



#### **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**



# **DISTRICT N-1 NEWS**





# Special points of interest:

- Cabinet Meeting September 18, 2011
- Fall Conference November 4, 2011



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## From DG Gerard......

Lion of District N-1... Whether I am ready or not ready, my year as District Governor N1 has begun. In June Aileen and I visited the Lions Foundation of Canada dog guide school in Oakville, Ontario. Every lion who visits there will come away very proud to be a Lion. On our 2<sup>nd</sup> day we visited the dog breeding facility in Breslau and participated in the recognition ceremony for all of those who had had trees planted in their memory.

In July, in Seattle, we attended school for the more than 700 District Governors elected world wide and the International Convention. We met and spoke with our international president Dr Wing-Kun Tam.

This is the year of GMT and GLT. Council Chair George Mitton leads the Global Mem-

bership Team and PCST Doug Small leads the Global Leadership Team. Both the GMT and GLT are two independent parallel teams, however the positive impact of each will only be maximized through a collaborative effort. Complete information is available at <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/common/pdfs/gmt">www.lionsclubs.org/en/common/pdfs/gmt</a>. I look forward to the success of GMT and GLT this coming



DG Gerry has made a commitment that District N-1 will plant 1000 trees.

Lions-

Lets do this!

We can do this!

On September 4, 2011, District N-1lost one of our long time executive Lions PDG RHÉAL CORMIER passed away peacefully with his fam-



ily by his side. Over 100 Lions formed an Honour Guard for PDG Rheal. In his announcement to the Lions of Multiple District N, Council Chair George wrote "We lost one of the most dedicated Lions I have ever had the pleasure of knowing, over the weekend. His passing leaves a huge void in his club, his district, and his Multiple District. To borrow one of PDG Rhéal's most used openings "In my humble opinion" Lion Rhéal will be deeply missed by all. Rest in Peace, my friend.....

## District N-1 prepares to host 2011 MD N Fall Conference

Saint John , New Brunswick will be the host city for the 2011 Multple Distict N Fall Conference. November 4 & 5, 2011 will find hundreds of Lions gathering to meet Past President Al Brandel, to learn more about Lions Clubs International, LCIF, Quest Canada,

to help develop MD N Strategic Plan, to attend some training sessions and to have fun. The Simmonds Lions Club are planning some good old Maritime food, fun, and hospitality as they host the "Meet and Greet". Get your hotel booked and your registration form

send. You can find the Registration Form on page 5 or by downloading from http://www.lcimdn.org - navigate to the Fall Conference page



Submitted by Lion louis Ostridge

# The Stratford and Area Lions Club was busy

this July with the Canada Day Barbecue and the Stratford Strawberry Festival breakfast. We served by far the largest crowd ever for Both the Canada Day holiday and the Stratford Strawberry Festival. Both these events, sponsored by the town of Stratford, were so well attended by our residents and it is very rewarding to see such local support from you.

In late September we will begin our Apple and Apple Pie sales. This activity will run for about six weeks and will keep all of our members very busy each

week. We hope to match or exceed our sale of last years 2200 Pies this year.

The Lions Club will be putting on a pancake breakfast on October 1 at the Stratford Town Hall. All of the proceeds will be going to our Stratford schools breakfast program. The Students will be selling the tickets and the Lions will be serving the Breakfast. This is a very worthwhile project and we are asking for your support by purchasing tickets from the students when they come to your door. Thank You!!

Each month we have held a

Ceilidh at the Cotton center. The performances have been really great and all who have attended are well entertained each evening. If you haven't already enjoyed this fun evening out, drop in on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We know you will have a great evening...lunch included!!

Our Motto is "WE SERVE", and if there is some way we can be of service to you, your family, or your community, please contact us and we will do our best to be of assistance. Please call: Avery at 569-2409, or any Lion's Member.

#### **Nackawic Lions honour two Lions with Melvin Jones Awards**



A ceremony was held at the Nackawic Lions Club on August 7. 2011 to remember Lion Wendell MacArthur and his contribution to Lions Clubs International and the Nackawic Lions Club

"We Serve" was Lion Wendell's Passion behind his family and sitting behind the wheel of an 18 wheeler with his wife Juanita beside him touring the country. PDG Denzil Bernard presented

the Melvin Jones Award to Lion Wendall's wife and his family.



Also honoured was Lion John Stairs, a member for over fifteen years, who has contributed his

time, efforts and music to many events as well as serving as an active member of the Canadian Council for the Blind, Lion John is a wonderful ambassador for the Lions Club.





## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

On behalf of the residents, staff and Board of Directors, we cordially invite you to attend the 2011 annual

PORTAGE ATLANTIC REC-**OGNITION CEREMONY** 

Sunday, September 25, 2011 at

1:00pm at Hampton High School

34 Elizabeth Avenue (off the Main street in Hampton)

Join us in support of those who have taken courageous steps towards a new beginning.

Guest Speaker

The Houourable Marie-Claude Blais

New Brunswick Minister of Justice and Attorney General

For more information call 506 -459-1284 or e mail ctracey@portage.ca

**CELEBRATE SUCCESS!** 

## Stratford and Area Lions serve their community







"Helping to Serve "

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### MONCTON LIONS CLUB WILL BE

HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL "STEAK FRY"

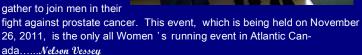
SEPTEMBER 27-TH./11, HAPPY HOUR 6-7 P.M.

COST \$10.00 PER PERSON COME ONE COME ALL AND HAVE A FUN EVENING.

Contact 506-858-9492 or e mail monctonlionsclub@rogers.com

To reserve your steak

The Riverview Lions Club, represented by King Lion Brennan Beaumont, Secretary - Gerry Forsythe and Treasurer -Dave Windsor, present a cheque to Jeff Salvis representing the Miss Movember running event where women from all over the Greater Moncton Area and beyond will



Our DG in Seattle









# LIONS - C.D.A NATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

NATIONAL CDA representative

New Brunswick Lion Harold Borden Chopper4@bellaliant.net 506-453-0189

Prince Edward Island Lion Paul Gauthier gauthierpl@maritimeelectric.com 902-626-6985





To All Canadian Lions Clubs and Regional Canadian Diabetes Offices:

Re: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions/CDA Tag Day, November 12, 2011

It is with great pleasure that the Lions – C.D.A. National Liaison Committee are working together to make arrangements to hold our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions/CDA Tag Day on Saturday, November 12, 2011.

Our goal is to contact all Lions Clubs in each region across Canada to ask for their participation in this Lion's event.

As the CDA Regional Of-

fices are in close contact with their local Lions Clubs, the Committee has asked for their help to recruit as many clubs as possible to support this event. The Regional Offices will collect the names of participating clubs and submit them to their CDA Area representative. To be eligible to participate all names must be submitted to CDA by September 15, 2011.

All funds collected on Tag Day will stay with their regional offices.

This is a fun and rewarding day for Lions and CDA. It is a one day event that runs for about 5 to 8 hours and is held at a high traffic area within their community.

Each club is provided tag day stickers and posters by the CDA and we ask that each club decorate collection boxes or pails for their Lion's members to collect donations from the public.

The Committee asks that all Lion's Clubs in Canada participate in this yearly event to help support their regional Canadian Diabetes Offices.

If you have any questions, please contact your provincial committee member or contact me directly.

Yours truly, Lion Beverley Wirta Chair, Lions-CDA National Liaison Committee

#### More Photos from Seattle











### FALL CONFERENCE MULTIPLE DISTRICT N NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> -6<sup>TH</sup> 2011



$\boldsymbol{F}$	REGISTRATION
$\boldsymbol{A}$	HOST CLUB QUISPAMSIS ISLANDVIEW
$\boldsymbol{L}$	REGISTRATION TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 22ND 2011
L	Send to: Heather MacDonald  149 Lake Rd S, Upham New Brunswick E5N 3/2  Phone 506-832-7253  Email stewmac@nbnet.nb.ca
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$\boldsymbol{E}$	ADVISE YOU ARE WITH LIONS CONFERENCE WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS
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$\boldsymbol{C}$	REGISTRATION EMEEETINGS ONLY
<b>E</b>	CONFERENCE BOOK complete \$55.00
	BOOKS X \$55.00 Total Enclosed  Make Checks payable to MON Fall Conference 2011
	MEET AND GREET CASINO NIGHT HELD AT SIMONDS LIONS CLUB SHUTTLE PROVIDED  BANQUET DELTA BRUNSWICK MEETINGS AND REGISTRATION CENTER DELTA BRUNSWICK

#### Support your Fall Conference. Advertise in the Agenda.....

The Conference Committee has an aggressive agenda, including special interest events for all Lions to participate in.

In an effort to make the Fall Conference memorable and affordable to all Lions we have decided to offer Lions the opportunity to support your conference by advertising in the Fall Conference Agenda. Clubs can advertise as well as individual Lions. Advertising will help keep the conference affordable in this time of escalating costs of doing business today.

