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District N-1 Newsletter

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Lions ... During this season of giving, we give thanks to people like you who give so much all year round. Great people like you are what make our Lions Clubs successful at serving the needs of our communities, our district and the world. Thank you for another year of your dedication. PDS Boyd and I wish you a Merry Christmas and happy holidays from our home to yours and a New Year filled with peace, joy, and the same happiness you bring to the world.

I have completed 44 visitations to our Clubs and have inducted several new members with more to come. I am thrilled when the clubs ask me to do their new member inductions. Remember that each club should keep a few new members kits on hand, so that each new member receives their Certificate of Membership signed by the sitting President.

Congratulations to the clubs who have earned recognition for their participation in the Global Service Action project. A club can earn up to 4 gemstones on their Banner Patch for the 2014-2015 Service Year.

Congratulations to DG Len Mooney of District N-4 who has qualified for a Lions Pride Award for Period 1 as outlined by President Joe Preston. They are the only District in our Multiple and one of the few districts in Canada to do so. They received a Bronze Award for Period 1. Way to go DG Len – good job to your clubs!

DG Len and District N-4 qualified this Bronze award by achieving statistics better than their 5 year average. District N-1 fell short of this bench mark. Below are the District N-1 statistics to November 30, 2015

District N-1	Members July 1,2014	Adds	Drop s	Members November 30, 2014
Maine	151	4	1	154
New Brunswick	1350	46	57	1339
Prince Edward Island	361	3	12	352
Total	1862	43	70	1841

Summerside and Kensington Lions Clubs celebrated 60 Years of Service with a wonderful evening during which Judge Brian Stevenson entertained us with song and valuable words of wisdom. Congratulations to both clubs for reaching these remarkable milestones.



We had several entries for our Peace Poster contest. First place at the District level went to Briano Childs of the Devon Middle School. This poster has been forwarded to the Multiple District for judging against the posters from the other 3 Districts. Congratulations to the Nashwaaksis Lions Clubs for sponsoring the winning entry. All the posters showed amazing talent among our youth. Pictures and artists identification will follow.

Check out the ways you can earn awards for your club. There is still time! Go for it and see what you can do!

We wish for all our clubs to be the very best they can be in 2015!

..... District Governor Susan



I have several awards that give an opportunity for districts and clubs large and small, no matter where they exist, to strive for excellence and be recognized.



2014-2015 International President

Awards For Clubs

Strengthen the Pride BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER CLUB

The most effective Lions clubs regularly identify ways to expand their humanitarian service impact, develop leaders, and meet club members' needs and expectations. Clubs can discover new ways to bring value to the community and to club members, by developing and implementing a plan or "blueprint".

Every club is encouraged to complete a **Blueprint** and upon completion receive a special Presidential Certificate via email to recognize your commitment!



Club Excellence Award

Clubs that strive to achieve the five elements of excellence deserve special recognition.

Excellence includes:

- **Service** – Conduct three or more service projects and contribute to LCIF
- **Membership** – Achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new club
- **Communication** – Communicate the club's service projects effectively
- **Leadership Development** – Club officers participate in leadership programs
- **Club Management** – Meaningful meetings, timely club reports and remain in good standing

Qualifying clubs receive a banner patch and the club presidents receive a pin to recognize their accomplishment.



Club Secretaries:

Make sure YOUR Club gets the recognition it deserves – report all Club Activities through MyLCI each month, and be sure to encode activities to the four Centennial Categories (Youth, Vision, Hunger, Environment), when appropriate.

From the desk of 1st Vice District
Governor Lion Doug Small

Fellow Lions,

Looks like old man winter has his claws dug into the landscape and probably won't let go for some time yet.

With Christmas and Portage celebrations, our spirits should be kept high. The only dark side of this season is our decreasing membership. We are currently sitting at a loss of 16 Lions. It's a good time of the year to ask your neighbors and acquaintances if they would like to attend a seasonal celebration at your Lions Club. Then you can show them what you are all about. Membership is easy.... **Just ASK!** It has been done at least 54 times this year as we have that many new Lions added to our roster of service minded individuals.

