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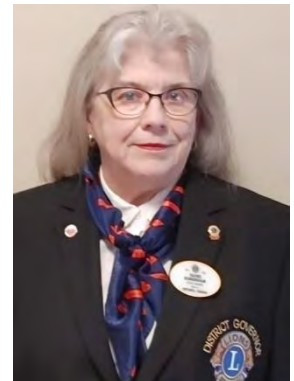
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Message from District Governor Lion Val Burningham:

Fellow Lions, Lions-Lioness and Leos,
Congratulations. I am so happy when I hear/see the Service from the Heart that is being extended in our communities even when we are still working / serving under covid restrictions. These restrictions are starting to be lifted and we will once again be able to start to strengthen our connections and support each other, in person. Please follow the guidelines as issued by your local Health Authority and stay safe while you enjoy reconnecting. Watch for the information coming out about our convention this year. It will be a little different than in the past, as we move forward.

Remember to forward your service hours to your club secretaries or service chairs to be entered in MyLion and be counted. As well while you are out there providing service, take pictures and post them, share them on your Facebook page. Let everyone know just what you are doing and the wonderful smiles on your own faces but also on those whom you are serving.
Kindest Regards DG Lion Val



MESSAGE from 1st VDG LION EV SPIERING

Hello Lions, Lioness/Lions and Leos!

Welcome to February! Happy Valentines!

Time sure is flying by. I want to give a shout out to all the Club who shared the Opportunity of Membership and were able to add a new name to your club roster. Well Done and Thank you. And condolences to those clubs who have lost members, their energetic spirit will live on in all your clubs' accomplishments and I know they are smiling down and saying Thank you for carrying on. As we approach the convention season, April, May and June/July and especially our own District Convention in April, I am tasked with Building the Team for next year. We are still in need of Zone and Region Chairs and a Second Vice Governor. It is important that we seek out Lions with a willingness to serve their District as we enter the Next Century of Service.

Qualification for Zone and Region Chair can be found on page 16 of the Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws and Qualification for Second Vice District Governor can be found on page 15. Each club has many Lions who seek to serve their community and nothing more and I applaud them as our communities need those Lions and our clubs need those Lions. However, our District also needs Lions to Lead.

Lions I urge you to assist me in seeking out these individuals, and for those Lions who think they would like to take that leap, I am always available to answer any questions you might have.

I am also looking at creating a new position this year that being a Mental Health Awareness Chair. I am looking for a Lion to research information in each of the Regions / Areas of our District to assist our membership in knowing where to look if the need arises. These past two years have been difficult for us and many of our friends and neighbors. More information will follow but if there is a Lion, Lioness/Lion who feels that this is an area that they are familiar with and would like to Chair this Portfolio, please contact me at evelynallions@gmail.com

In closing – Stay Healthy and Safe.....

Lion Ev Spiering, 1stVDG



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Message from DG Newsletter Editor:

Just a few reminders:

- Club Executive – 2022-2023 – It's each Club's 'How to ...' Decision!
March NOMINATIONS & April ELECTIONS
Be sure to Report – BY MAY 15, 2022 - the New Officers in MyLCI and send copies to DG Lion Val and to 1st VDG Lion Ev (Needed for the 2022-2023 District A-1 Directory)!
- Convention – District A-1 – Register Early / Book your Rooms! (See Form in Newsletter!)
- Report NEW (and Dropped) Members in MyLCI!
- Report ALL Club Activities in MyLion! (Club Secretaries, Presidents & Administrators have access!)

CONRATULATIONS on all your achievements and THANKS for all you do for others!

Wishing you all a HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY & a HAPPY FAMILY DAY!

PCST Lion Henry Vanderweyst EDITOR – District A-1 - DG NEWSLETTER 2021-2022

THANKS to ALL for your submissions!

Hope I haven't missed or lost any submissions by Clubs, Lions, Lioness, Leos, District Officers, Chairs, ...

