



We Serve

District N-1



Investing in Youth The Future of Lions



Message from DG Stewart!

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Fellow Lions

Thank you to the Lions of District N-1

The Lions year is officially over and I want to thank the Lions of our District for a memorable year. Lion Heather and I have had the most rewarding year in Lions this past year and it is because of you and the great service you provide your communities. Thank you to all the clubs in our District for welcoming me into your clubs during my visits. I am pleased to say that I was successful in visiting every club in our District, thanks to several clubs accommodating schedule changes.

At the beginning of the year we had 78 Lions Clubs in our District, we re-instated the Morell Lions Club Charter and Chartered a new Lions Club, Saint John South End Lions Club and reorganized two clubs saving them from possible charter loss. We opened the year with 1766 members' and completed 2013 Lions year with 1803, that is a great accomplishment Lions, one we must continue to work on. We have excellent leaders in our Cabinet and Zone Chairs, your Governor and Vice Governors are there to assist and support you through the year, lean



on their knowledge.

While travelling the District I noted many areas that would benefit from a Lions Club, I urge all clubs to consider organizing a Lions Club, make it a Zone project, work with your Zone Chair. It is about service and the more service we provide the better our communities are.

Our membership must continue to grow, we need younger than "us" members. I have heard so many times that Lions cannot find members. Lion Heather and I have had a great experience forming the Saint John South End Lions Club, it took 5 weeks.

Many of these new Li-

ons are saying that younger people are looking for ways to serve, a way to give back to their communities. We have experienced this by friendly conversation, at the market, a ticket seller selling Tickets for an upcoming charity event, obviously one who wants to support the community, so why not Lions in his area?

Although we did well in growth this past year we must continue to focus on retaining our existing Lions, we still lost 171 Lions this past Lions year. Some of these Lions left because we become too difficult to work with, we want it all our way. Lions Clubs were never designed to be controlled, Lions Clubs are a group of like minded individuals that want to serve, they want to help their community. Embrace change grow with the

DG Stewart Message

times, reach out and try something new. We have a great District and I want to thank all members for the hospitality during this past year.

Lion Heather and I have offered to assist some of the clubs we visited, that offer remains; we will continue to support and work with those that interested in doing so.

I offer my support to District Governor Lucio and the Vice Governors, congratulations and success during this year..

To all clubs, I urge you to support your Cabinet for 2013-2014, make this year a great success. It is your dedication to Lionism that continues to move us forward.

Yours in Lionism

DG 2012-2013

**Lion Stewart MacDonald
Council Chair 2013-2014**



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Message from President Madden



Dear Lions,

As I near the end of my term as International President, I want to first say thank you to the district governors and club presidents around the world for the tremendous support you have given me throughout the year.

This year I challenged you to expand your community service by including a new initiative the Reading Action Program (RAP). Your response has been overwhelming. To date, Lions have participated in over 65,000 RAP projects, impacting the lives of 6 million people around the world. RAP has been so successful, the Board of Directors has extended it as a major service project for the next 10 years. That is personally gratifying to me not only as a Lion but as a former educator.

You embraced my theme "In A World of Service" in so many ways. Linda and I had the opportunity to visit many of you this year, and witness first - hand what Lions are doing to change people's lives And that is exactly what we are doing. We are changing people's lives. We are giving the underserved a chance for a new beginning, and we are doing it each and every day of the year.

I never imagined growing up in a small town in Indiana that I would one day not only have the opportunity to make an impact on the lives of others, but to lead the world's largest service club organization and the global leader in humanitarian service – Lions Clubs International. I am forever grateful and sincerely humbled by the outpouring of love and support for Linda and me.

Our world is truly a world of service and this year you have helped make the world better through your selfless acts of kindness shown to others.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne A. Madden

CLUB PRESIDENT: LEADER AND MANAGER

As the leader of your club, the Leadership Division wants to do all we can to assist you in excelling in your role of club president and leading your club to excellence. Join our **Club President: Leader and Manager** Webinar to learn how to manage your responsibilities as president and leader of the club officer team.

We will discuss the opportunities and responsibilities of the club president, the traits of an effective leader, how to maintain connections with all club members, and the path to club excellence. Visit the Leadership Division's [Webinars page](#) to register for one of the three session offerings.

Not a club president? Please pass this information along to your current club president and any potential club presidents who may be interested. Thank you!

LCI Leadership Division

Hello fellow Lions;

As we have spoke in recent days about the terrible disaster in Oklahoma, I am sending you the latest communication from LCIF Chairperson Wing-Kun Tam. And as he stated LCIF immediately sent \$100,000.00 to the area, and it is not over yet. Thanks are coming from all over, for the kind donations that are coming in from clubs from around the world.



