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Lions International Convention

After the visit to the Lions Foundation of Canada, Lion Norah and I flew back to Fredericton where we spent Saturday night and Sunday before departing for the International Lions Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. The twenty plus hour flight was filled with anticipation as to what we would find, and whether or not I would like the food. There was no question for Norah!

Well, we flew from Fredericton to Toronto where we boarded a flight to Beijing, China, then boarded a Thai Air flight to Bangkok where we were met at the airport by Lions from Bangkok to assist us with the transfer to the hotel. As you might imagine, there was excitement in the air and

plenty of LIONS everywhere you looked.

The first transfer was to Pattaya where the District Governor Elect training was to be held. The training was great and the surroundings unbelievable. The sessions began at about 8:30 AM and ran until 6:00 PM., with a mixture of Lions from around the world in my group (Turkey, Texas, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Kansas, and Australia). As we met and talked, we found that the issues surrounding membership and communication were the same. "Go Figure!"

Each day after the training and photo ses-



sions, we had time in the evening to relax and see the sights of Pattaya. We experienced local Thai food, shopped and got a ride back to the resort with a half-ton taxi with seats in the box and a cover to keep the rain and sun out. What a blast!

At the end of the training, we were transported to Bangkok by a convoy of buses. Thank goodness for air conditioning.

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LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The first official visit as the District Governor Elect was to “our” Lions Foundation of Canada headquarters in Ontario. What a facility it is and WOW the work that they do is tremendous. Along with an opportunity to visit the facility and the Memorial Forest, we got to meet not only the staff, but people who have benefited from our work and our donations to our foundation.

The individuals who receive the trained dogs spoke of the independence that they feel with the support of their Canine Vision,

Hearing or Special needs dog. Living alone for these individuals is not only a challenge, but having to depend on another individual for your every need creates stress. The ability to have one of the trained dogs from the Lions Foundation of Canada allows

them to live independently, travel independently and have a life that is richer by not having to have someone at their constant care, because they can “do it themselves”.

We had the opportunity to see and participate first hand as to what the different types of trained dogs can do. It was a very eye-opening experience and one that ALL Lions should have the opportunity to participate in.



PROUD TO BE A LION

As we continue this year to support our community need, let us not forget the wonderful work that our Lions Foundation of Canada does. If you have the opportunity to visit the Foundation you will be changed forever

and your heart will be opened to giving what you can and working within your club to do a specific fund raiser for the work that truly touches the hearts of so many.

“OUR DOGS ARE MORE THAN FRIENDS”



DG Rod’s Message

The sights on the way were unbelievable – from poverty to expensive million dollar homes and businesses – from people walking to riding the ‘sky train’ – from beautiful country-side to a megacity of 12 million people. The experience is one of a lifetime and to be shared with Norah and thousands of Lions from around

the world was the icing and candle on the cake.

The Convention... One could not ask for better arrangements for getting back and forth from the hotel to the IMPACT CEN-



DG Rod relaxing

TER where all the activities took place. Buses ran routes from individual hotels to and from the center on a regular basis so you could be on time and attend everything you wanted to attend. The stuff for sale was just unreal, except

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for the LCI store, which didn't have anything.

The Environmental Photo Contest was on display and the judging took place at the convention hall. Many of the pictures will be in the new Calendar, which is put out each year to recognize the work and the environmental challenges of the world. Lion Norah bid on what else "a picture of a toad". It was judged as the "best picture" and Lion Norah was the successful bidder during the silent auction. What great photography.

The Host Committee really did a great job to ensure that every need was met, from blood pressure screenings, to receptions, to banquets to meetings, they did what I would consider a first rate unbeatable job. The International Parade was on Tuesday and the line up started for us at 4:00 PM on the hottest day during the trip. We were line up between the Ontario contingent and the Lions from California so we got to chat a great deal. We also got some rain while waiting and we all huddled under the huge Canadian Flag that was being carried by the Ontario Lions. What a blast...as we marched out of the arena, we were joined by a band that would follow us during the parade route. There were so many people out to watch it was unbelievable. The sides of the streets were full, the cross over bridges were full the decks and patios were full and they were all cheering and greeting the 30,000 plus Lions that had traveled to Bangkok with smiles and applause.

We also had the opportunity to attend the German Reception at one of the Dusit Thani in honor

of Lion Eberhard Wirfs, the Second International Vice President. The gala was a Who's Who with food and drink to celebrate as he would become the First International Vice President.



District Governors and the spouses

at the Resort in Pattaya, getting ready for photo session with International President Al Brandel

On Friday, we were addressed by the 2008-09 International President for Lions International, Lion Al Brandel. He spoke of "Miracles Through Service" and the need to recognize all the Lions who are making miracles happen each and every day. This was also the end of the convention and the time at which all of the District Governors Elect had their ribbons ceremonially removed to indicate they are now the District Governors of their respective District's. Lion Norah did the honors for me as we partner to work for you in the coming year. The Convention was then adjourned.