UPCOMING – DG NEWSLETTER **ISSUE # 5**
PUBLISH DATE: April 17, 2022
DEADLINE for Submissions **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**





“Happy Days Are Here Again”

47th Annual DISTRICT A-1 Convention Registration Form

April 8, 9, 10, 2022 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Windsor
Ambassador Bridge, 1855 Huron Church Road, Windsor, ON N9C 2L6

Reserve rooms directly with the Hotel 1-800-465-4329 (1-800-HOLIDAY) using confirmation code **LCZ**

OR Book online with the link that is attached with this email.

NO BLOCKING OF ROOMS – one credit card – one room. DEADLINE FOR BOOKING ROOMS IS 8th March at 5pm

EACH PERSON ATTENDING MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION FORM

(including guests and exhibitor/vendor) to participate in any portion of the Convention including meetings, seminars, luncheons and banquet.

NOTE: PROOF OF VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED & QR code will be checked at registration
Please fill out the attached form & attach with your registration

Complete NAME and your CLUB NAME

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY and Complete ALL the boxes

NAME:		CLUB NAME:	
NAME YOU WOULD LIKE ON NAME BADGE:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion		<input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest
OFFICE HELD: <input type="checkbox"/> District or <input type="checkbox"/> Club or <input type="checkbox"/> MD“A” / <input type="checkbox"/> Past or <input type="checkbox"/> Current			POSITION HELD:
EMAIL:		PHONE NUMBER:	
SPECIAL DIET:			

PAYMENT INFORMATION			TOTAL COST
REGISTRATION		\$ 25.00	\$
LEOS REGISTRATION		\$ 10.00	\$
FIRST TIME REGISTRATION		\$ 15.00	\$
SATURDAY LUNCHEON		\$ 30.00	\$
SATURDAY BANQUET		\$ 60.00	\$
CONVENTION PIN	#	of pins @ \$ 7.00	\$
SHARE THE WEALTH DRAW (draw on Sunday)	#	of tickets @ 3 for \$5.00	\$
<i>Registrations will be confirmed by email.</i>		TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

Make cheque payable to ***“District A-1 Convention”*** and
send to PDG Barb Tuxford
107 – 265 Butler Street, Lucan, ON N0M 2J0
Call 519.282.8897 or etransfer: a1convreg@gmail.com
Please advise Registration Chair when you send an etransfer.

**Registration Payments MUST accompany
this form & forwarded to the Registration
Chair at address indicated.**

FOR REGISTRATION USE ONLY

Date Rec'd _____

Paid by ☐ cash ☐ cheque # _____ ☐ email

A-1 Lions Convention – 8, 9, 10 April 2021

DECLARATION of VACCINATION STATUS

All persons attending the A-1 Lions Convention at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Ambassador Bridge, Windsor must complete and submit this form to the Registration Chair with your registration form. By making this declaration it will permit access to the meeting rooms and the restaurant. This information will be provided to the hotel and your name badge will indicate your status. We are relying on all attendees to make this declaration.

It is the discretion of the individual to determine whether they would like to disclose their vaccination status. Should you make a decision to not divulge this information, you will not be permitted access to meetings or the restaurant. The only exemption is for unvaccinated people with medical exemptions.

By signing this form, you certify that you are:

☐ ***Fully Vaccinated***

Proof of Vaccination will be required at registration

OR

☐ ***Medically exempt from being vaccinated***

☐ ***Attach proof of this exemption***

NAME (please print) _____ ***Date*** _____

SIGNATURE: _____

OFFICE USE:

Rec'd: _____

Indicator on Name Badge: _____



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Convention Penny Draw

Lions and Leos;

The time has come to start thinking about the 2022 District A-1 Convention which will be held on April 8, 9, 10 at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Ambassador Bridge, Windsor. Plans are well underway to make it another great convention this year.

