

## **District A –1 Cabinet Meeting Oct.26/08**

### ***Region 2 Chair Report - John Ross***

My report this month is to do with me attending the Senior Leadership Institute training in Toronto from Oct. 2nd to the 6th. It was 5 days of intense training, breakfast at 7 a.m. classes ran until 5:30 or 6.p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. and back at it the next day.

The group was made up of 93 individuals from 5 countries around the world. We were divided into groups of 23 or 25 then into teams of 4 or 5, so we had the honor of working with different people, with different projects in mind. Subjects covered everything from (presentation skills, conflict resolutions, project management and team building, only to name a few.

The most exciting was the wide variety of people from across The USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Bermuda, all with a common goal. Building a stronger Lions Club. It was truly a learning and personal growth experience that I would highly recommend for all.

I have been receiving most of the reports from the clubs in the district and all seems to be running smooth.

I would like to report and keep the cabinet up to date on what is happening with my hometown club of Thorndale. In August it was decided that we would host a casual B.B.Q., the members and executive came up with a list of friend and neighbors to invite (approx. 40) About 25 came. It was an evening of good food a little beer and general information about Lion's. The invitation was extended for each to come to our September dinner meeting, 15 accepted the invitation. Out of those 15 it looks like we will have at least 6 to 8 new members for November.

The most important is not only the new members, but 40 more people no more about what the Thorndale Lions Club does for the community...  
"Volunteers Building Communities"

Respectively Submitted  
Lion R.C. John Ross

## **Zone 2 North Chair Report – October 26, 2008**

Lions:

To date I have completed two club visits and my first zone advisory meeting will be on Monday evening. There is not much happening at the moment based on the feedback I am getting from the clubs.

It was a very busy summer for some of the clubs in London and I would like to specifically mention two of the clubs.

London Central once again held many BBQ's over the summer and raised a considerable sum of money to assist them in their endeavours. In fact London Central has committed a substantial amount of money over the next 5 years to sponsor one examination suite, including equipment, for the Ivey Eye Institutes new and expanded space at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Hyde Park and District held cruise nights every Thursday night throughout the summer from May 15 to Sept. 25, 20 nights. Admission was by voluntary donation and by any account this was a very successful fundraising venture. At the beginning of the season it was decided the designated charity to receive the proceeds was to be the Special Ability Riding Institute (SARI) a program for special needs children and adults in the London area. I'm pleased to say Hyde Park was able to give a cheque to SARI for the profits of the cruise nights in the amount of \$14,000.00. In addition, the club also raised a large sum of money from operating a BBQ at the cruise nights, the profits of which were retained by the club to help fund other projects. I'm also pleased to report the club has decided to do this again next year, with a designated charity to be determined.

As far as membership is concerned, I'm told by 3 clubs that they have prospective members and are confident at least some of them will become members.

Respectfully submitted.

Lion Peter Seguin

Zone Chair 2N

## **Zone 2 South Chair Report - October 26, 2008**

Zone 2 south held our first Zone Advisory Meeting at Dutton & District Lions Club on Sept. 18/08. All six clubs Presidents were present along with the Past President of Dutton Leo Club.

Lion Bruce Edwards was our guest and he gave an in depth talk on No Child Without. All Presidents were asked to discuss this as a possible Zone Project with their clubs and return with an answer at our next Zone Advisory meeting. There were Approx. 37 members in attendance.

I have completed one official visit that being to Dutton & District on Oct 16th. They are a very active club looking forward to the Grand Opening of their Caldonea II, which is an affordable housing complex later this year. This housing complex will have 30 units.

My next official visit is Oct 27th at St. Thomas Lions. All clubs in the Zone are very busy with their club projects and working hard on their membership growth program.

Respectfully submitted  
Lion Wayne Cudney  
Zone 2S chair