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## NEWSLETTER

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## District Governor's Message

### Lions of District N1

I want to start by saying thank you to all those who attended the organizational meeting in Rexton on



August 23, 2009. Even under such bad weather it was

nice to see so many lions. My visitations have started here in September I, have put in this newsletter a copy of the September and October visitation schedule. I am also enclosing a copy of the Gander, NFLD, Fall Conference registration sheet. International Director Joseph C. Young will be the Conference guest speaker. International Director Young is from Claremont, Ontario, Canada. I am hoping that many lions from district N-1 will make the trip to Gander to listen to the International Director Young speak.

I would like to also remind clubs to work on Public Relations, Membership and possibly forming a Leo Club

in their communities. They are the future of lions. The districts till has a few positions to fill on cabinets such as Contests Visitations & Bulletins, also looking for a Zone Chairperson in Zone 1, Zone 4, and Zone 6. If any lion from these zones are interested in this position please contact me, the Vice Governors or the District CST. Any help would be appreciated on these matters.

At this time I would like to congratulate PCC & PDG Beverly Semple and PDG & PCC Sonny Bonnell on being appointed to the Lions Foundation of Canada for PEI and NB respectively. I wish both a wonderful term as directors for the Lions Foundation of Canada. I am sure that the Lions of PEI and NB will be well represented by these dedicated lions.

Finally, I want to remind the clubs of the up coming cabinet meeting on Sunday September 20 in Burt's Corner N, B. I look forward to seeing you all for the cabinet meeting. I would ask you to again submit any photos or stories to the newsletter editor Lion Susan Sangster. Also

make sure all your paper work is filed on time with



international and the district. Looking forward to see you all on my visits and keep up the good work.

Yours in Lionism.

District Governor

Claude LeBlanc.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting

September 20, 2009

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## Lightbulbs sold!!

In August, Lion Sandy Taylor and PDG Jan Phillips presented a cheque to the Lions Foundation of Canada for the sale of the remaining Lightbulbs. Many thanks to Lion Fred Phillips for his dedication to the distribution of these lights.



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS.

### SEPTEMBER.

SEPTEMBER 1	NORTH AND SOUTH ESK.	OCTOBER 4	BOIESTOWN UPPER MIRAMICHI.
SEPTEMBER 2	HAVELOCK.	OCTOBER 6	UPPER NASHWAAK.
SEPTEMBER 3	MAGNETIC HILL.	OCTOBER 7	BURTON.
SEPTEMBER 8	CHIPMAN-MINTO	OCTOBER 8	GRAND WASHADEMOAK.
SEPTEMBER 10	SALISBURY	OCTOBER 12	SHIPPAGAN.
SEPTEMBER 15	LINCOLN	OCTOBER 13	UPPER GAGETOWN.
SEPTEMBER 16	NEWCASTLE	OCTOBER 14	IRISHTOWN.
SEPTEMBER 17	BATHURST	OCTOBER 16	KENNEBECASIS
SEPTEMBER 22	HUNTER RIVER	OCTOBER 19	GEORGETOWN.
SEPTEMBER 23	SUSSEX	OCTOBER 20	SUMMERSIDE.
SEPTEMBER 24	DOUGLASTOWN	OCTOBER 21	KENSINGTON.
SEPTEMBER 28	DORCHESTER	OCTOBER 22	ST. ELEANORS.
		OCTOBER 26	FORT AUGUSTUS
		OCTOBER 27	CHATHAM

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
THE GOVERNOR WILL BE  
VISITING ABOVE CLUBS  
BY CALLING CLUB  
BEFORE.**

**THIS SCHEDULE IS  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

The Residents, Staff and Board of Directors of Portage cordially invite you to attend the  
**Annual Portage Recognition Ceremony**  
**Sunday September 27, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.**  
at the Hampton High School  
34 Elizabeth Avenue (off the main street)  
Hampton, N.B.  
Guest Speaker:  
Dr. John McLaughlin  
President Emeritus, University of New Brunswick

This is a wonderful event to attend, if you can. The young adults who have completed the Portage program are so proud to reach this milestone. Our support means a great deal to them a every stage.