Advertising in the Agenda Booklet:
Business card Size Ad.......\$20.00

4 Page Ad.....\$35.00

2 Page Ad....\$60.00

Full Page Ad....\$90.00

Please send copy via Microsoft Publisher

or Microsoft Word to stewmac@nbnet.nb.ca Or to Heather MacDonald 149 Lake Rd S Upham NB E5N 3J2

All copy and funds must be received by September 30, 2011

Please make checks payable to MDN Fall Conference 2011





Mark J. DeMontis Like many young Canadians, Mark DeMontis dreamed of playing in the National Hockey League. At the age of 17, he signed a one-year AAA hockey contract with hopes of playing in the NCAA on an athletic scholarship after high school. But just three months later, Mark's dreams suddenly derailed after doctors told him he would never play hockey again. One week before his senior year of high school, Mark was diagnosed with Leber's Optic Neuropathy - a rare condition that took away the central sight in both of his eyes, leaving him legally blind. Mark didn't let vision-loss in both his eyes stop him. He ended his senior year as the student council president and became one of 20 recipients from across Canada to receive the **Terry Fox Humanitarian Award in** 2005, which recognized his leadership within his community while overcoming adversity. The award gave him a full academic scholarship to the University of Western Ontario where he studied MPI - Media & The Public Interest.

At the age of 21, Mark founded Courage Canada, a national, registered charity with the goal to implement earn-toskate programs and hockey schools for Canadians who are blind and visuallyimpaired. The following year in 2009, Mark ambitiously launched the organization by inline skating from his hometown, Toronto, across five provinces and 5,000 kilometres to Vancouver to raise funds and awareness for his cause. Mark's campaign gained local and national media attention along the way, appearing on CBC's Hockey Night in Canada and Global National with Kevin Newman. The campaign raised over \$60,000 and was sponsored by Ottawa Senators' owner Eugene Melnyk and organizations such as NHL Diversity. Reebok, Tim Horton's, Active Green & Ross and more. Aside from Mark's volunteer role as the President of Courage Canada, he is a professional youth and corporate speaker and a Spokesperson for Accessible Media Inc.

## LIONS SUPPORT COURAGE CANADA

Courage Canada is a national, nonprofit organization raising funds and awareness to provide Canadians who are blind and visuallyimpaired with the opportunity to skate and play Blind Hockey. From August through to October 2011, Courage Canada Founder Mark DeMontis is inline skating from Pier 21 in Halifax to Toronto in support of Courage Canada. Mark will be skating roughly 50-70km per day for a 9 week (64 day) journey across five provinces to arrive in his hometown Toronto at Weston Lions Arena.

#### Sunday August 28th

The Hampton Lions Club was nice enough to arrange to have us park the RV at the Tourist Bureau where we were able to plug in and have power, so we set up shop and relaxed for the afternoon. Between doing some work on the computer, playing Frisbee in the rain, and shooting pool at the local pool hall the afternoon flew by. At 6:00 pm the Hampton Lions came to pick us up for the fundraiser dinner they were throwing in honour of Mark and the campaign. They brought us to a local community hall where they had set up a nice steak dinner with homemade potato salad, broccoli salad, baked beans, and coleslaw. The Lions presented Mark and the team with friendship banners, and then 1st Vice District Governor Stuart MacDonald presented Mark and Courage Canada with a special pin called "A beacon of hope" that Mark put on the Lions vest he carries from his home club the Weston Lions. Mark gave a speech about his life, Courage Canada, blind hockey and the campaign, and then the group asked several questions.



September 1, 2011 Today was yet

another beautiful day in New Brunswick, and we had another great day of skating, working, and a special meet n' greet Today was yet another beautiful day in New Brunswick, and we had another great day of skating, working, and a special meet n' greet with the River Valley Lions Club and the mayor of Grand-Bay Westfield. with the River Valley Lions Club and the mayor of Grand-Bay Westfield. Many of the River Valley Lions Club members were able to come out despite short notice, brought a special dignitary - Mayor Grace Losier of Grand-Bay Westfield. Mayor Losier was generous enough with her time to delay going to her cottage by a day so that she could meet Mark and wish him well on his journey, and both Mayor Losier and the Lions had plenty of questions and were very welcoming to the team, telling us plenty about our surroundings. Mayor Loisier generously presented Mark with a donation from the town of Grand-Bay Westfield and pins depicting the Brundage Point River Centre for all the team, while the Lions also made a generous contribution to Courage Canada and presented Mark with a Lions pin that he quickly added to the vest from his home Weston Lions Club in Toronto. September 5, 2011 We brought