The Convention Committee is again asking for your support for the "PENNY DRAW" which benefits us all by helping to defray some of the convention costs. We are asking each Lion and Leo club to donate a gift for a truly successful draw.

Would you please contact me as soon as possible if you will be donating a draw prize [unwrapped] so that the proper identification can be made up prior to the convention. If you are donating money- please make cheque payable to Lion Geri Vary, so that I can purchase a gift or if you wish, the money can be the prize, so please indicate which you prefer.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL DRAW PRIZES MUST BE RECEIVED prior to the opening of the convention - no later than 6:45 pm on Friday Night. Should this be an inconvenience please call to make arrangements.

THE PENNY DRAW WILL CLOSE no later than 1:30 pm on Saturday afternoon – draws taking place immediately after. A list will be posted as soon as possible and gifts will be available for pickup. We would ask you to please pick them up no later than 5 pm Saturday.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support and participation. Should you require any further information concerning the Penny Draw, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Geri Vary
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Lakeshore Leos Serving – Donations to Community Services and Lions Programs

Donation: \$2000 to
Noah's House
(Proceeds from the Craft &
Bake Sale held on November
20, 2021)

Noah's House is a safe space to
support young people. It is a
place for peer support and
confidence building. Recently,
they have added a full-time
counsellor to their staff.

Pictured L-to-R:

Lion Joyce Mahovlich,
Leo Owen Tellier-Hart,
Leo Leah Tellier-Hart,
Lion Debbie Lemire and Leo Landon Diesbourg.



Donations:

\$200 to Eyes Right

\$500 to Leader Dog

to sponsor a puppy.

Pictured L-to-R:

Lion Joyce Mahovlich,
Leo Owen Tellier-Hart,
Leo Leah Tellier-Hart,
Lion Debbie Lemire
Leo Landon Diesbourg.

DISTRICT A-1

PETROLIA LEO CLUB

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Schleihauß Petrolia Lions Club

Petrolia Leos – Service – Fundraising – Donating for Community Charities

Petrolia Leos raised just under \$2000 during their Christmas raffle draw.

Profits are donated to 4 different charities in Petrolia.

The Petrolia Lions are very proud of them. Leo leaders, Lion Walt, Lion Dave, Lion Cheryl



DISTRICT A-1

PETROLIA LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Schleihauß Petrolia Lions Club



Petrolia Lions delivering a light lunch to the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital last year.

Petrolia Lions Club also donated to local nursing and senior homes.

Belle River Lions

Serving – Donations to Sight & Community Services



**Fight Like Mason - Donation –
(Charity to Fight cancer in children)**

The Foundation is still providing IV poles dressed as the child's Super Hero as well as children's wheelchairs. Both Ian and his wife dress up as Super Heroes and visit the children's ward in the hospitals.

Pictured L-to-R:
Ian Fight Like Mason
Lions Joyce, Debbie and Mary.

**Eyes Right – District A-1 Loins Sight
Conservation Foundation -Donation**

Pictured L-to-R:
Eyes Right Treasurer Mark Mahovlich,
Lions Joyce, Mary and Pat



**Belle River Lions Club donating to the Wheatley
Food Bank.**

Donated items included men's pants, winter & summer bed sheets, hats, coats, mitts, socks, blankets, comforter, etc.

Pictured L-to-7 Right:
Lion Debbie,
Susan Fulmer, Wheatley Food Bank
Lion Joyce.

CHATHAM LIONS CLUB - SERVICE EVENTS



December 17, 2021: Club members manned the Salvation Army Kettles fundraiser at Food Basics -

Above left: Lions Jim Faubert, Rudy Boogerman, Lorea Boogerman and Elda Faubert.

Above right: Zone 2 chair Lion Bill Finlay and Life member Lion Aldo Gonzalez.

Right: Lions Cynthia Hiatt and Michaelanne Kerrigan.

NB: The Lions were all smiles!!

