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District Governor's Message Roderick "Rod" Wright

District Governor's Corner
We are in the third month of this Lionistic year and I would like to commend the LIONS of District N-1 for the work that each of you are doing in your communities. As I travel around completing my visitations, I hear of all the wonderful way that you as LIONS live up to our motto, "We Serve".

President's and Secretaries, I need your help to ensure that not only the District, but LIONS INTERNATIONAL is informed of the service of the LIONS of District N-1. Please make every effort to get your Membership and Activities Report filed with LCI each month.



This informs them of the changes in membership,

but most of all the service that you as LIONS are providing within your communities. We as Lions serve and we do it without the need for recognition, informing LCI gives us the opportunity to brag a little about our Clubs, projects and those in our communities that we recognize for their support and service. Secondly, many of the Lions Clubs of District N-1 do not meet over the summer months and therefore you need to check your mail to ensure that the dues for the first part of this year for LCI have been taken care of. I receive a printout from LCI each month and some of our Clubs have not paid their first half dues that became due in JULY. Please take care of this as soon as you can. Thank you for your assistance.

October is Lion's Membership Month - Membership is on the rise in District N-1 and I am proud of the work that our Lions are doing. Each new member we take into the family of Lionism, pro-



vides two new hands to help us provide the services and makes it easier. LIONS you should be proud of your accomplishments.



District Governor Rod presenting a Lions Membership Achievement Pin to Lion Paul Roy of the Irishtown Lions

Remember that public relations, telling our communities about our service, recognizing new Lions through a special induction ceremony and recognizing individuals in our

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PROUD TO BE A LION

communities for the assistance and service they too provide keeps LIONS in the forefront. People want to join organizations that are “doing” not just meeting. They want to be actively involved with projects – working as a TEAM for the betterment of their communities. Using the media to inform the public of what your Lions Club is doing is the best way to also grow membership. An involved Club is a strong Club – an involved Club models the “We Serve” attitude of Lions throughout the world - an involved club increases its membership through service. Keep up the good work!

My schedule in the directory is *obsolete!!!!* With Lions Clubs requesting me to change visitation dates, having to reschedule due to family and with the weather beginning to change, I will be publishing my monthly schedule in my newsletter and putting it on the District N-1

website at www.lionsdistrictn1.ca for every Lion to be able to access.

District Governor Rod presenting his DG Pin on his official visit to



the Cymbria Lions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the LIONS of District N-1 for the hospitality that has been shown to me as I have had the opportunity to visit with you. Your support has meant a great deal and I truly feel that we are a family –the PRIDE of Lions - District N-1.

So far this year I have had the opportunity to visit with the following clubs: **Stratford & Area Lions, Fort Fairfield Lions, Calais Lions, Belfast Lions, Cymbria Lions, Montague Lions, Irishtown Lions, Shediac Lions, Geary Lions, Lincoln Lions, McAdam Lions, St. Stephen Milltown Lions, Moncton Lions.**

Other meetings have been: **Summer Council of Governor’s Meeting (North Sydney, NS), District Governor’s Organizational Meeting in Fredericton (Barkers Point Lions), September Cabinet Meeting (St. Eleanor’s Lions), and the Portage Atlantic Recognition (Hampton High School).**

During my visit to the Moncton Lions on the evening of there steak dinner, I presented my District Governor Pin to Past District Governor Jacques Gallant...Good to see you out and about...



