



DISTRICT A-1

DISTRICT GOVERNOR WAYNE CUDNEY 2012-13

GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2013



Governor's Message

We have reached the mid-way point of our year and all clubs are meeting the challenges in front of us. Our theme is IN A WORLD OF SERVICE and I know all clubs are already doing this.

District Governor
Lion Wayne Cudney

International President Lion Wayne Madden said "In a World of Service no child should go to bed hungry and no one should suffer from preventable blindness." We need to continue to do what we do best and that is to serve your community. As I move forward with my official visits I am very impressed with the service and fund-raising projects that the Clubs in A-1 are undertaking. Most are very ambitious but achievable projects. Let's keep the momentum going.

I have set my goals this year very high. I believe we can grow our membership, grow in leadership and grow in service. We must continue to support our projects such as LCIF, Diabetes and our own Eyes Right. As a reminder please let GMT District Coordinator Lion George Croft know about your new members so we can send them the District Governor's welcome letter.

Also we ask the Lions to consider a leadership role in the District as it is really a rewarding experience. Training for these positions is always available.

As most of us know Lions Club International is the world largest service club organization but do we really know how we impact people around the world?

Go to the LCI web-site www.lionsclub.org to be connected to an interactive page showing that Lions are ready to serve anywhere we are needed.

We are close to recruiting enough new Lions to charter a new club in the District. Fanshawe College Campus Lions Club will be sponsored by the London Central Lions Club and hopefully this can happen in late January or early February. Remember we all need to give them our support.

We should all revisit our reason for becoming a Lion. If you are truly committed to serving your community and helping those less fortunate - then that is all that matters. We all promote Lionism in our own way. Some are cut out to be leaders and others to work to make these leaders look good.

LIONS: let's look at the year in review as to how our donations and services have helped people by connecting to others around the world:

- 1) LCI has met the Bill Gates Foundation challenge to raise 10 million dollars for measles
- 2) LCI donated over \$220,000.00 to those affected by Super Storm Sandy
- 3) Lions continue to fight preventable blindness
- 4) Lions and LCIF continue to support Lions Quest
- 5) Lions of District A-1, I am overwhelmed by the number of people you serve in your communities

As you can see from the above acts, we have made great strides, but there is much more work out there to help the less fortunate.

Lions, continue the great work you are doing and remember to seek out new members because that means 2 more helping hands at every project.

Yours in Lionism,

District A-1 Governor Lion Wayne Cudney

DISTRICT A-1 OFFICERS 2012-2013

District Governor	Wayne Cudney	Cabinet Treasurer	Eric Dolansky	Zone 3 Chair	Rob Neill
1st VDG	Bob Tanner	IPDG	Steven Mahovlich	Zone 4 Chair	Sandy Leadlay
2nd VDG	John Johnston	Zone1 Chair	Mary Drouillard	Zone 5 Chair	Barb Tuxford
Cabinet Secretary	PDG Ron Devos	Zone2 Chair	Starr Moody	Zone 6 Chair	Joyce Doucet

DISTRICT 2013 CALENDAR

District Governor Wayne's Visitation schedule– 2013

February	March
4 Glencoe	5 Kingsville
5 London East	7 London North
6 Port Stanley	12 Rodney
12 Dorchester	25 St. Thomas
14 London Central	
19 Tilbury	
21 Dutton	
25 Delaware	

Lioness President Trudy's Official Visits 2013

February 6	South Windsor
February 11	Glencoe
February 14	Aylmer
March 11	Belmont
March 28	London Centre

Cabinet Meetings

Petrolia	February 10
Leamington	April 12
Tilbury	June 9

Zone Advisory Dates

Zone 1	February 20, Windsor Downtown May 1, Tecumseh Lakeside
Zone 2	February 5, Stoney point
Zone 3	March 12, Rodney
Zone 4	March 25, Delaware
Zone 5	March 6, Thorndale
Zone 6	May 14, Sarnia

Other Important Dates

A-1 Convention	Leamington	April 12-14
MDA Convention	Toronto	May 30-June 2
International Convention	Hamburg	July 5-9
USA/Canada Forum	Kansas	Sept. 19-21

1st Vice District Governor's Report

Jan 26, 2013

It has been a pleasure to serve our District. I have been out meeting and introducing myself to the members. Currently we are required to develop our plans and goals for the next Lions year. We have been working together with my fellow Governors in MDA, with input from our District.

This month the Governor, 1st and 2nd Vice Governors from all the Districts in MDA were invited to attend a tour of the Ophthalmology Dept. at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. They treat patients from around the world there, including our own communities. The Lions have been asked to raise the equivalent of \$1000.00/Club to help renovate and improve this facility in order to improve patient care and treatment. Work is about to begin and we been asked to help the Lions of District A711 with this new "Lions Ophthalmology Department". There is a need for our help and planning is beginning in other Districts for fund raising projects.

It is the time of year for our clubs, to promote and inspire your leaders to share their skills and passion for our Lions community and have them step forward to positions on Cabinet. We need candidates for Zone Chairpersons and 2nd Vice. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

I have enjoyed visiting and learning about the awesome things the Lions in our District are doing and look forward to meeting with more of you in the near future.

1st Vice District Governor Lion Bob Tanner



2nd Vice District Governor's Report on Zones 3, 4 & 5

January 26, 2013

Currently all zones have held at least two Zone Advisory Meetings and have had proposals put forward for their own respective projects. All clubs within those zones are now reviewing the proposals and will be voting on which one they will be voting for at their next Zone Advisory Meeting.