As District Chair it touches my heart, to see local clubs from around the district sending and helping as well. We can only pray that we don't have to endure such a disastrous ordeal, like what the Oklahomans are going through at this time. I will keep you updated as it comes in.

Lion Brennan

a Wall Cloud as it developed to spawn a tornado in Oklahoma

Growing Together to Better Serve Our Community

Lions' Generosity Makes an Impact

May 30, 2013 [LCIF](#)



Dear Lions,

As I was preparing monthly message, tragedy struck the city of Moore, Oklahoma and its surrounding communities. The pictures and stories that followed have left me both saddened and inspired. We sympathize with the grieving families, and pledge our support to those within the community seeking to rebuild. To the clubs and Lions in the affected area – your Foundation is there for you. In the coming days, I will have the opportunity to visit Oklahoma Lions. There, I will offer my support, and the continued support of LCIF.

The [response to the disaster](#) was immediate – by Lions and their neighbors. I was moved to see those who lost everything, lending a hand to help their friends, their neighbors, or even complete strangers. Lions members are part of that effort, and LCIF is there to support their relief and rebuilding efforts. International President Madden and I immediately approved a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant, made possible through the generosity of Lions financial support to the Disaster Relief fund. This will be a start, but certainly not an end.

The disaster in Oklahoma and outpouring of support from our worldwide Lions' family, reminds me why I first began to support LCIF more than 32 years ago. At every point in my journey as a Lion, I supported our Foundation: as a new member, as a club president, and as a member of the Board of Trustees. As the Chairperson of LCIF, I now have the unique perspective of meeting so many impacted by the work of Lions and with the support of LCIF. I know my support of the Foundation over all these years has [made a significant difference](#) in the lives of many.

Our Foundation supports club and district initiatives in many areas beyond disaster relief. The wonderful thing about LCIF is its ability to help local Lions have a greater impact in the community they serve. With a [donation to the Disaster Relief fund](#), you help those recovering after one of the most significant moments in their life. With a [donation to the Area of Greatest Need](#), the Foundation has the flexibility to respond to Lions' humanitarian initiatives worldwide – both large and small.

I thank you for your past support and for your consideration of support in the weeks, months and years to come.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



WHITLOCK presenting Cheque for \$5,000.00 to District N1 LCIF Coordinator PCC Tim HOBAN

Lions rally to help support Flood victims in Southern Alberta



Hello Fellow Lions:

Thanks to so many of you who have contacted our Lions Family in Alberta, asking how to help with the needs in Southern Alberta, in the aftermath of the massive flooding in so many communities. of our Southern Alberta Lions are either displaced, or working already to help feed the Albertans staying in, or working at reception centers.

As we go forward: Our Local Lions have asked the Lions of Alberta Foundation to accept donations for the FLOOD FUND. Clubs, church groups, and community group are encouraged to raise funds for the rebuilding that have to be done.

Mid-term, we may need to purchase generators, pumps, etc.

Longer-term, the Lions may want to focus on buying new books for in keeping with the LIONS READING ACTION PROGRAM.

Donations should be made payable to the "Lions of Alberta Foundation" and marked for the Flood Fund, then mailed to

Lions of Alberta Foundation Address 44 Straddock Cres. S.W. Calgary, Alberta T3H 2T2 Canada

DG Bruce Bishop in Calgary Area has indicated that right now, the needs are. Obviously, rebuilding after the crisis will be the biggest challenge, and LCIF grants do not cover rebuilding.

DG Laura Dickerson in Southern Alberta has been monitoring the situation and will if materials, or equipment are needed.

Right now, building our Flood Fund for reconstruction will be the biggest need.

NOTE: After the fire in Slave Lake our Lions, through Lions of Alberta, gave \$100,000 to the LIBRARY fund, and that was not enough!

We will no doubt be called upon to help individual families as well, but's focus on mobilizing our communities to our create awareness that and the public can donate through LIONS OF ALBERTA FOUNDATION. Be sure to tell all your friends and family that individuals donating \$20.00 or more will receive a Charitable Donations receipt.

Please forward this information to all your contacts in our Lions family, and to those who just want to help.

PID Dr. Patti Hill For Lions of Alberta Foundation Address 44 Straddock Cres. S.W. Calgary, Alberta T3H 2T2 Canada

Parkdale Sherwood Lions and Members of PEI Government launching the Pink Firetruck, for Cancer Awareness



The Parkdale Sherwood Lions club is a major sponsor. Truck will attend all major events and encourage survivors to sign the truck themselves or in Memory of a loved one

.....Lion Paul Gauthier



Lion Marg Dressaire of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club presents presents Busary to Grade 12 student at Devon Park Christian School. A second Busary was awarded to a student of Leo Hays High School

Lions Diabetic Bingo raised \$7745 to help send children to the Diabetic Summer Camp. Lions Diabetic Bingo Chair, Lion Richard Buchanan and District N-1 Diabetic Chairperson, Lion Harold Borden receive a check from Mr. Wally Brooks, Manager of the St. Mary's Entertainment Center.