October Visitation Schedule Revised

October 1	Dalhousie Lions
October 2	Bathurst Lions
October 6	Charlottetown Lions
October 7	Summerside Lions
October 8	Dundas Lions
October 9	Cornwall Lions
October 15	Rexton Lions
October 16	Lakeville Lions
October 19	Boiestown Upper Miramichi Lions
October 20	Chatham Lions
October 21	No. & So. Esk Lions
October 23-26	MDN Conference- Corner Brook, NL
October 27	Parkdale Sherwood Lions
October 28	Shippigan Lions

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“BELIEVE IN A DREAM”

RECOGNITION CEREMONY—SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

On Sunday, September 21, 2008 Portage celebrated the achievements of its residents who have completed their program successfully. It is a moving joyous occasion for the residents, their families and all who attend. As each resident walked across the stage, their certificate in their hand, the pride, the sense of accomplishment and the awe of achievement was evident in their faces. They all paused momentarily to say “thank you “ to Portage . For most of us, the journey these youth and their families have travelled is unimaginable. They truly must “Believe in a Dream” - a dream that they will complete their program, that they will remain addiction free once they leave Portage, that they can be what

ever they want to be as they continue with their studies or jobs.



DG Rod and Lion Ron Evans present the second “Ron Evans Busary”



Bursary recipient is attending an Atlantic Canada University after completing her education requirements at Portage



Hon. Judge Alfred Brien delivered the keynote address

Peace Poster Update 2008

Theme is "Peace Begins with Me"

- 1.The purpose of the contest is to give young people a chance to share their feelings and vision for world peace, open to youth ages 11-13 as of Nov.15.
- 2.It is also an opportunity for Lions to get involved with youth in your community [and a chance for good PR for your Club.]
- 3.Your club needs a peace Poster Contest Kit for each school you sponsor-cost \$7.95 plus shipping, handling and taxes. Kits available on line, check Club supplies, item search PPK-1.deadline to order is October 1,08,check rules at www.lionsclubs.org

4.Postmark deadline to send one winning poster per contest or school sponsored] to DG Rod is Nov.15,08.

Please make an effort to support this worthwhile project and allow our youth the chance to share their vision of peace in the world!

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Comedy Corner—

Grind Your Teeth Some more

1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he

loved her still.

4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for

littering.

7. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
8. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'

Laughter is the best medicine

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WE SERVE - NOW HEAR THIS

I've been involved with the PEI Hearing Impaired Community for nearly 30 years. Back then, the challenge was for hearing impaired children to have an equal opportunity as other students and today those students do have that opportunity through integration in all classrooms, having audiologists directly involved with the students, and most of all technological advances in equipment, eg would be fm systems and cochlear implants.

For those H.I. Students & others we helped improved their quality of life with audio loops in churches and infra red systems. APSEA (Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority) oversees the education of mostly all disabled school children.

What I saw this summer and couldn't believe began when I was working lost kids, a program where we provide a stick on tag in which the parents cell phone # is recorded.

Here I am placing tags on these kids and then watching those irresponsible parents taking them down to a grassy area to watch and listen to summerfest concert, headlined by Great Big Sea. My wife and I are 200' from the stage and the noise is incredible, the db level was about 70-80db. (85db over a period of time say 8 hours will cause hearing loss). At the source I would guess the noise level was 120-130db and those nut cases running to the front of the stage when the doors opened. The problem, as most of you know is that one does not recognize this loss until it is too late. After a concert such as this, your hearing will rebound but not to the same level.

Hence, a noise pollution program such as I'm about to explain will warn students of the dangers and help them to preserve their hearing thru those golden years.

The program is very simple; it starts out by asking the question and explaining, what is sound? How do we hear?

How sound is measured? In two ways, frequency, the pitch, how low or high the sound, expressed in hertz, a measurement of cycles per second. Most of us can hear between 20Hz and 20,000 Hz. Secondly, intensity, the loudness of sound, measured in decibels (dB's)..

What is noise? With the aid of an overhead we would briefly explain the purpose and workings of the outer, middle and inner ear. In other words how the ear works. How those hair-like-cells that convert vibrations into nerve impulses eventually bend and break with loud noise They do not regenerate and that means they transmit less sound information to the brain, resulting in hearing loss. Some of you are more sensitive to noise than others but every single person is affected by excess noise.