Travel to Northern Thailand

After the convention, Lion Norah and I spent Friday evening and Saturday in Bangkok exploring and just relaxing with DG Bill and Lion Linda from N-3. We then traveled by car to Ayutthaya, Sukhotai and Chiang Mai. Stops were often at temples, sites of interest and wonderful places to eat off the beaten path.

Each new stop was breathless in it's own way with new and different structures. The old and new mixed together like an ever-extending family. This was a time to enjoy the sights, relax with a Thai massage, kick back with a Singha beer or just sit and take in the life that is happening before you.

In Chiang Mai, we went for an ox cart ride, we rode on an elephant, we rode in a "tuk tuk", we experienced a motorized trike and utilized taxis. Each was an unforgettable experience.

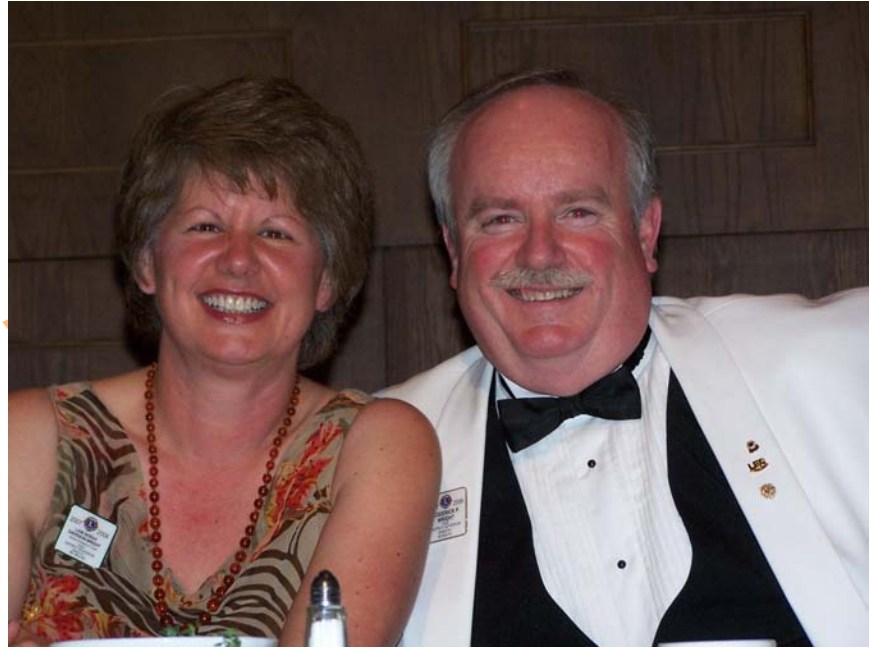
In Chiang Mai we also had a tour with a friend who gave us a great history lesson and then took us to a facility for handicapped adults that the Chiang Mai Lions assist with. We had the opportunity to not only see the facility but to tour it and talk with the staff, clients and the President of one of the Chiang Mai Lions Clubs. It was truly great to see the opportunities that Lions are providing world wide to serve there communities and make them better places for all. The individuals at the school use their strengths to weave, sew, create, assist, or whatever they can do to make products for which they sell to help pay for the facility to be able to provide the service. We did some shopping there and had our picture taken with one of the individuals. What a special place ... I think we as Lions need opportunities such as this to revitalize ourselves and see the great work that LIONS provide through their service to others.



DG Rod's Message

Well, as you can see, Lion Norah and I had many unforgettable experiences at the Lions Foundation of Canada, at the District Governor Elect Training, the International Convention, the International Parade and our time together with the people of Thailand as we experienced their culture and ate some wonderful foods.

Thank you for allowing us to represent this great District on N-1 and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.



Bulletin Chair 2007-08

Over the past year the response was not all that well, I only received Bulletin's from six of the clubs. These bulletins were done up very well and I fell very badly that there cannot be an award put out for this past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those six

clubs who did send me their club bulletins. I would like to especially congratulate Lion Amy O Donnell, from the Bath Lions who was a knew Lion I understand and took on this job and did such a great job. I

thank you Lion Amy and her C/O part Lion Glazier Kenny. I would like to also

pass on my thanks to Lion Michael Hambrook from the Douglastown Lions Club for a job well done. Many thanks also to all the rest of the clubs that have sent in bulletins this past year.

Yours in lionism
Lion Harold Borden
Bulletin Chairperson 2007/08

2007-2008 Report

The Power of Advertising

This has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed. It is reported to have been listed in the Atlanta Journal.

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship , ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good girl who

LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door

This has been circulated on the internet

when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Daisy, I'll be waiting....