January 28, 2022: January is Lions International Hunger Awareness month. The Club chose to support "Reach Out Chatham-Kent (R.O.C.K. Missions) They provide food, counseling, medical and friendly aid to the homeless in Chatham-Kent.

Lions Aldo Gonzalez, Mary Symons, President Curtis Marwood and Zone 2 Chair Bill Finlay present the cheque to Tanya from R.O.C.K. Missions.



The Chatham Lions Club has been visiting via Zoom with several Clubs in Ontario: the Russell Lions Club located south east of Ottawa; the Markham Lions Club with whom we have a return visit planned -(Feb. 17th); and (below) one of our Twin Clubs - The Carpinteria Lions Club in California. (Near Santa Barbara). They said that they feel chilly at 20 C.



The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation)



LCIF serves Lions. Lions serve the World - LCIF enhances the service of Lions through support for large-scale projects with help in funding!
Disaster Relief Grants / Emergency Grants / Community Recovery Grants / Major Catastrophe Grants

Canadian Clubs Donating to LCIF can do so in Canadian Funds by submitting the donations to *The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF!*

Send Donations to:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
C/O Stan Durward
Box 38
Sunderland, ON L0C 1H0
Canada



Delaware Lions – Service – Community Outdoor Ice Rink

Delaware Lions along with some other Community Volunteers, with permission and support of Middlesex Centre, constructed an OUTDOOR ICE RINK for all to enjoy!

Great project to give all an opportunity to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during these confining times!

Delaware Lions constructed, are maintaining, and monitoring the 2022 OUTDOOR ICE RINK – built for public use and enjoyment by Delaware residents – families, teens, adults, seniors, ... anyone with skates.



December 28, 2022
Delaware Lions along with some other volunteers constructed the Ice Rink on the outfield of the Ball Diamond in Delaware Town Square.

January 3, 2022

Installed Tarp –

Ready for water and regular flooding & maintenance!



January 10, 2022 – Outdoor Ice Rink opened for public use with cautions to share the ice time, follow safety rules and encouraged the use of helmets by all! Sharing the ice time - suggested “No hockey, hockey nets or sticks or pucks on the ice until noon everyday, 7 days a week, so that the little ones can also enjoy it safely!



Delaware Lions and other volunteers maintain the ice rink – cleaning & flooding regularly as weather permits!



February 5, 2022 - Special thank you goes out to Ron Ryckman (former Delaware Lion) and Lion Matt Vanos for snow blowing the whole rink. And of course, many thanks to all others who helped in any way!!



Another great successful SERVICE ACTIVITY by Delaware Lions as it is a great winter for such a project and it is being used by so many – on one occasion at least 30 were enjoying an outdoor skate!

Delaware Lions OUTDOOR ICE RINK – In Use by Families, Teens, ...



Some Learn to Skate!!
Some Shinney Hockey!
Some Leisure Skating!

Delaware Lions-Lioness - Service to Humanity

Delaware Lions-Lioness Susan Boyd and Lions-Lioness Chris Kopal again took on the annual project of making up Care Packages for our less fortunate on the streets.

For the past few years, with the increasing amount of homelessness, Downtown London, has become a hub where the homeless gather. There are many different missions, in the downtown core that help to service their needs.

To mention a few, The Men's Mission, Women's Shelter, Salvation Army, My Sisters place, St. Joseph's centre, and one I am most familiar with, The Ark. Using The Ark as an indicator of need, at one point a couple years back, they fed approximately 100 people per night, but now busting at the seams they have taken up residence at the downtown YMCA serving 600 meals per day. They are running an overnight shelter with 40 beds at, First St. Andrews Church. They also run a shower program, at their regular location where they provide fresh clothing, continue to cook, and take in donations.

Normally during the Christmas season volunteers and support from the community is plenty, but this year because of Covid, and it's challenges, there is a short supply of volunteers to help run all these facilities.

