochester, Michigan where he was matched with Dempsey. Mr. Roberts is very grateful for the Leamington Lions assistance.

Club News

Windsor Riverside Celebrate Lion Fred's 50 Years

On June 18th, the Windsor Riverside Lions club hosted a bbq and appreciation night to celebrate Lion Fred LeClair's 50 years of Lionism. Lion Fred joined Lions in Blind River, Ontario and is a chartered member of the Windsor Riverside Lions Club. Lion Fred received many awards that evening including a "progressive Melvin Jones fellowship" which was presented to him by our District Governor Don McKessock. In attendance were many past members of our club as well as past district governors. A wonderful evening for a GREAT LION.



Zone 1W "Dimes for Diabetes" Project

At the Harrow & Colchester South Past President Night celebration, Past President Lion John Priestley presented a cheque on behalf of Past Zone Chair Lion Marianne Robinson for \$2,464.51 to Lion Jacqui Flood for the Diabetes Association. The presentation for last year's Zone 1 West project "Dimes for Diabetes" incorporated Windsor Downtown, Windsor Riverside, Windsor Roseland, Tecumseh, Amherstburg and Harrow & Colchester South Lions Clubs. The donation will aid Diabetes support in Windsor and Essex County.



Tecumseh Lions Sponsor 4 Schools in the No Child Without Program

The Tecumseh Lions have sponsored 4 schools in the No Child Without Program in their town at a cost of \$7,320.00.

In the Picture from left to right:

Lion Greg Gignac -Club Chair of No Child Without, Lion Vito Marchese, Lion Bill Onslow, Lion Ken Coulson, J.P Beauregard-Principle of St. Peter School, President Ali Sama, Andra Kepran- Principle of St. Gregory's School and Lion Tony Ballay.



REGION 1 LEADER DOG TOUR

Region 1 Chair Lion Mary Mahovlich and Leader Dog Chair Lion Mickey Puddicomb organized a Leader Dog Tour visit for Lions and friends on Saturday, November 7 in Rochester, MI.

District A1 Web Calendar

Check out the District calendar on the web sight.

<http://sites.google.com/site/a1lionscalendar/>

Send notices of events to be posted on the calendar to the webmaster (curtis.marwood@gmail.com)

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**Glencoe Youth
in Lions International
Youth Exchange to Austria**

International youth exchanges between Canada and countries throughout the world is one of the Lions organization's most successful endeavors. For the first time this year a Glencoe youth applied with the Glencoe District Lions Club to be a participant in such an exchange. That resulted in the Glencoe club sponsoring Jennara Field for an exchange to Austria. She returned recently and just in time to participate in the CNE's Ambassador of the Fairs competition in which she placed first runner up.

The program has individual clubs sending area young people to other countries and hosting students from overseas. The exchange generally lasts four weeks, including a one-week camp when all the students in a Lions Club district gather. This summer four youths stayed with Glencoe Lions and the club also hosted all of the exchange youths who camped at Mt. Brydges for a week after their stays with host families.

Members of the Glencoe club have in the past hosted several youths from many different countries in the world but this was the first time a youth from here has asked to be a participant. At the local club's first regular dinner meeting of the current Lions year held

in the arena auditorium on Monday, Sept. 7, Jennara Field spoke on her experiences. It was also her opportunity to thank the club for covering all of her travel expenses to and from Austria. While there all her lodging, travel, entertainment and food expenses were covered by Lions clubs in Austria.

Jennara is the daughter of Tom and Julie Field, a graduate of Glencoe District High School and now in her second year at the University of Guelph studying biochemistry.

Between her two host families and a camp that followed Jennara toured many interesting places such as thousand year old cathedrals, Hapsburg palaces, castles, wine making facilities, cities such as Vienna and the Austrian parliament buildings, the birth places of famous people like Mozart and others. She also was on an eight-day hike through the Austrian Alps and played lots of sports, including golf, sailing, white water rafting and soccer.

Jennara said she picked Austria as her destination because in all likely hood she would never get there otherwise.

The Lions International Youth Exchange program is organized to grant young people the opportunity to live with families in a foreign country and to gain an understanding about the customs, history and culture of people different from their own.

While friendships, memories and experiences are all gained, the ultimate goal is to have each participant, upon returning home, apply the greater awareness and appreciation of others to fellow students, friends and family; to foster harmony and understanding toward good will in international relations. This youth exchange can truly be called ~ 'Passport to World Peace and Understanding'.

It is not a vacation, it is a cultural exchange, however participants will see and do things the average tourist would never have an opportunity to experience.