Turn to last page for picture

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ALBERT F. BRANDEL INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, USA, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 91st International Convention, held in Bangkok, Thailand, June 23-27, 2008.

He is a retired police detective. For many years he investigated child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, domestic violence involving children and missing children.

A member of the West Hempstead Lions Club since 1975 and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club, International President Brandel has held many offices in the association, including club president, district governor and international director. He has also served as a presenter and panelist at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums. He worked with the Long Island Lions

Eye Bank as a transporter and has been the Lions Representative to UNICEF in New York for 10 years. He helped coordinate Lions relief efforts at the World Trade Center following September 11, 2001.

In recognition of his contributions, he has received numerous

awards, including the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, 15 International President's Awards



President Albert F. Brandel

and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest award the association grants to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, he has served as a Little League volunteer and as a Eucharistic minister. He is a former member of the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA.

International President Brandel's wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, an anesthesiologist and a Lion, practices at a community hospital.

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DG ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The **District Governor's Organizational (DGO)** Meeting will be held on Sunday, **August 17th** at the **Willie O'Ree Place** on Cliffe Street in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. and will end by 2:00 P.M. This is an important meeting as we will be setting OUR goals for the coming year, going over the budget and chairs will be receiving their pins to designate their

role in the 2008-09 Cabinet. All Cabinet members attending will also receive a free District Governor's Pin in appreciation of your support and attendance.

There will be a light lunch served at the center hosted by the Barker's Point Lions Club.

Hope to see you all there.

SUNDAY, August 17, 2008 at Willie O'Ree Place at 11:00am

DG Rod



DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATION SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

August	18	Sugarloaf Lions Club	December	3	Harvey Stations Lions
	20	Calais Lions Club		4	Jemseg Lions
	25	Fort Fairfield Lion Club		7	Portage Atlantic Christmas Celebration
	26	Fort Kent Lions		8	Bouctouche Lions
September	1	Morell Lions		9	Fredericton Lions
	2	Belfast Lions		10	Sackville Lions Club
	3	Cymbria Lions		16	Lincoln Lions Club
	4	Montague Lions		17	Rexton Lions
	8	Irishtown Lions		18	Douglastown Lions
	9	Moncton Lions	January	5	Simonds Lions
	10	Shediac Lions		6	Tobique Lions
	14	Cabinet Meeting - St. Eleanor Lions		7	St. Martin's & District Lions
	16	Albany Lions		12	Dieppe Lions
	17	Winsloe Lions		13	Tracadie Lions
	18	North Rustico Lions		14	Vernon River Lions
	22	St. Antoine Lions		15	St. Eleanor Lions
	23	Campbellton Lions		20	Quispamsis Lions
	24	JacQuet River Lions		21	Lakeville Lions
	25	Geary Lions		22	Burt's Corner Lions
October	1	Dalhousie Lions		27	Nashwaaksis Lions
	2	Bathurst Lions		28	St. Andrew's Lions
	6	Charlottetown Lions	February	1	Cabinet Meeting - Winslow Lions
	7	Summerside Lions		4	Burton Lions
	8	Dundas Lions		5	McAdam Lions
	9	Cornwall Lions		9	St. Stephen-Milltown Lions
	19	Boiestown Upper Miramichi Lions		10	Chipman-Minto Lions
	20	Chatham Lions		12	Grand Washademoak Lions
	21	North & South Esk Lions		16	Georgetown Lions
	24-26	Multiple District N Fall Conference Corner Brook, NF		17	Hunter River Lions
	27	Parkdale-Sherwood Lions		18	East Royalty Lions
	28	Shippagan		23	Dorchester Lions
November	3	Bath Lions		25	Millidgeville North End Lions
	4	New Maryland Lions		26	Salisbury Lions
	5	Kensington Lions	March	2	River Valley Lions
	6	Souris Lions		9	Eastern Charlotte Lions
	10	Hartland		12	Richibucto Lions
	12	Sussex Lions		16	HumSumLew Lions
	13	Riverview Lions		18	Hampton Lions
	17	Woodstock Lions		23	Fort Augustus Lions
	18	Upper Nashwaak Lions		24	Alberton Lions
	19	Havelock Lions		25	Brackley Beach North Shore Lions
	23	Cabinet Meeting - Riverview Lions		26	O'Leary Lions
	24	Pickwauket Lions	April	1	Newcastle Lions
	25	Upper Gagetown River Road Lions		2	Magnetic Hill Lions
	28	Kennebacas Lions		9	Malpaque Bay Lions
December	1	Nackawic Lions		17-19	District N1 Convention & Officers School, Saint John, NB
	2	Barkers Point Lions	May	9	NewCastle Lions Charter
				15-17	Multiple District N Convention, Truro NS