### Geary Lions Club 40<sup>th</sup> Charter Night

**Date:** October 3, 2009  
**Time:** Meet& Greet 6:00pm  
Dinner: 7:00pm

**Cost:** \$25.00 per couple

**Guest Speaker:** PID Len Giffin

**RSVP by September 29**  
**Contact PDG Luke Stennick 357-7287 or**  
[lukes@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:lukes@nb.sympatico.ca)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Congratulations start for Lion Marilyn Brown (middle) after her induction service to the Fredericton Lions Club and receiving her certificate of membership. President of the club and hubby, Terry Brown (on left), was her sponsor. First in line to congratulate her was the District N-1 Governor, Rob Wright of the Barkers Point Lions Club. Brown is the first woman to be inducted into the club in its almost 60 year history.



# LIONS IN SERVICE

## Club members donate their time



The Riverview Lions Club recently volunteered more than 700 hours in the 2009 Atlantic Nationals Car Show held in Moncton. The Lions hosted a breakfast, a barbecue event, and worked the gates during the two day event at Centennial Park. In 2009-2010 the Riverview Lions Club will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pictured are the group who volunteered at the event.



At the recently held Disability Awareness Week Breakfast, hosted by the Riverview Lions Club, United Commercial Travelers (UCT) and the Town of Riverview presented a \$500 cheque to Special Olympics.

## From the Simmonds Lion Club.....

### Simonds Lions Make Good

Nine years ago, the Simonds Lions pledged \$100,000 to Loch Lomond Villa. On Chapter Night, June 15, 2009, Loch Lomond Villa's Executive Director, Cindy Donovan, was on hand to receive \$14,000 from King Lion Sonny Bonnell. Simonds Lions have worked very hard over the last 9 years to honour their commitment. The Club managed to meet its goal, one year early.

### PKL Harold Coughlan Honoured

The most prestigious award in Lionism is the Melvin Jones award. Nine Simonds Lions have received this award over the years and all were on hand to take part in the award

ceremony led by PKL and PDG Vic Messer. PDG Vic outlined the criteria by which a Lion may qualify for the award. He then went on to describe the invaluable support that PKL Harold has made to the Club over the years. His quiet leadership and sound advice on several contentious issues have helped steer the Club through some difficult times. And he has shown leadership both within the Club and on the Board of Loch Lomond Villa.

A fitting tribute to a tremendous Lion !

### Lions Foundation of Canada

King Lion Sonny Bonnell, in his capacity as a Director of LFC announced several key awards. PKL Calvin Currie was presented

with the Fellowship Award for his work for Lionism over the last several years. PDG Vic Messer was recognized as a Progressive Life Member

### PKL Ed Creaser Recognized

Who knows how much PKL Ed does in the course of a day? Lion Ed was given the Mario Tanborini Memorial Award. This award is given to the Lion who has contributed the most to the quality of life of people in Loch Lomond Villa

## Comedy Corner .....

I was having trouble with my computer, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looked like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong?" He replied, "It was an ID ten T error"

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nevertheless inquired, "An ID ten T error? What's that?..... In case I need to fix it again."

**Laughter is  
the best**

Eric grinned....."Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied.

"Write it down," he said, "And I think you will figure it out!"

So I wrote it down ..... **ID 10 T**

I used to like Eric, the little .....

# The Taiwan's Biker - Ming-Jiing Hsieh

57 year old Ming-Jiing Hsieh has com to realize that living his life and helping others is more important than money.

Hsieh's Canada wide bike tour had him pedaling through \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Hsieh is biking for charity with all proceeds going to World Vision.

He had a high paying job back in Taiwan, working as a senior assistant general manager for a well known and large company Eminent Lug-gage Company for over 25 years. But after retiring, his life felt empty and he decided to go on an adventure to help others.

The decided upon journey was a trip across Canada, with his starting point in Victoria, B.C. to Toronto, On last year and continuously he started on June 29 from Toronto for his ending point in St. John's, Newfoundland this year. He will get there until the beginning of September.

“ Money is very important, but if you can use it to help others, that is far more important,” said Hsieh.

Hsieh adds the journey will be hard, but if he can” do something for others that is good, then I am willing to endure the pain”, said Hsieh.