Riverview Lions Support Sick Children's Fund

Picture L to R - Ron Paschal, Lion Brennan Beaumont and Dave Owen

Lion Ron Paschal (left) and Executive Director Dave Owens (right) accept a check for \$4,966.96 from Lion Brennan Beaumont. Their mission is "to provide financial support for sick children and their families whose means are surpassed by the medical and treatment expenses"



VICAR

a 6 year-old black Labrador Retriever is the recipient of the 2013 Clancy "Service" Award.

Vicar underwent extensive training in order to carry out specific tasks that provided James Laking with a better quality of life

Vicar was only 18 months old when he was matched with James Laking at the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School in Oakville, Ontario. James is blind and Vicar was his fifth and youngest Canine Vision Dog Guide. Vicar offered James a degree of independence that even his wife Margaret could never have given him. They were inseparable twenty-four/seven.

James is a member of the McAdam Lions Club and has been a Lion for over 30 years. Vicar, therefore, was also a member of the Lions Club. James sang in the choir at St. George's Anglican Church so Vicar became a choir member as did his predecessor, Porter. Both were members of church vestry and both attended

Friday Coffee Mornings at the McAdam Public Library.

In 2011 with failing health, diabetes and the beginnings of dementia it was determined by social services that James needed 24 hour round the clock care - a care Margaret couldn't provide. She had already given up her job to try and they tried homemakers as well but neither worked. James wasn't taking his insulin or eating meals that were prepared and ready for him. So, after a fall when Margaret was not at home, he was taken by ambulance and hospitalized until social services could find a special care home for him one which would allow Vicar.

They did find a place that would accept Vicar, so for a little over a year, James and Vicar were very much a team and very much each other's best friend. There were many days in the winter that Margaret could not get from McAdam to the north side of Fredericton to visit, so Vicar was the only thing constant in James' life.



Toward the end of their year in special care James' health was deteriorating to the point that taking care of Vicar was becoming too much. Vicar wasn't being fed properly so the staff had to take over that chore. Vicar wasn't being groomed regularly - another chore for the staff and Vicar wasn't being exercised, not even walked which also fell to the already over-worked staff. And, then, he was being taken out for his regular breaks to do his 'business'. The care home then asked Margaret to make other arrangements for Vicar.

Once that was done, my husband's health declined more rapidly and in June of last year he was diagnosed with advanced dementia and placed in a nursing home here in McAdam, much closer to Vicar and his family. He could no longer have his dog especially as dementia had robbed him of the ability to walk. Although James could no longer interact with Vicar; Vicar would quietly lay on the floor beside the geri-chair until it was time to leave.

As a rule the Lions Foundation of Canada require that a dog be returned once his services are no longer required. After much discussion it was agreed that Margaret could 'adopt' Vicar where she would still be able to take Vicar to visit James. After all, they were a team and the bond is still there. With the adoption came a special set of guidelines ...

Because of being with James through four of his Dog Guides, counting Vicar, and the fact that Margaret had attended many sessions with James when demonstrating guide dogs, she was given permission to use Vicar, when requested by schools, organizations, Sunday Schools, Lions functions, etc for providing almost the same demonstration, including dog in harness that James had been doing. Margaret's first venture was a request by the Barker's Point Lions Club to bring Vicar to their Dog's Breakfast, a breakfast the club put on to raise money for the dog guide schools at the Lions Foundation of Canada. The other guideline is that Margaret can use Vicar as a therapy dog as he is well trained. This way Vicar has a future visiting hospitals, nursing and special care homes and wherever else his services may be needed. Now a role model, Vicar's presence helps raise awareness for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide programs.

To learn more of Vicar, please contact Margaret Laking at margaretlaking@gmail.com



Picture—Back L to R Lion Gerry Forsythe and Fire Chief Denis Pleau
Front L to R Red Cross Volunteer Melody MacMillan and President Judy Maltby

The Riverview Lions Club recently signed an "Emergency Facilities Agreement" with the Canadian Red Cross. Melody MacMillan, Red Cross Volunteer and President Judy Maltby sign the official agreement. Alert Chairperson Gerry Forsythe and Riverview Fire chief Denis Pleau show their support for the agreement. The mission of the Alert Program is to provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations. The Red Cross works with the Emergency Measures Organization in preplanning for available facilities to be used as shelter in emergency situations.

CONGRATULATIONS to the DRUMBO Lions Club (District A15 Ontario) who were the winners of the Cruise Promotional Contest.