Important Dates to Remember



17 August, 2008	District Governor Organizational Mtng. Host: Barkers Point Lions Club Fredericton, New Brunswick
14 September, 2008	First Cabinet Meeting Host: St. Eleanor's Lions Club
1 October, 2008	International Semi-Annual Dues to be paid
1 November, 2008	District Semi-Annual Dues to be paid
1-2 November, 2008	Multiple District N Fall Conference Corner Brook, NF
23 November, 2008	Second Cabinet Meeting Host: Riverview Lions Club



1 February, 2009	Third Cabinet Meeting Winsloe Lions Club
1 March, 2009	International Semi-Annual Dues to be paid
31 March, 2009	District Semi-Annual Dues to be paid
17-19 April, 2009	District N-1 Convention Host: Simonds Lions Club Saint John, New Brunswick
15-17 May, 2009	Multiple District N Convention Truro, Nova Scotia
30 May, 2009	Cavalcade New Brunswick

McAdam Lions Road Toll raises funds for Sightfirst II

The McAdam Lions received donations of \$700.+ in their most recent Road Toll, which has been designated for SightFirst II. Shown left to right are Lions Edgar Barry, Willard MacKay, James Laking, Judy Lahey, Todd Garnett, Gloria Adams, Grant Wilson, Road Toll Chairperson Pam Norton and Eric Christie.



It's been 40 years since Helen Keller died but she left Lions worldwide a challenge. It was during her address at the International Convention in 1925 that she said "I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight; your hearing; you who are strong, brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Today, Lions are recognized worldwide for many services but most prominently

for their service to the blind and visually impaired. They have and still do demonstrate their commitment to sight conservation through programs such as eye-glass recycling, sight partnerships and other sight services.

SightFirst, launched in 1989, was one of the most successful initiatives undertaken by the Lions. It has been both effective and efficient in raising \$143 million U.S., especially helping children. Keeping their commitment as "knights of the blind" and aware of the ever increasing need, the Lions have now launched Campaign SightFirst II aiming to raise \$150. million. Statistics state that one child goes blind every minute.

The McAdam Lions Club is one of many participating in efforts to eradicate river blindness in Latin America by the year

2010, to provide two million people with cataract surgery and to develop pediatric clinics to treat children in the underserved areas of the world. The Club committed \$1000.00 to SightFirst II for this year. They sponsored a Voluntary Road Toll to help raise funds to meet this goal. Lion members showed up in pairs and other groups to work shifts throughout the day. There were always two on the road in front of the McAdam Lions Community Centre, each facing opposite directions, ready to receive donations from the drivers of vehicles as they passed by. Most of the road toll participants gathered at the end of the day to help tally the donations or to just be on hand to hear the grand total. Cheers could be heard as Road Toll Chairperson, Pam Norton, announced "we took in over \$700.00 at the road. I believe that is the most for quite awhile."

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LIONS CLUBS
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Appreciation Day Camp Dia-Best 2008

Yesterday was a great day at the Camp.

When we arrived the campers were swimming. We were met by a few Lions who were milling around with campers staff and PDG Luke. Clubs at the event were: Barkers Point, McAdam, Fredericton, Nashwaaksis, Jemseg, Grand Washamoak, Moncton, Magnetic Hill, Rexton & Riverview. There were over 20 Lions & guests.

Jake Reid of CDA gave us a tour of the facilities and explain to us what the campers learn and enjoy as campers and learning how to count their calorie intake and how to calculate how much insulin they need to take. It was an eye opener for the Lions who had not been at the camp before.

We were treated by a Guest who 37 years ago was an organizer for the first camp and the challenges met for the first 27 campers. His remarks were well received. He gave Jake the scrap book that was made by the campers. (I have photocopied it. Anyone interested may get a copy as well as a history written by Lion Fred Burchill on how cavalcade started)

Stephanie then chaired the ceremony. A few words from the camp coordinator for diabetes followed by PDG Luke, DG Rod, Lions Liaison Nora Joe on cavalcade and challenges ahead. CDA had a BBQ for us & Salads Thank you CDA.

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Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society...

We announced that next year the host club will be Burton. We encourage any clubs who want to host cavalcade in the future should make an effort to have a representative at Cavalcade & Appreciation Day.

This year our final total is **\$ 30,284.17** distributed as follows Camp \$22,014.17
Research \$ 5335.00 & LCIF \$2935.00

Since we began we the Lions of N.B. have raised **\$ 472,711.08**. Next year with more clubs taking part, we certainly hope to surpass the \$ 500,000.00

mark We can do it by dedicating a project for this worthwhile service.

I certainly would be amiss if I missed to **THANK YOU** Woodstock for the wonderful job done and all the clubs, private and corporate supporters

Lion Joe 5-0 Dist. Cavalcade chair



From CDA Stephanie, DG Rod, Lion Joe 50, Chair, PDG Luke

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