Soon you will be seeing more information on a new program from Lions Clubs International called "**Join Together**". In a nutshell, **Join Together** allows Lions Clubs to be formed at existing volunteer-driven nonprofits with 15 or more Charter Members at a flat-rate of US\$300. Or, for smaller organizations where a free-standing club is not possible, a smaller Branch Club attached to an existing Lions Club can be formed with the new member entrance-fee being

credited back. This will allow both the nonprofits and the Lions Clubs to benefit.

Imagine.... forming just one of these new clubs would wipe out our current membership deficit.

I want to remind you that I hold this office because of you and I am here to serve you. My office is always open for any questions you may have or to aid you in any way I can.

Now it's time to look forward to the end of this calendar year. With the festive season coming up, my wife, Lion Mary and I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas.

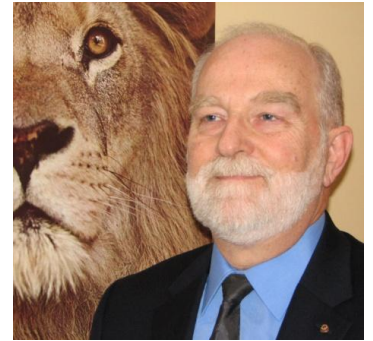
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VDG1 Lion

Doug....

Have I not destroyed my enemy when I have made him into my friend? — Abraham Lincoln

Merry Christmas to all, and to all, a good night. --- Santa Claus



From the desk of 2nd VDG Brennan

We are fast approaching that time of the year again where we automatically come together a little closer as a family. Giving thanks and helping those in need a little more. Christmas has a way of doing that.

Whether it is our blood family, our work related family, our Lion's family, or even the world as a whole. We can all relate coming together a little closer as a family, at Christmas time.

Lion Cindi and I, along with our family, would like to Wish each and every one of our Lion's family, a Very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

I would like to leave you with a Quote from Henry Ford;

**Coming together is a beginning,
Staying together is progress,
And working together is success.**

2nd VDG Brennan



Portage Christmas



Santa is waiting for his assistant to pass him the gifts to give the residents 2014 Portage Atlantic Christmas gathering, held December 7th.

What does our being there mean to the young people working their way through the program at Portage Atlantic? How long has it been since many of them had a reason to celebrate Christmas or any gifts to say thank you for.

Lions Clubs "adopt" each resident at Christmastime, and made certain that each and every one of them has something on their "Wish List" - the best possible Christmas. The Christmas that their Portage "family" and the Lions help to provide them may be their only Christmas so the Lions Clubs throughout this great District became their family for the day.

The staff prepared a wonderful lunch served after Santa had finished distributing the gifts..

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who participated and to PCC Rod who organized the ions



N-1 DG Susan Sangster and PCC Rod Wright share a special Christmas card prepared by the Portage Atlantic residents, to thank the Lions for their caring spirit. Santa made the special delivery.



Portage Atlantic Christmas Photo Montage



From The New York Sun, September 21, 1897.....Editor Francis Church's response to a Letter to the Editor

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

.... Submitted by Lion Michael Hambrook

Service Shorts.....•

Riverview Lions Donate to Friends of the Moncton Hospital

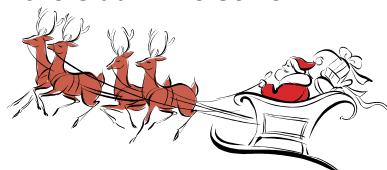


Picture Left to Right - Lion Susan Sangster , Retus MacFadyen and Lion Brennan Beaumont

Riverview Lions recently donated \$ 2000 to the Friends of the Moncton Hospital Foundation. Retus MacFadyen, representing the Friends is presented the cheque, on behalf of the Riverview Club, by visiting District Governor Susan Sangster and Riverview Lion/Vice-District Governor Brennan Beaumont. The donation will go towards fulfilling the **mission** of the Friends "to raise funds to help the Moncton Hospital deliver excellent healthcare and promote wellness to meet the needs of our communities".

Quispamsis Lions.....