So, the 100 bags were made with funds from the Ladies Lioness, & the Lions of Delaware along with private donors could not have come at a better time.

These bags were stuffed with hats, gloves, socks, moisturizer, lip balm, masks, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, 2 nutritional protein bars, and words of encouragement. I was able to hand out close to 40 bags myself, and they were all well received. With the many, "Thank You and Happy New Year" wishes I knew they were greatly appreciated.



Pictured is Tammy. I know that because she was kind enough, to ask my name first. She agreed to a photo, with bag in hand, which does not reveal her identity, but does reveal her gratitude.

Pictured behind her shows the many tarp enclosures acting as shelters along Dundas Street.



Others volunteered to lend a hand handing out bags, but with the current lockdown, a decision was made to donate the rest of the 60 bags to The Ark. They were grateful the work had already been done and the bags could easily be dispersed amongst their different programs.

Our own communities homeless are often sent to Downtown London. We are supporting a societal issue! Reasons are many, lack of affordable housing, closures of psychiatric institutions, unsafe conditions at home, and of course addictions, to name a few, everyone has a story. I have been involved in Street Ministries over the past 36 years in Toronto and London, I am honestly "Startled" by this growing, and ongoing challenge right here in London. Chris Kopal and I are hopeful we can all focus on and continue the fight. If everyone gives a little, we all give a lot.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

Lioness Susan Boyd



Kingsville Lions Club

Kingsville Lions started 2022 off with a donation to Kingsville Girl Guides (accepted here by Kingsville Guiding Commissioner, Betsy Sabara) helping to provide an opportunity for 3rd-year Senior Pathfinder, Kendra, to achieve her goal of receiving the prestigious Canada Cord. The donation will help cover expenses for an Activity Day she will organize for all Guide members in Kingsville this Spring. Looks like a future community leader is well on her way!



2022 also saw the beginning of our partnership with Value Village.

Know someone in the Kingsville area who might be cleaning out their closets? Refer them to our FUNDrive.



Looking to FUNDrive for your club? Tell Value Village you were referred by Kingsville Lions and we'll get an extra \$50.

Clean out your closets and cupboards for Kingsville Lions Club!

The Kingsville Lions FUNDrive will raise funds to support our community initiatives and causes.

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/LionsFunDrive>
or
<https://fundrive.savers.com/e/kingsvillelionsclubfundrive102021>
for details.

Kingsville Lions Environment Committee is running an Art Competition!

ART COMPETITION



Action for Climate Empowerment

Open to Students of Kingsville District High School

Great Prizes!

- Champion**
\$1,000
- 1st Runner-up**
\$500
- 2nd Runner-up**
\$500

Action for Climate Empowerment

For full contest details go to kcartcontest.wixsite.com/kingsvillelions, Mrs. Goodchild at KDHS or School Talk on Edsby

Important Dates

March 22, 2022 - Last day to submit your art work
April 22, 2022 - Award Ceremony - Winners will be given 5 minutes to describe their artwork to an audience. A public display of contest artworks is planned. (Covid restrictions permitting)

Artwork Specifications

- *Must be original work relevant to the theme of the competition.
- *Each participant may submit only ONE work of art. No computer-generated graphics are allowed.
- *Submitted art must be by the individual student and not previously published or used for any other purpose.
- *Artwork must be ready to hang/display.
- *Must be a two-dimensional painting, drawing, mixed media, or collage constructed on paper or canvas.
- *Suggested size, but not limited to: 457.2 mm (18") X 609.6 mm (24"), either horizontal or vertical.
- *Each artwork should be accompanied by a short, written description (30 to 100 words).



In keeping with one of LCI's main humanitarian pillars of concern - Protecting and Preserving the Environment - Kingsville Lions Environment Committee is excited to announce that it has organized an art contest, in partnership with KDHS, for local high school students. All students at Kingsville District High School, from grades 9 through 12, are invited to participate.