The affect depends on a number of things:

Loudness	pitch	length of exposure	surroundings	age
previous ear trouble		distance from & position of source		

Then we would open it up to the classroom with a question. ***Have you ever come home from a concert and found you couldn't hear for awhile then it was back the next morning? This is known as temporary (threshold) shift.*** From here you would demonstrate dangerous levels of noise with a noise meter and the use of ear muffs and ear plugs.

To commence:

Letters would need to be sent to the school principal and teacher asking for permission to present this program during Hearing Awareness Month, May.

Usually by this time of year, teachers are looking for a change and glad for a program such as this.

If your club decides proceed, a 30 page document would be sent to your club at the cost of \$10.00 (\$7. Staples production costs + \$3. postage).

Teaching time approximately 30 minutes, interacting with the students could take it to 40 minutes.

You would also require a digital sound meter Source @ \$50.), set of ear plugs and ear muffs and possibly bookmasks such as the ones being handed out today..

Again, I am Lion Don Spence (ds.js@islandtelecom.com) trying to be this year's Hearing & Speech Chairman.

If your club is interested in such a project, please let me know. Thank you for attentiveness.

PS all my neighbours wear ear muffs when cutting the grass.

Dear Club Officers,



Earlier this month I was privileged to be present at an inspiring event: the International Paralympic Games in Beijing. I saw men and women who had lost limbs swim at world record speeds, blind athletes perform amazing feats of strength and runners who rely on artificial legs run faster than all but those who set Olympic records at some of the same venues just a few weeks earlier.

I came away feeling that there are no obstacles that cannot be overcome and especially, that we Lions have the potential to perform even greater miracles of service than we have ever imagined.

Both the Paralympics and the Olympic Games also reminded me of the importance of teamwork. At the Olympics, the Chinese men's and women's gymnastic teams could not have won their gold medals if their specialists in floor exercise and balance beam, parallel bars and still rings did not perform up to their personal best.

Every Lions Club and indeed all of Lions Clubs International work in much the same way. Each of us has unique gifts that we bring to our mission of service and we owe it to ourselves, our fellow Lions and our communities to use them to the best of our ability. When we do and when we work together toward a common goal, there is almost nothing we cannot accomplish.

But just as American swimmer Michael Phelps came away from the games as the most honored athlete, we Lions reserve our highest recognition for those who have mastered several disciplines. That's what the Club President Excellence award is all about. To qualify, club presidents must be "all-around champions" and excel in areas including service, administration, leadership, membership growth and contributions to LCIF. (The full list of qualifications can be viewed at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/da1.pdf>).

Not everyone can win an Olympic medal, but an Excellence Award is within reach of every Lions Club president. You owe it to your community, your club and most of all, yourself to strive for this achievement. You should also know that your efforts reflect not only on your club and yourself, but also on fellow Lion leaders in your district. Excellence Awards for Zone, Region and District officers are contingent upon having at least 50 percent of the clubs under their leadership achieve Excellence Awards. I urge you to do everything in your power to help further the culture of excellence at all levels of our association.

Another way to help foster excellence is through the new International Hero Awards which will be presented at the 2009 International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. These awards are designed

"Volunteers aren't unpaid because they're worthless, volunteers are unpaid because they are priceless"- Author unknown

to recognize the everyday heroes among us. These are Lions who excel, often without fanfare, at meeting the needs of our closest neighbors and neighbors around the globe. They are individuals who have embraced their potential to have a direct and positive impact on our world. They deserve to be celebrated and we have a responsibility to ensure that they no longer go unrecognized. Please be on the lookout for the everyday heroes in our midst and consider nominating those you know for an International Hero Award. The nomination form can be found at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/pr40.pdf>.

Finally, I ask each and every one of you to embrace your own power to affect your community and the world community. Your leadership year is an extraordinary opportunity to make things happen. Exercise your leadership by making ambitious plans and sharing them with the members of your club. Do not hesitate to propose new initiatives for service. Ensure that our traditional service priorities receive the attention that they deserve. Spread the word about Lions through [effective communication](#) with your community. These steps are not mere self-aggrandizement. They are key components in attracting new members who will increase our ability to live our Lions motto – We Serve.