Hsieh cycled from Vancouver to the Arctic Ocean 13 years ago and it was the impression Canadians made on him, that inspired him to choose Canada once again.

“Canada is a very great and beautiful country and Canadian people are friendly and lovely,” said Hsieh.

Through World Vision, those who decide to donate can choose to have their money go toward those poor children or to wherever the money is most needed.

Hsieh has had many invitations for free lodging and meals on his journey, but Hsieh refuses, stating he must pay for the journey by himself, and says “If you want to help me out, then donate”

So far \$5,000 had been donated toward World Vision last year and \$6,000 have been done up to now.

Hsieh has two daughters back in his hometown of Tainan City, Taiwan, and says his misses both them and his wife, but must complete his task.

Hsieh's oldest daughter Kai-Wei who is 27 and works in Cleveland, Ohio designing cosmetics, while his other daughter Yi-Hsuan is 21, and just entered college at the local school in Tainan City. Hsieh's wife Li-Chiong, a primary school teacher and while she was hesitant about Hsieh talking another long journey, she was excited when she found out it would be for charity.

She figured I was getting too old for something like this again, but once she found out I was going to raise money for charity, she felt a lot better about it” said Hsieh.

Hsieh is an active member with the Tainan First Lions Club, and runs a health food distribution company called Doublecrane .

Along the route he rode, he always was cordially welcomed to have an overnight stay at local Lion's home. Many Lions provided him an accommodation and donation.





## The Taiwan's Biker - Ming-Jiing Hsieh

I appreciated all Lions and Canadians who helped and assisted me on the way, I will bring those happiness and friendship home Taiwan and share something interesting with my friends and my family and my club's members.

Big Sky, Immense Land, Nice people, so Beautiful Canada!! While I finish all the tours from Coast to Coast, I will be back here again. And the journey book will be published for Taiwan's readers, I will share something interesting about people I met on the way in it, that would be wonderful

"Biking Across Canada" has been my great dream for past 15 years. So excited to be come true this September!!



### LIONS GREEN TEAM HELPS FREDERICTON'S ENVIRONMENT

**FREDERICTON June 5, 2009** -- The **Fredericton** Lions Club took part in a Lions Green Team initiative on June 5, World Environment Day, to help the environment by planting a Sugar Maple on Fredericton's Walking Trail near the corner of Beaverbrook Street and University Avenue. The club's efforts helped beautify the city and resulted in a cleaner environment.

According to Lion Terry Brown, president of the Fredericton Lions Club, "This Lions Green Team project improved the environment and our community at the same time. It exemplifies our ongoing commitment to provide a healthier and safer place to live, work and play. Lions thank everyone who contributed to and supported this important effort. You are truly helping Lions make a difference."

The Fredericton Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday at the Swiss Chalet Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. In addition to environmental projects, the club also supports many charities, the Lions Foundation of Canada, donates to the Fredericton Public Library and operates the Dippy Dog trailer at the Fredericton Exhibition. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Fredericton Lions Club, please contact Lion Karl Bowland at 472-6652.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).



For those of you who have visited Peggy's Cove just outside of Halifax, this picture speaks for itself.

Then people wonder why we are told to stay off the rocks at Peggy's Cove during a storm!!

Now that's a wave~~ this picture was taken with a time lapse webcam around 1:53pm Sunday, August 23, 2009 during Hurricane Bill.



## FREDERICTON LIONS CLUB IN SERVICE

Lion Terry Brown, president of the Fredericton Club said "I initiated the contact early in my term. I found out about a fundraising event at the Albert Street School grounds. I left them my contact information asking if someone could come to the club and talk about the new school, what type of fundraising was being done and how much they were looking for. During a presentation we found out about the Snozeleyn Room. We asked for further information and after another presentation the club talked about it and decided to fund Phase One of the room. The money came from our fund raising events such as Dippy Dogs at the Frex and other things we have done, selling tickets for the CNIB as well as tickets on our own raffle."

Kimball Drive is located in Skyline Acres, the one time home of Bliss Carman, Canada's poet laureate who was born in Fredericton. It only seemed logical that the nine plus million dollar school be named after him. The school being built on approximately twenty acres is scheduled to open this fall. It will accommodate over 600 students from grade six to grade eight in twenty classrooms. There will also be an art room, a music room, computer lab, cafeteria, a large gymnasium, the Snoezelen room and more. It all takes money.