our RV down to the Lions Club parking lot which was right on the banks of the scenic Nackawic River, and no more than 50 meters from the world's largest axe, here the Nackawic Lions where putting us up for the night and throwing a dinner in honour of Mark and the campaign. This dinner was one of the highlights of the trip so far, as the community really came together to throw us a delicious pork roast dinner, and make a generous contribution to Courage Canada. The dinner featured Honoured guests Mayor Rowena Simpson, Deputy Mayor Jaques Laroche, several City Councillors, Miss New Brunswick, Miss Nackawic, and about a dozen Lions. In a small world type of connection one of the Nackawic Lions

is John Stairs, who is also the long serving President of the New Brunswick Blind Sports Association, and is very active in promoting sport opportunities for Canadians who have visual impairments. We look forward to the opportunity of working with Blind Sports New Brunswick to bring Courage Canada programs and the sport of blind hockey to New Brunswick. The dinner was great with Mark speaking to the group, Mayor Simpson speaking and making a contribution to Courage Canada on behalf of the City of Nackawic, and then Lion Ron speaking and presenting Mark with another donation for Courage Canada from the Nackawic Lions. It was a fantastic way to end a great day on the campaign, and we retired to the RV where we hid from the rain

and slept for the night. A big thanks to Lion Ron and the Nackawic Lions - vou made sure Nackawic was truly a bright spot on our campaign, and we appreciate your support! On Tuesday we were treated to a great breakfast at the local diner by Lion Ron.

Please visit http:// www.couragecanada.ca/category/ blog/ to follow Lion Mark's progress as he skates Back to his home Weston Lions Club in Toronto. Articles from website couragecanada.ca



Mark J. DeMontis and Courage Canada team



#### Canadian Lions Meeting

You are invited to a Meeting of Canadian Lions at the U.S.A./

Canada Forum in

Anchorage, Alaska

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011

Time: 15:00 to 16:00 Hrs

Location: The Dena'ina Convention Center

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Anchorage, Alaska



International Director for Canada

Marvin Chambers

All Canadian Lions are invited to attend.

Please forward any items which you wish to have considered for the agenda to the attention of PID J. Carl Young email: Carl. Young@ocj-cjo.ca

# **CHILDREN KNOW PEACE**

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. During the last 20 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. "Children Know Peace" is the theme of the 2011-12

Peace Poster Contest. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each year's contest consists of an original theme incorporating peace. Participants use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express the theme. The works created are unique and express the young artists' life experiences and culture. Twenty-four international finalists are

selected each year, representing the work of more than 350,000 young participants worldwide. Posters are shared globally via the Internet, the media and exhibits around the world.

Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups.



Spreading Peace and
International
Understanding
through our youth

## ORDER YOUR PEACE POSTER KITS NOW

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Head-quarters. The cost of the kit is US\$9.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

Official Club Contest Guide and

#### Rules

- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). You can also download the order form.

PO Box 11 Miscouche, PEI COB 1TO

Phone: 902-436-5093 Cel: 902-888-7969

E-mail: gerardhartigan@gmail.com

# CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2011 AT 11:00 AM RIVERVIEW LIONS CLUB

CC George will present his awards for exemplary service during his year as District Governor.

#### **WE SERVE**





Send me your articles, events and pictures.

Líon Susan Sangster

sangster@nbnet.nb.ca

We are on the web ca

# www.lionsdistrictn1.

## **Supporting our Youth**



The Nashwaaksis Lions Club presenting Park street principal, Chris Treadwell a \$3000.00 cheque for the Leaders in Me Program. In the picture are Club president Lion Jim Aucoin, Chris

Treadwell, and Lion Gordon Green

The Lions of the greater Fredericton area, Lions Boyd Sangster, Lion Ron Evans, Wally Brooks, Lion Richard Buchanan and Lion Claire Hawkins receiving a cheque of \$9,030.00 raised for the Diabetic Asso-

ciation for kids to attending summer camp.





The Riverview Lions Club, represented by King Lion Brennan Beaumont, Secretary - Gerry Forsythe and Treasurer - Dave Windsor, present a cheque for \$3000 to Gillian Johnson, Director of Outreach Programs and Services. This donation is the first of two equal payments in support of the ReConnect Street Intervention Program which is one of the many programs under the direction of the YMCA of Greater Moncton.

.....Nelson Vessey