The Action for Climate (ACE) Art Competition gives voice to young people's creative ideas to provide solutions for climate change challenges. Students will submit artwork on paper or canvas, along with a short, written description of their art entry.

Three top winners will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2022. Professional and internationally renowned artist, Ronald Suchui will be the contest judge. We can't wait to see their submissions!

Mount Brydges Lions - Service – Hands-On Support for Salvation Army

Mt. Brydges Lions Club did 43 - 2hr shifts Manning the Salvation Army Kettles in December 2021.

Pictured:

Lion Jim Harrington doing his first shift in manning the kettles – that is 1 of 43 Shifts!!!



DISTRICT A-1

PORT STANLEY LIONS CLUB

Submitted by Lion Bob Nemett Port Stanley Lions Club

Port Stanley Lions - Donate to Local Community Services

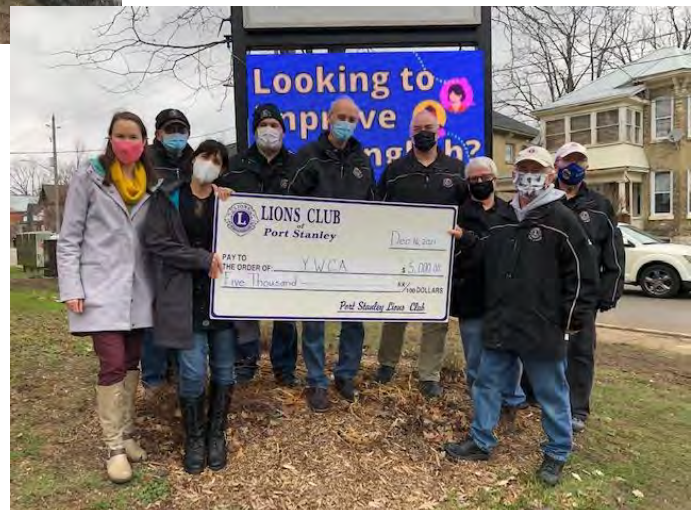
The Port Stanley Lions
are recognized for their
\$7200.00
yearly donation
to the
Port Stanley Community Cupboard.



he Port Stanley Lions are recognized
for the 100 boxed Christmas Dinners
donated to the clients of the Port
Stanley Community Cupboard.

This yearly program represents a
\$2,000.00 donation
and all meals are prepared by a local
restaurant.

Port Stanley Lions
donated \$5000
to the local YWCA



*Submitted by Lions Sharon Small, Mary & John Rothwell
Strathroy-Caradoc Lions Club*

Strathroy-Caradoc Lions - Service – Community Spirit - Annual Tree Of Light

This is our Annual Tree Of Light. This year because of covid it was a little different. Santa handed out candy bags and the kids just talked to him instead of sitting on his lap.

We were very lucky one of our local coffee shops across the street stayed open and sold coffee and a donut 🍩 for \$3.00.

Everyone was very grateful because we were not allowed in and it was a very cold night.

Some of our Lions couldn't attend due to illness but all went well.

We went to a local restaurant after to have our own celebration and goodies.

Thanks and Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.

Lion Mary Rothwell





Strathroy-Caradoc Lions - Service – Donation – Lions Global Cause HUNGER

Donation to Salvation Army – Strathroy

Strathroy-Caradoc Lions donated 100 10lb bags.



Pictured:

Lion Ron Small

Lion Butch Desjardine.

CHATHAM LIONS CLUB ZONE 2 PROJECT: November 29 - December 4, 2021

Step 1: Collect items from the Club...

Lion Rudy Boogerman's truck is loaded with donations of goods and money at Lion Cynthia Hiatt's..



Step 2: Deliver the donations to Wheatley...



Step 3: Join with the four other Zone 2 clubs...