As always, I thank you for all you do for Lions and for your community.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Brandel, President
The International Association of Lions Clubs

LCI Web site Links

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/da1.pdf>

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/pr40.pdf>

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_news_sample.shtml



WELCOME NEW LIONS

(as reported on the Membership & Activities Report)

Tobique Lions Club

Lion Carol Jarvis

Lion Michael Jarvis



On behalf of District N-1 I would like to welcome you into the membership
of the largest and greatest service organization in the world-

Lions Clubs International

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT N & DISTRICT N-3

2008 Fall Conference/Fall Convention

October 24 and 25, 2008

Corner Brook, NL

Registration Form and Information

(We prefer this Registration Form to be completed for Each person planning attendance.)

Name: _____ First Lions Conference/Convention: Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____

Tel: _____ ; E Mail: _____

Please check appropriate section: Lion ___ . Lioness ___ . Leo ___ . Non Lion/Lioness Guest: ___ .

District _____ Zone _____ Club _____ Highest Lions Office Attained _____

Hospitality Book - \$39.00 per person _____. PROVIDED our Treas. receives your Registration Form along with cheque or money order by OCTOBER 16th. (Includes Friday Night Meet & Greet, Saturday Morning Coffee Breaks, Meetings & Seminars, Saturday International Banquet an costs associated with registration.)

Separate Event Tickets

- **Meet & Greet Ticket \$16.00** _____. **INT'L Banquet Ticket \$28.00** _____.
Treas. must receive Registration form along with cheque or money by October 16th.
- **Late Registrations received from October 17th to October 23rd.**
 - o **Hospitality Book - \$45.00** _____.
 - o **Separate Events Tickets: - Meet & Greet \$18.00** _____. **INT'L Banquet \$32.00** _____.

Total Amount included in your cheque/money order for this Registration- \$ _____

Make cheque/money order payable to: The Corner Brook Lions Club
Mail to: Lion Eldon Swyer, P.O. Box 15, Corner Brook, NL A2H6C3

***PDG's Please Note:** N-3 will be having a PDG's luncheon at the Legion on Oct. 25 at Noon. Individual costs including tax & tip is \$10.00 per person. PDG's & their Wives from other N Districts are also welcome to attend. PDG's interested in attending are asked to check off one or both the following blocks: YES, I WILL ATTEND THE PDG's luncheon _____. My Partner will also attend. _____.

Hotel Reservations:

- Reservations should be made directly with the Hotel. Please note Hotel Booking deadlines in order to receive rates as quoted.
 1. Greenwood. Booking Deadline: Sept. 24. Price Single to Quad \$92.95 plus tax; 800-399-5381, or 709-634-5381. Booking Code: "Corner Brook Lions Fall Convention"
 2. Hotel Corner Brook. Booking Deadline: Oct. 1; Double. Price \$76.84 inc tax; Suite-\$84.75 inc tax; 800-738-8211, or 709-634-8211. Booking Code: "Eldon Swyer."
 3. Comfort Inn of Corner Brook. Booking Deadline: Sept. 30th. Price Single \$88.00; Double\$99.00; 800-228-5150,, or 709-639-1980. Booking Code: "Corner Brook Lions Club."

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WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

Are we the greatest service club organization in the world? From the outside looking in, it would seem so. How about the view from the inside looking out? Tells a different story, doesn't it. Something is not right. What have we overlooked?

Looking back at the twenty years I have served, I see a pattern. Our membership numbers drop more than they rise. This is despite all the different membership programs and rewards that have existed. What are we missing? It has to be found before we go through another membership program. No need to organize a search party, I found it.

What I have discovered has always been in plain sight. It has been around since the beginning of our great organization. Without it, Lions Clubs International would have never existed. It is what every International President has geared their program towards. It is what every District Governor set his or her goals and objectives to. It is the reason that Melvin Jones started this great organization: **FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY!**

It has taken me a long time to find this, but better late than never. I now know why we exist and why we are struggling to stay in business. Fellow Lions, we forgot the goal of Lions Clubs International. We do what we do for the **betterment of our communities**, nothing more. As the saying goes, "We serve because we care."