The Quispamsis Lions Members will at the Ken Val Co-op on Friday November 21st, from 10 am –8 pm. The Lions are fundraising by bagging groceries for Juvenile Diabetes. Drop by the Co-op, have a Lion bag your groceries and carry them out to your car. This another community service by the Quispamsis Lions Club . " We Serve "



Pickwauket Lions.....



Left to right are: Lion Bob Young, School Principal Nathalie Graham, and Lion Don Doran.

Pickwauket Lions Club recently made a donation to the Hammond River Elementary School, to help with their hot lunch program.

Upper Miramichi Lions

Upper Miramichi Lions Club made presentations of \$65 to each of the lunch programs at the Doaktown Elementary School and the Upper Miramichi Elementary School.

The donations were made from the proceeds of the first annual Festival of Trees. Six groups participated in the Festival of Trees competition, which was won by the local Tops chapter. They received ninety-one "votes" in their donation jar.

On behalf of the District N-1 Eye Glass collection program, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to Mr. Charlie Hoyt of Hoyt's Moving & Storage, Fredericton, NB., for the shipping of eye glasses for the Lions Recycling Project over the years.

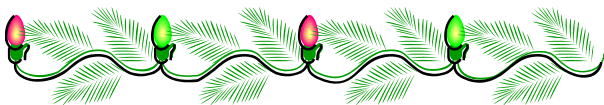
Hoyt's Moving & Storage is a member of United Van Lines.

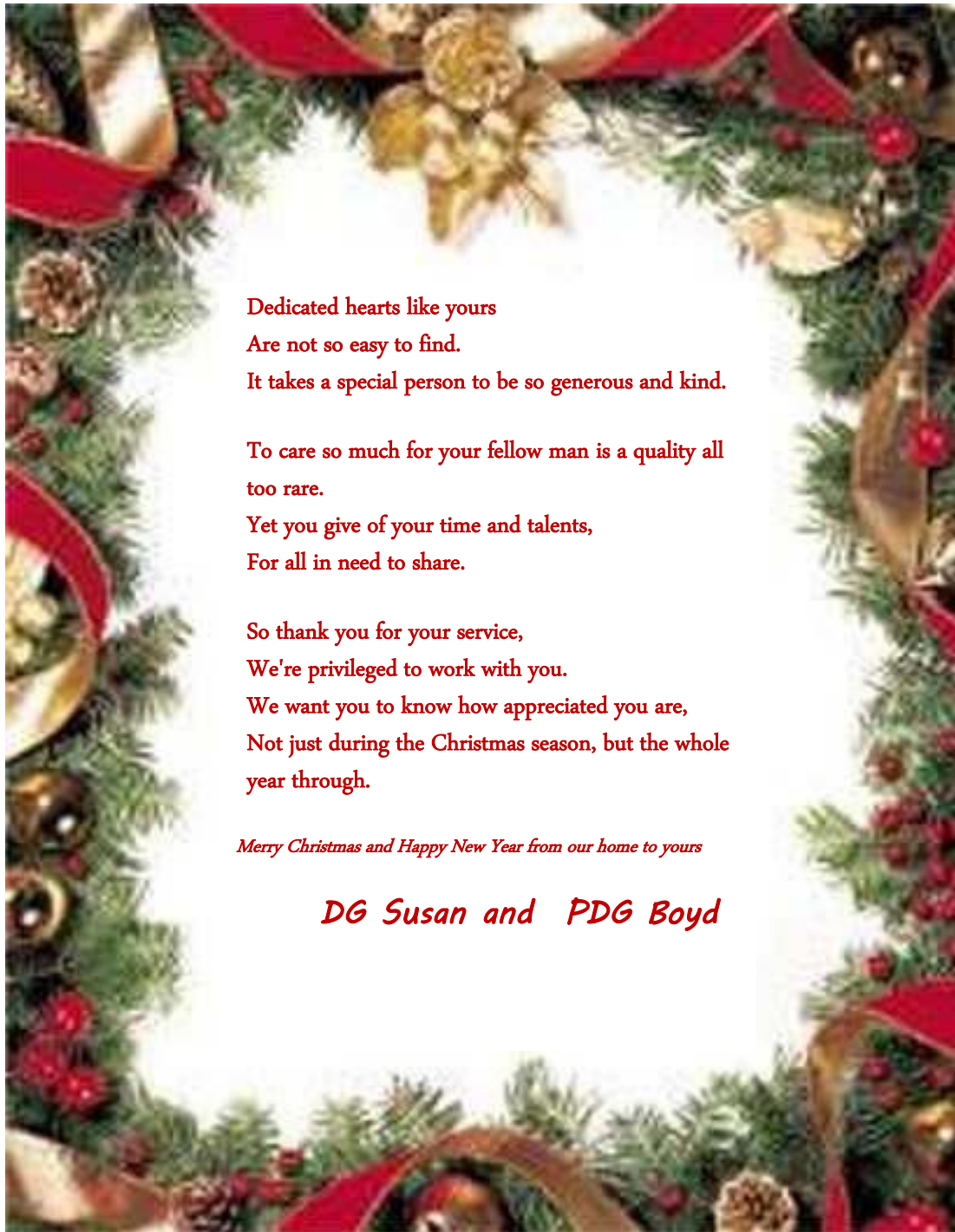
It has been a pleasure to deal with Danny Hansen of the Fredericton branch who has always given us the friendship and helpful service above and beyond. Danny gives customer service a whole new meaning and if we had more people like him, what a better place the world would be!