WHEATLEY AREA FOOD BANK





Lions International

District A1

~~Youth Exchange 2022~~



Lions of District A-1,

Here we are once again at a crossroad wondering which way to turn. Looking at all of the twists and turns that COVID has taken over the past 2 years makes it even harder to make a decision. **I have reached out to the Multiple District Youth Exchange Chairs and collectively we have decided to cancel our camps.** It has been a hard decision for each of us to make but like myself we believe in our hearts that 2022 is not the year to bring the youth in to your areas. Our main concern is the safety of everyone involved; the youth, the host families, the Lions and others the youth will come into contact during their time here.

The other side of Youth Exchange is to send youth out from our area and this as well had its own little difficulties this year. Wondering if it was safe to do so and where would the camps be offered and then some youth camps in Europe started stating they would only accept youth from Europe. As well, for youth wishing to go out is the added unknown of what would be happening in the world in the summer.

The **Youth Exchange Committee is looking forward to 2023** when we shall rise again and we are fervently hoping that the world will be a brighter place at that time and we can once again bring youth into our communities. I would also like to thank the clubs in District A-1 who have been able to donate to Youth Exchange, your financial support is greatly appreciated. We will of course, incur higher expenses than we did in 2019.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Dianne Piggott

District A-1 Youth Exchange Chair

Dianne Piggott, Lions Co-chair (dianne.piggott@gmail.com)

Cheryl Schleihau, Camp Director (lioncheryl368@gmail.com)



A Challenging Environment

Canada faces unprecedented water-related issues, climate change is wreaking havoc, and pervasive pollution threatens our health. The challenges are palpable; good stewardship of our environment is key.

>50%

Water systems in First Nations Reserves posing medium or high health risk²

~14,400

Loss of Canadian lives annually linked to air pollution⁴

2x

Canada is warming at twice the global average rate threatening to decrease agriculture production, increase flood⁵

In Canada, only 9%

of plastics waste is recycled⁶

THAT'S CANADA. GLOBALLY, IMPACTS LOOK LIKE THIS:

Temperature Up/GDP Down

Average annual .072°F global temperature rise = 7.22% reduced world GDP per capita by 2100⁶

500 million people+

live in areas affected by erosion linked to climate change⁷

~7 million lives lost

annually from air pollution⁸

LCIF AND LIONS

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Protecting our environment protects our children, families, and communities. LCIF, funding Lions' global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

MATCHING GRANTS
fund construction and equipment costs

US\$10,000 -
US\$100,000

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

LEO SERVICE GRANTS
fund Leo projects

US\$1,500 -
US\$5,000

lcif.org/environment

SOURCES/NOTE: ¹World Health Organization; ²BBC News; ³The Conversation; ⁴Government of Canada; ⁵Oceana Canada; ⁶CNBC; ⁷United Nations; grant limits subject to change

Lions International Global Cause



Environment

We serve to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.

Lions and Leos serve to strengthen the relationship between the community and its environment. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

District A-1 Chair PDG Lion Dale Taylor

Last year as chair, I made some suggestions to try to lessen the amount of refuse we create and send to our landfills, I hope you embraced at least some of them and tried to be a more responsible citizen. Some of the things I have tried have been to;

1. Compost our waste
2. Use no or at least less single use plastics
3. We use reusable grocery boxes instead of plastic bags
4. We try to reduce our driving by combining to do items

I do not have a green thumb but I saved four different kinds of pumpkin/gourd seeds to plant next year and I have walnut, acorn and hickory nuts to try to plant from seed next spring. At the last district meeting in June, if all goes well, I will have some mini trees to give away to anyone that wants one. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Lambeth Lions will be having another Giant garage sale this year, it is so nice to see so many items reused in this fashion rather than being sent to the landfill.

PLEASE, if you or your club are doing any projects related to the environment let me know. Last year the silence was deafening, not many reports were sent my way.

District A-1 Environmental Photo Contest

Environment Chair PDG Lion Dale Taylor

Again, this year District A-1 will have an Environmental photo contest, with the winner decided at the convention. Attached are the rules, please consider submitting your best photos.