I am not saying that increasing membership is not important. I am not saying that monthly reports are unnecessary. They are. I am saying that everything that we do is for the goal of our association. That is what Melvin Jones wanted.

Do not go back to your club and turn it upside down or inside out. Keep doing what you are doing. Only now, do it with purpose. You are all great Lions that do great work. I can't speak for everyone, but I now serve with purpose and passion. I have gotten my second wind; it is like being a new member again.

Fellow Lions, we cannot continue on this path we have taken. There is too much negativity. I am not asking you to follow me. I am asking you to seek out your own path. Serve with passion. Serve with purpose. **SERVE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF YOUR COMMUNITY!**

.....PDG Luke Stennick



Lions Fred Phillips, Norah Davidson-Wright, Sharon Everett, Susan Sangster, Danny Taylor and Sandy Taylor are presented with Melvin Jones Awards by PDG Luke Stennick.

Lions Foundation Of Canada Report For The Year 07 / 08 14 Sep 08 Cabinet Meeting

This is the 25th year of service that the Foundation has provided a Dog Guide free of charge to thousands of Canadians. We are proud to report that Lions and Lioness from across Canada donated \$955,460.76 plus \$633,327.00 from The Purina Walk for Dog Guides this past year. **Congratulation to the 33 Clubs of NB who donated, your amount was \$28,904.01 up 321.01% from the previous year. Thanks goes out as well to the eight(8) Clubs who held the Purina walk and raised \$18,353.00. Keep up the good work.**

Lions, due to the most successful past few years of donations, the Foundation is currently doing a \$2million expansion. This will allow us to train 125 Clients per year instead of 100 as in the past.

Lions please remember that the Foundation is yours and it is sure something that you can be proud of. When you donate funds to the Foundation, please make sure that you honor your members by asking for an award such as: Life Membership \$100, fellowship \$250 or a judge Brian Stevens Fellowship \$500.

Yours in Lionism

NB Director PDG Fred Cook

ALERT Chair Report September 13, 2008

The Flood of 2008 will be remembered in New Brunswick for years to come. Past District Governor Luke Stennick applied to LCIF for an Emergency Relief Grant on behalf of District N-1 and received \$10,000.00, which was applied to the Red Cross effort along the Saint John River to help people forced to evacuate their homes because of rising flood waters.

Barkers Point Lions were called to action with the City of Fredericton Emergency Measures Organizational Group using our Vulnerable Citizens Registry. The Club members contacted those living in the area subject to flooding. One resident evacuated to the hospital where her special medical needs could be met; one left to stay with friends, and one decided to stay at home during the flood. This individual was monitored during and after the flood to make sure that everything was safe and that the person was still content to be at home. Barkers Point was very proud to assist the EMOG and the people of Fredericton during this situation and very pleased that the Vulnerable Citizen's Registry operated exactly as planned and hoped for.

With or without an Emergency Operational Group in your Municipality, I encourage each club to consider having an ALERT chair and formulating some disaster planning such as the Citizens Registry in your communities.

Respectfully submitted

Norah J Davidson-Wright
Alert Chair
District N-1



Important Dates to Remember



1 October, 2008	International Semi-Annual Dues to be paid
24-25 October, 2008	Multiple District N Fall Conference Corner Brook, NF
1 November, 2008	District Semi-Annual Dues to be paid
23 November, 2008	Second Cabinet Meeting Host: Riverview Lions Club
December, 2008	Portage Christmas Party Date to be announced
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
6-10 July 2009	92nd Lions Clubs International Convention—Minneapolis, Minnesota



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Memorial Forest at Breslau

Bottom photo is for VDG Linda Melanson

Photos by Lions Paul and Denise Babin

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