Snoezelen rooms, originally developed in the Netherlands is from two Dutch words - snuffelen meaning to sniff or snuffle and doezelen meaning to doze or snooze. The concept was invented at a center in Holland for people with intellectual disabilities. The therapists discovered that positive responses were recorded from severely challenged adults while exposed to sensory equipment that had been assembled for them. The first Snoezelen equipment was constructed simply as a roof on poles with plastic sheeting dividers and filled with simple items such as a fan blowing pieces of paper, musical instruments, tactile objects and a scent bottle. It was a great success, especially with low-functioning clients whose verbal and non-verbal responses were overwhelmingly positive.

The Bliss Carman Middle School Fundraising Committee initiated a sponsorship program. The program provided opportunity for interested parties to get involved. The ultimate goal of the program is to raise \$100,000. Then a recognition plan was put in place dividing the level. The Fredericton Lions Club doubled the donation for the Emerald recognition which will be formally made at a presentation at the school this fall.

Kathie Berry, a strong proponent of the Snoezelen room says, "it is, indeed, a full perk especially in technology used to stimulate, relax, calm, or energize, now has a wide variety of professionally designed equipment which ranges from hugely expensive to moderately priced items. The Snoezelen environment school children, to an environment various senses, using lighting effects, not rely on verbal communication or although there is always a facilitator/enabler who is with the person. Research has shown that these multi-sensory participator and caregiver and aids in improving communication, enhancing understanding and building trust in relationship. Freed from the pressure to perform and clients react and respond in positive ways to



Fredericton Lion Karl Bowland, Mrs. Kathie Berry, Fredericton Lion President Terry Brown, Lion Charles O'Leary and Tyrone Parsons, Co-Chair Bliss Carman School Fund Raising Committee

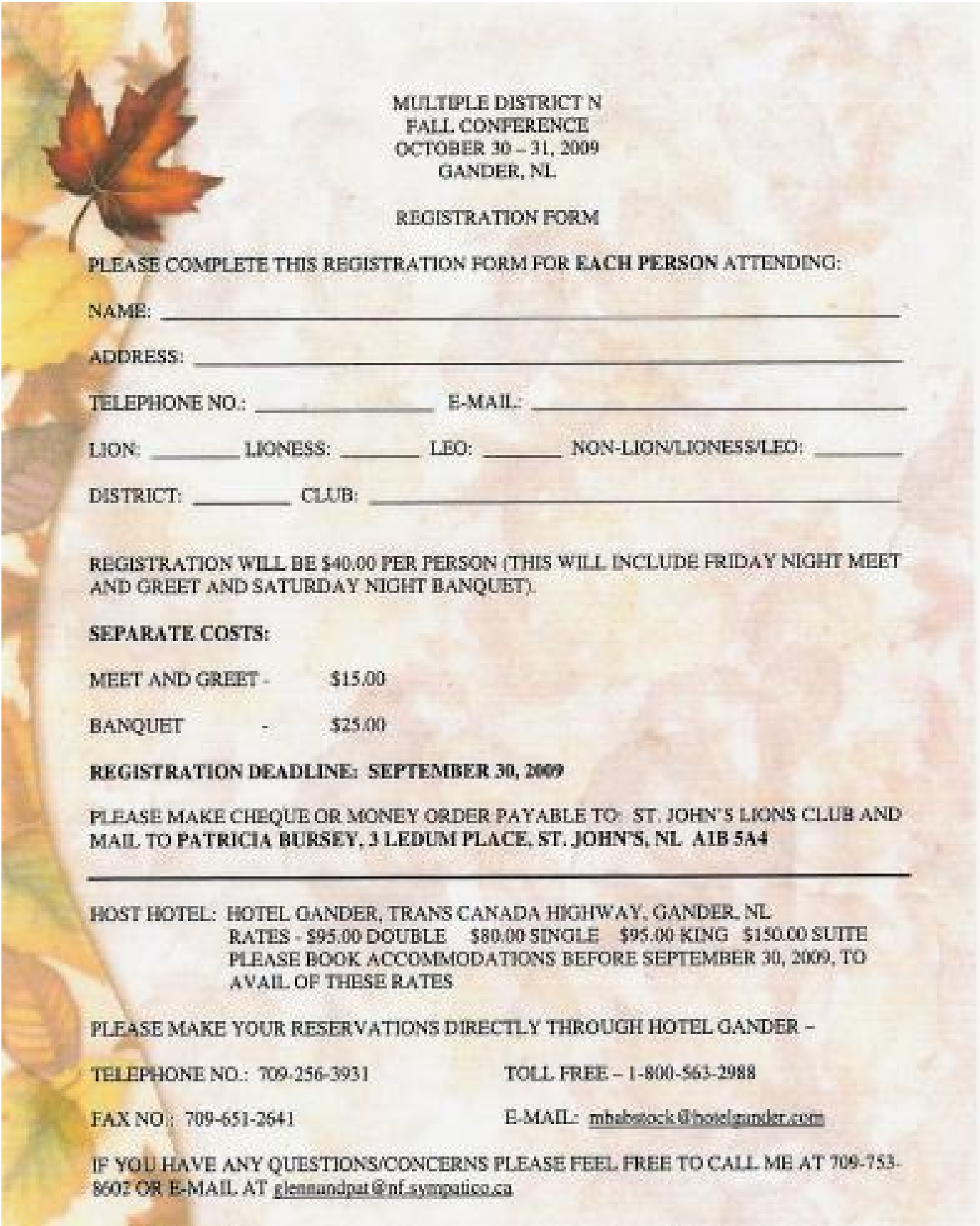
“The Bliss Carman Middle School's Snoezelen Room has been professionally designed by Cathie Hird at Flaghouse, a supplier of Snoezelen multi-sensory equipment, the most expensive of which is in three phases, the most expensive of which is Phase I, which the Fredericton Lions Club completely fund. Snoezelen Rooms do not require a lot of space and no windows is even better. It is not a replacement for inclusion with peers but a place where identified students can have control of their environment, a place to learn and grow and develop and a place with no pressure. A place where they can have part of their individual timetable, whether daily or weekly activity, built into regular visits to the Snoezelen room. The room will be accessible to students from all over Fredericton not just those of the Bliss Carman”