Stay tuned for our next contest.....psssss.....a little bird told me that it was going to be a "CLASSIC CAR"

More information to follow..... Atlantic Quest Director Lion Susan



The Forum in Overland Park, Kansas is only 5 months away. The clock is ticking for both the planning committee and for attendees to register to attend this great Lions event for education, motivation, and inspiration.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Emerald City Gazette as it contains a lot of information about some new innovations for the Forum including our new logo. The April/May issue of the Forum newsletter can be found at:

https://usacanadalionsforum.org/pdf/emerald_city_gazette04.pdf

Our new on-line registration system is also available for those who wish to register online at: https://usacanadalionsforum.org/prereg_page.html

Be sure to checkout our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/usacanadlionsleadershipforum>

"Like" us to receive updates and read comments from attendees.

Not too long ago, the Cartoon Network showed the 1939 original "Wizard of Oz" several times. As Kathy and I watched it - again - I could not help but think of the great quotes to use in Lion speeches, training sessions, and seminars that the Forum being in Kansas will bring. When the wizard told the Tin man "Back in Kansas where I come from there are men that do good deeds, they are called good deed doers". I am sure that L. Frank Baum was referring to the men and women of the Lions Clubs back in Kansas.

See you in Overland Park

Doug Lozier, Past International Director

General Chairperson

2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



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Welcome Saint John South End Lions Club

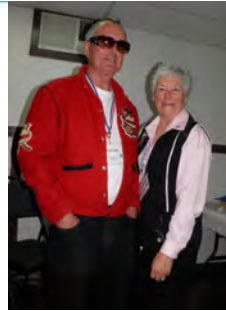
To the Greatest service organization in the world
21 members chartered June 22, 2013



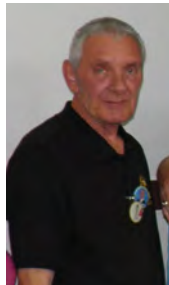
District N-1 hosts Multiple District N Convention May 2013

The Riverview Lions on behalf of District N-1 hosted the largest MD N Convention in many years. The incoming Governor's training was all held at the Riverview Lions Club with their members providing the meals and shuttle service.

The Meet and Greet was a "50 Night" with great food and a lot of fun.



THE CANDIDATES



A SPECIAL Thank you to PDG Charlie Uhlman for his many years of service as an Educator of Lions. Many have enjoyed the benefit of his vast knowledge.



MORE FROM THE MD N 2013 CONVENTION



Congratulations to our own PDG Rod on his success in the election



CC Peter Reid passes the gong to CC elect Stewart to chair the Council of 2013-14



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Lions



From the Editor



*Service action shots tell a great story and shows what we do.
Be Proud to be a Lion
Send me your articles, events and pictures.*

*Lion Susan Sangster
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Please remember to log on to MyLCI to get your billing statement for International Dues that are billed as of July 1, 2013

Important Dates to Remember

June 2013	
June 1:	Helen Keller Day
June 5:	World Environment Day
June 14:	Application deadline for Lions Quest grants to be reviewed at the August 2013 LAC meeting
June 20:	Deadline for 2013-2014 Charter Applications
June 30-July 4:	International Board of Directors Meeting (Hamburg, Germany)

I need to thank you for the many pictures, articles and little tidbits of interesting Lion facts that you have sent to me over the past 7 (yes—SEVEN) years. I'm sure many of you have heard me say that I don't believe in jobs for life but this one was beginning to seem like that.

As service minded people and good Lions, we put our heart and soul into each and every job we do to achieve the high standards the Lions of this District have earned. For every job there is in Lions, there are many people who have the heart, soul and background to do the job very well.

We need to find these people. These Lions need to stand up and commit so we can compile a resource pool to draw from when we need service minded people to lead our District into the future.

Thank you to Lion Jan Phillips for taking this Newsletter into the future. She will do an amazing job. Please send all your pictures, news articles, and events directly to PDG Jan and give her the same fantastic support you have given me.

Newsletter Editor 2013-2014 Lion Jan Phillips fwp@rogers.com

SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR CLUB SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS FROM LCI HEADQUARTERS CLUB SERVICES

To Club Treasurers: Your month-end statement is available for view online at www.lionsclubs.org. The payment instructions were not included, but can be viewed by entering key words payment instructions in the search box on the association's website. Please contact us at membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org if you have problems gaining access to this information.

To Club Secretaries: Please remember to review and update your membership roster if necessary before the end of your term or before June 30, 2013. This can be performed by visiting www.lionsclubs.org and the **MyLCI** page under Membership Reports.

If your club is not filing monthly membership reports online, please provide your membership roster to the Club & Officer Record Administration (CORA) department at Lions Clubs International, 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842 to the attention of CORA or by fax at 630-706-9295 before May 31, 2013. Emails can be sent to stats@lionsclubs.org