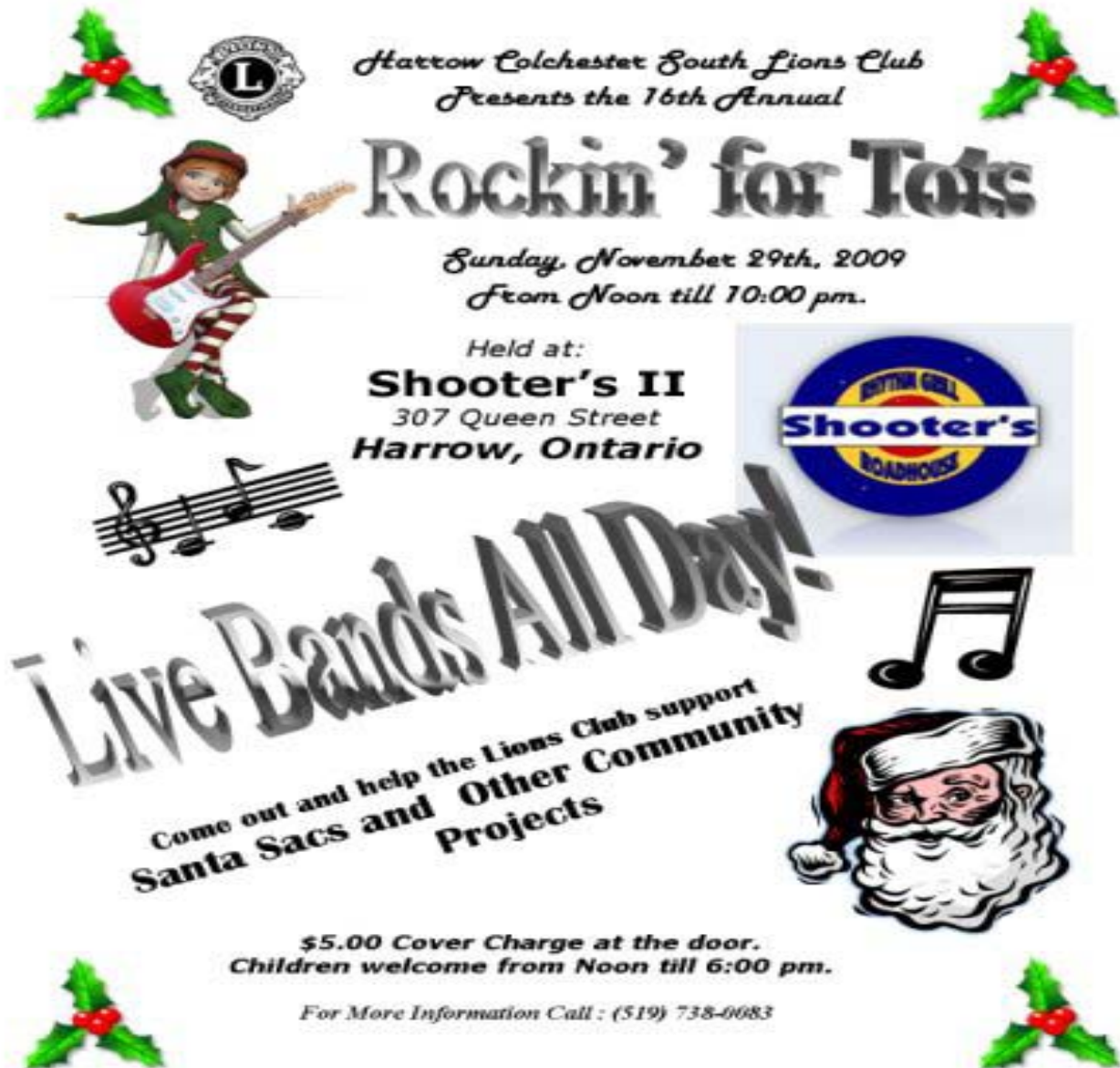
Because of the internet most participants, just like Jennara, will be keeping in touch with many of their new found friends through the Lions International Youth Exchange program. There were 42 students from 26 nations at the Austrian exchange that beside Jennara also included Heather Bell, a Grade 11 student sponsored by the Lions Club of Thamesford. When the flight crew on the way to Austria discovered there were two exchange youths on board they were promptly ushered into first class accommodation.



DOUBLE FIRSTS – The first female president of the Glencoe District Lions Club, Sue MacFadden, holding an Austrian souvenir is shown with Jennara Field who is the first Glencoe youth to participate in a Lions sponsored international exchange.



Club News




Harrow Colchester South Lions Club
Presents the 16th Annual

Rockin' for Tots

Sunday, November 29th, 2009
From Noon till 10:00 pm.

Held at:
Shooter's II
307 Queen Street
Harrow, Ontario



Live Bands All Day!

Come out and help the Lions Club support
Santa Sacs and Other Community Projects

\$5.00 Cover Charge at the door.
Children welcome from Noon till 6:00 pm.

For More Information Call : (519) 738-0083

Out for a beer

Lion John was lonely and so he decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. He went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a centipede (100 leg bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the bar for a drink.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to Frank's place with me and have a beer?"

Silence; there was no answer from his new Pet. This bothered him a bit, he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to the bar and having a beer with me?"

Again, there was no answer. Nothing but silence came from his new friend and pet. So, he waited a few more

minutes, thinking about the situation.

He decided to ask him one more time, this time, putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to Frank's place and have a beer with me?"

A little voice came out of the box: "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my #\$\$%^* shoes on!"