Snoezelen is now used widely in educational settings and has been particularly effective and encouraging with those with profound intellectual challenges, as well as those on the autism spectrum. Not only children with special needs or developmental delays, but most recently Snoezelen therapy is being used for people suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, pain control, stroke, traumatic brain injury, and our aging population, including patients with Alzheimer's and dementia

Berry said "having been a Special Education teacher for many years and ending my career in recent years as a Resource teacher at Albert Street, this is a topic dear to my heart”

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT N  
FALL CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 30 - 31, 2009  
GANDER, NL

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

LION: \_\_\_\_\_ LIONESS: \_\_\_\_\_ LEO: \_\_\_\_\_ NON-LION/LIONESS/LEO: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION WILL BE \$40.00 PER PERSON (THIS WILL INCLUDE FRIDAY NIGHT MEET AND GREET AND SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET).

SEPARATE COSTS:

MEET AND GREET - \$15.00

BANQUET - \$25.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: ST. JOHN'S LIONS CLUB AND MAIL TO PATRICIA BURSEY, 3 LEDUM PLACE, ST. JOHN'S, NL A1B 5A4

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## Important Dates to Remember



<b>Sept 20, 2009</b>	<b>Cabinet Meeting, Burtt's Corner NB</b>	October 15, 2009	International White Cane Safety Day
Sept 24-26, 2009	Canada/USA Forum, Memphis, Tenn	<b>October 30-31</b>	<b>MD N Fall Conference, Gander NL</b>
Sept 27-30, 2009	MERL Chairpersons Seminar, Memphis	October 31, 2009	Deedinge to purchase PEACE POSTER CONTEST KITS from Club supplies Sales
<b>Sept 27, 2009</b>	<b>Portage Recognition Ceremony Hampton, NB</b>		
October 2009	LIONS MEMBERSHIP GROWTH MONTH		
October 8, 2008	World Sight Day		

### "Helping to Serve"

From the Editor

I will again to serve as editor for DGE Claude's Newsletter so continue to send me the articles.

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