

# District A-1 Lions' Lake Joseph Centre Transportation Project

Report to District A1

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By Chairman Lion Peter W. B. Best

<p><b>Objective:</b> <i>To provide safe, convenient, low-cost transportation to and from the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre for blind, deaf-blind, visually impaired, their escorts and guide dogs</i></p>
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As previously reported this past spring, I am very pleased to advise that we were once again able to continue our Transportation Project for this summer. The communications with the CNIB LJC staff has been re-established and we once again have an agreeable working relationship.

After a busy spring of preparation we departed on July 11 and returned on July 17. This season Lion Gerry Fielding and I escorted 32 excited vacationers and three dog guides to their favourite holiday retreat, CNIB Lake Joseph Centre, where they shared a fun filled week with their friends.

For the past few seasons clients were becoming very unhappy with the service at the CNIB LJC, during which time we advocated to help them to get the CNIB to listen to their concerns and encouraged them to resolve a number of issues. Apparently they did listen, and I am happy to report that I am very encouraged that the agenda of service appears to once more be directed at meeting the needs of their guests. The vacationers we served reported to me that they found the conditions of the facility and staff behaviour to be greatly improved. The quality and variety of meals were more in line with what an adult would enjoy. There was a good variety of activities. In short a majority of the group indicated that they enjoyed their stay at the camp more this year than they have for along time. I can finally say once again, I enjoyed co-ordinating this year's transportation project, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Total cost of this season's LJC Transportation Project was \$ 4304.40  
(Refer to District Treasurer's Report for financial details.)

## **Comment:**

The breakdown in communications and the difficulties in continuing this project was an uncomfortable period for all of us; however it did have a positive outcome, which was that our LJC Transportation Project got a lot of attention. As a result the value and the importance in this service have now been widely recognized and there is growing interest in duplicating it in other areas. I want to thank all of you for your patience and support through this difficult period. On behalf of the vacationers and their families, I would like to extend a sincere appreciation for your generous support and ask that you will continue to make our LJC Transportation Project possible as it is truly a service we can be proud to provide.

***"If they can't get there, they can't benefit"***

This project is our opportunity to serve. *Thank you for your support.*

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