Zones 3, 4 & 5 will be having their **Region 345 Rally on Sunday March 3rd, 2013 at the Delaware Legion** between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 PM where hopeful candidates for the Zone Chair positions in Zones 3, 4 and 5, 2nd VDG, 1st VDG and Governor will announce their candidacies. A light lunch will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Any questions... contact Lion Barb Tuxford at lionbarbtuxford@gmail.com or 519-227-2252.

We will be having Kub Car races in keeping with our Indy/NASCAR race theme. All clubs in the three zones are encouraged to pick up their Kub Car at the next District or Zone Meeting. Cost of the car is \$10.00 five dollars for the car and five dollars for the prizes. Entries from clubs outside the zone are also welcome. Wear your auto racing gear (no hats as we will be in a Legion) and prepare to start your Kub Car engines.

Last and certainly not least on January 24, 2013, the London Fanshawe Lions Campus Club was formed with 31 members. Special thanks go out to Zone Chair Sandy Leadlay, Jim and Jo-Anne Lystar and Nate Greensides for their tireless efforts in forming the newest club in District A1.

1st Vice District Governor Lion John Johnston

LIONS INTERNATIONAL NEWS

“ Earlier this week as Superstorm Sandy was near landfall on the East Coast, we let you know that Lions would be there for those in the storm's path. We know the devastating impact that a disaster can have in a community and as always, our thoughts and prayers are with those who were affected, including members of our own Lions family. As Lions, we have once again demonstrated our quick response in the time of need, and we want to update you on relief efforts.



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant with money from the disaster relief fund, allowing Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing assistance. Many Lions are already working with local food banks, police and fire departments and other local organizations.

In addition to the Major Catastrophe Grant, LCIF has awarded US\$100,000 in emergency grants to Lions districts in North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. LCIF was able to award these funds from the disaster relief fund, thanks to Lions who generously donated knowing that in times of disaster there is an urgent and great need.”

Wayne A. Madden
President, LCI

Wing-Kun Tam
Chairperson, LCIF

Ophthalmology Redevelopment Project

Why SickKids

As the largest paediatric ophthalmology centre in North America, the SickKids Ophthalmology Clinic sees more than 8,000 patients and performs more than 1,300 surgeries every year. The SickKids ophthalmology team possesses the highest level of expertise in vision sciences anywhere, treating patients with the most complex eye conditions, including certain forms of eye cancer. Ophthalmology patients come to SickKids from nearly every community in Ontario and from across Canada to receive specialized treatment that is unavailable closer to home.

The Clinic is also home to the largest paediatric ophthalmology training program in North America, training between four and six international fellows, approximately 12 residents, and a variety of graduate students annually. Many, if not most, of our fellows go on to develop sub-specialty departments and training programs at their home institutions, spreading SickKids expertise and strengthening capacity to care for paediatric eye disorders around the world.

Ophthalmic clinical practice at SickKids is largely built on new knowledge acquired through cutting-edge research. This research is performed by our clinician scientists, including ophthalmologist-in-chief Dr. Elise Héon, one of the world's foremost experts in the field of ocular genetics, and ophthalmologists Dr. Agnes Wong, an internationally renowned specialist in the study of the neurological basis of vision, and Dr. Brenda Gallie, who developed the only efficient and sensitive test for retinoblastoma mutations in the world.

Impact

The impact of investing in Ophthalmology at SickKids is profound. Our Ophthalmology Clinic sees more than 20,000 patient visits a year. Each of these visits will be positively impacted by investment in our redevelopment project. Funding will enhance the clinic space, allow better care for more children, and create a safer environment that is designed to meet the needs of visually impaired children. What is more, these enhancements will allow us to recruit much-needed, highly talented clinicians to our team, so we can further enhance the care we provide. Vision is a child's first point of contact with the world. Supporting our efforts means we can help more children see and learn from the world around them.

SickKids Ophthalmology Facts

- the largest paediatric cataract service in North America
- the largest paediatric glaucoma service in Canada and one of the three largest in North America
- the go-to treatment centre for all paediatric retinoblastoma cases in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta

The Redevelopment Project will:

- increase the number of exams room from 14 to 17 to expand capacity
- relocate admin offices to improve clinic flow
- relocate the sedation room to improve safety
- upgrade the waiting area to make it a more patient- and family-friendly environment
- upgrade all the exam rooms and the Visual Electrophysiology Unit to improve patient care
- upgrade all four specialized rooms so they can accommodate a wider range of assessments



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Ophthalmology Redevelopment Project

How Lions Can Help

At this time, we respectfully request your consideration of a pledge of \$550,000 of funds raised by Lions Club Multiple District "A". We also request that each district secure matching funds from Lions International through its SightFirst initiative.

Lions Clubs and SickKids have a shared commitment to preventing blindness, restoring sight, and improving eye care services for children. And there has never been a better time to invest in ophthalmology care at SickKids. For a limited time, all funds raised by Lions Clubs towards the Ophthalmology Redevelopment Project will be matched by SickKids Foundation on a 1:1 basis. What's more, funds raised by individual clubs will also be matched by Lions International on a 1:1 basis. That means that every dollar raised by each club will have three times the impact, ensuring better vision and better lives for the children who enter the Ophthalmology Clinic at SickKids.



Lions Clubs of
Multiple District "A"

\$550,000

SickKids®
FOUNDATION

\$1,150,000



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

\$550,000

Together, we
will provide
better vision
and better lives
for children
around Ontario
and across
Canada.

SickKids Foundation is dedicated to ensuring Lions Clubs achieve their goals for the Ophthalmology Redevelopment Project. Our fundraising professionals will work closely with each Club to develop and implement strategic fundraising initiatives, and will provide support and materials to help make each event a success.

Thank you for considering our request.



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