Sincerely,
Lion Gary Rideout
Eye Glass Chairman,
District N-1 Lions

District Governor's Travel Schedule....

Monday, December 08, 2014	Fort Augustus 8:00
Tuesday, December 09, 2014	Tracadie 8:00
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	Vernon River 8:00
Thursday, December 11, 2014	Cornwall 8:00
Monday, December 15, 2014	
Tuesday, December 16, 2014	
Wednesday, December 17, 2014	
Thursday, December 18, 2014	
Saturday, January 3, 2014	Mitch Clarke Sports for Kids breakfast – DG Working
Sunday, January 04, 2015	MD N Conference Call
Monday, January 05, 2015	Bouchtouche 7:00
Tuesday, January 06, 2015	Quispamsis 7:30
Wednesday, January 07, 2015	Havelock 7:00
Thursday, January 08, 2015	Malpeque Bay 7:00 2nd only
Monday, January 12, 2015	Hartland 7:00
Tuesday, January 13, 2015	Upper Gagetown 7:30
Wednesday, January 14, 2015	Sussex 6:30
Thursday, January 15, 2015	
Monday, January 19, 2015	Charlottetown 7:30
Tuesday January 20, 2014	
Wednesday, January 21, 2015	Trade Show
Thursday, January 22, 2015	Trade Show
Monday, January 26, 2015	
Tuesday, January 27, 2015	
Wednesday, January 28, 2015	Millidgeville Northend 7:00
Thursday, January 29, 2015	5th Thursday
Monday, February 2, 2015	
Tuesday, February 3, 2015	Summerside 6:30
Wednesday, February 4, 2015	Kensington, 7:30
Thursday, February 5, 2015	North Rustico, 7:30
Saturday, February 7, 2015	3 rd Cabinet Meeting- New Maryland
Monday, February 9, 2015	
Tuesday, February 10, 2015	Saint John South End 6:30
Wednesday, February 11, 2015	Calais 6:30
Thursday, February 12, 2015	Grand Washademoak 8:00
Sunday, February 15, 2015	Eastern Charlotte 8:00
Monday, February 16, 2015	Irishtown 7:00
Tuesday, February 17, 2015	Fort Kent 6:30
Wednesday, February 18 2015	St. Martins 7:30
Thursday, February 19, 2015	
Monday, February 23, 2015	Shediac 7:30 at Shediac Legion
Tuesday, February 24, 2015	Moncton Lions 6:30
Wednesday, February 25 2015	Jacquet River 7:30
Thursday, February 26, 2015	Douglastown 7:00





Dedicated hearts like yours
Are not so easy to find.
It takes a special person to be so generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man is a quality all
too rare.
Yet you give of your time and talents,
For all in need to share.

So thank you for your service,
We're privileged to work with you.
We want you to know how appreciated you are,
Not just during the Christmas season, but the whole
year through.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our home to yours

DG Susan and PDG Boyd