Environment Photo Contest Rules

Lions, Leos and Lioness Clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or colour photo of the environment in the Lions Environmental Photo Contest in each of the following categories:

1. Our Natural Environment:

Example: Animal Life, Landscape (Urban or Natural), Plant Life or Weather Phenomenon, capturing the magnificent beauty and grandeur of our natural environment. (without people)

2. Lions in Environmental Service:

People are allowed in these photos highlighting our service work with the environment.

Lions/Leo/Lioness Clubs may submit one (1) 20.3 cm X 25.4 cm (8 Inch X 10 Inch) printed photo from each category. (2 (two) photos in total can be submitted)

Photos should be submitted to the District Environment Coordinator in advance of the 2022 District Convention.

Submit Photo(s) to PDG Lion Dale Taylor prior to the District A-1 Convention (April 8, 2022)



Lions and Lions Clubs of MDA,

As your Lions Quest Chairperson for MDA I am writing you to request your support. Lions Quest is a Youth program that is supported by Lions International World Wide. This Social Emotional Program is very beneficial, and its need has never been greater then now.

Lions Quest Canada is currently conducting a fundraising campaign from coast to coast, with a goal of raising \$140,000.00. As of December 31st, only 8% of the clubs in MDA have donated to this cause and they have raised just over \$32,000 nationally. With MDA being one of the largest Multiple Districts in Canada, and the best! I believe we can do a better job. I realize during this pandemic fundraising is difficult and we have a lot groups requesting funds. The amount of the donation doesn't matter, the import part is showing our support for this vital youth program.

I'm asking each club in MDA to please consider donating to Lions Quest Canada, once again the amount doesn't matter, just donate. I have also included the donation flyer. Please contact your local Lions Quest Chairperson, myself or Lions Quest Canada for more information.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lion Steve Burrows
MDA Lions Quest Chairperson.



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- Opportunities to provide service to others
- Healthy habits
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All these options are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Q-Bear Fan Club – For \$100, you can join the Q-Bear Fan Club annually.

One-time Donation – We welcome donations of any amount, any time.

Monthly Giving – Make a monthly contribution of any amount that you are comfortable with giving.

Legacy Gifts – Please remember us in your wills and trusts.

Facebook Fundraiser – Celebrating a special event? Invite your Facebook network to donate to Lions Quest Canada via a special link from your page.

Corporate Giving – Does your employer match your personal contributions? It may double your donation.

United Way Designated Gifts – If you donate to United Way, you can specify that your support be directed to Lions Quest Canada.

Memorial Gifts – Recognize the memory of a loved one by donating to our work.

How can your Lions Club (or other group) help?

Lions Quest Fellowship – For \$500, you can honour someone with a Lions Quest Fellowship.

Dedicated Fundraiser – Commit all or a portion of fundraising event proceeds to Lions Quest Canada. Use your funds from bingo/gaming events (as allowed by your municipality).

Budget Annually – Plan your contribution by including Lions Quest Canada in your annual budget.

Sponsorship – Support the program for your local school and/or community.

\$120 will support a Lions Quest classroom for one year.

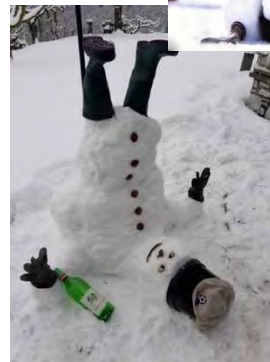
Every \$5 gives hope to one young person.

The Lighter Side ...

Source: Emails received!

Relax – Take it from those who took the time to create these!

Great therapy!



And these ...

To everyone that
received a book from
me for christmas,
they're due back at
the library next friday.

Thank you.

I wish my siblings
would stop calling
me "spoiled" just
because I'm the baby
of the family. The
fact is, my parents
kept having children
until they found one
they liked. It is so
not my issue.

