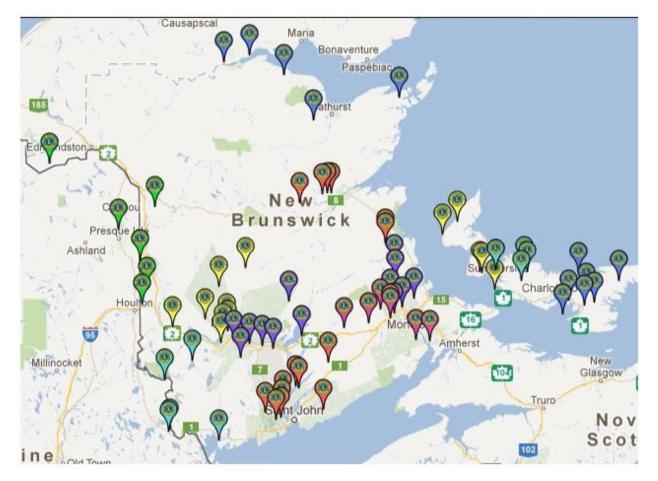
# District NI March and April Newsletter





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## History Teaches That We Sell Ourselves Short

Roger Bannister, a 25-year-old, little-known medical student in England, made history in 1954 when he ran the mile in under 4 minutes. Elite runners had been trying for years to crack the 4-minute barrier. **Some observers speculated that such a feat was impossible.** People could run only so fast. They believed we had reached the limits of speed.

When Bannister broke the tape about half a second under 4 minutes, spectators erupted in pandemonium. The improbable had happened. Yet here is something ever more astonishing: within five years of his feat, more than 100 people had done it. *Today it's done almost routinely*.

What we think is nearly impossible often can be quite achievable. This applies to Lions. It always has. It especially does now that Lions are partnering with the GAVI Alliance to protect tens of millions of children from measles, which kills 120,000 people every year. Most of them are under the age of 5. How incredibly sad. That has been the reality — but not any longer. We will speed ahead, break the tape, and make sure children and adults do not die needlessly.

I tell Lions to Follow Your Dream. Bannister did. Every great person and group does. Lions are great, and perhaps the most consequential actions we take are through the Lions Clubs International Foundation, which is spearheading the measles campaign. *Our service is multiplied exponentially through LCIF.* Our foundation is how we pool our resources and channel our good will.

Please continue to support LCIF. Your service in your own community is invaluable. Your support of LCIF lifts Lions into a whole new realm of possibilities. Let's dream big, reach for the stars and stamp out measles.

Barry J. Palmer Your Lions Clubs International President



International President Barry Palmer is from Australia and is currently serving his term until June 30, 2014.

Barry J. Palmer Lions Clubs

International President

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#### Thank you!

We are now at the last quarter of our Lions year 2013-2014. What a nice journey this has been into the universe of Lionism! During my official visits to the District N-1 Clubs, I have been a privileged witness of the generosity, the sharing, the solidarity and the brotherhood of our Lions members. I have met many Lions proud of their experience to serve their fellow citizens. They have demonstrated an exemplary willingness to commitment and a remarkable creativity in the elaboration of social activities or fundraisers for their Club. There are no limits to what a group of people can accomplish when they decide to unite their efforts to provide assistance to those in need.

During the year, we have lost many members but to date we have welcomed 160 new ones. The efforts that you put in your recruitment have been rewarded. Congratulations Lions! Moreover, more and more young people are joining our ranks. It has been pleasant and refreshing to note this new energy that was taking place around the tables in the Club reunions that I have visited. They have demonstrated that the next generation is really there and ready to join our movement.

To all District N-1 Lions, I say: Cheers and thank you for the work done so far. Let's keep our door open. There are future members who are waiting for our invitation. All you have to do is: Ask!

Lions Clubs of Simonds, Winsloe, Riverview and Newcastle, many thanks to you for having accepted to host so generously our Cabinet meetings and our Convention for the year 2013-2014.

This Newsletter is likewise the last one for the Lion year 2013-2014. I would like to warmly thank our editor Lion Michael Hambrook for his fine work. Thank you Lion Michael for having so generously served District N-1 during this Lion year.

District N-1 Lions Members, it will be a pleasure to see you all back again at the 2014 Convention of District N-1 at the Newcastle Lions Club.

DG Lucio Cordisco



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Merci!



Nous sommes maintenant rendus au dernier trimestre de notre année Lions 2013-2014. Quel beau voyage nous avons

fait dans l'univers du Lionisme. J'ai été témoin au cours de mes visites officielles aux clubs du District N-1, de la générosité, du partage, de la solidarité, de la fraternité, du don de soi et j'en passe. J'ai fait la connaissance de nombreux Lions qui, riches et fiers de leur expérience dans le service à leur « fellow citizens » ont démontré une capacité d'engagement exemplaire et une créativité remarque dans l'élaboration d'activités de levée de fonds ou sociales pour leur club. Il n'y a pas de limites à ce qu'un groupe de personnes peut accomplir lorsqu'elles décident d'unir leurs efforts pour apporter de l'aide à ceux qui en ont besoin. Il n'y a pas de programmes de Lions Clubs International qui n'a (n'aient) pas sa raison d'être. Toutes les tranches de la société sont sur nos listes pour bénéficier de nos services.

Au cours de l'année nous avons perdu beaucoup de membres, mais nous en avons à date accueilli 160. Les efforts que vous avez mis dans votre recrutement ont porté fruits. Quel beaux succès! De plus, de plus en plus de jeunes rejoignent nos rangs. C'était agréable et rafraîchissant de constater ce nouveau souffle qui prenait place autour des tables dans les réunions des clubs que j'ai visités. Ils ont démontré que la relève est bel et bien là, présente tout autour de nous.

À tous les Lions du District N-1 je dis : Bravo, et merci pour le travail accompli à date. Gardons notre porte ouverte. Il y a de futurs membres qui attendent notre invitation. Il suffit de demander : « Just ask! »

Clubs Lions de Simonds, Winsloe, Riverview et Newcastle. Mille mercis à vous tous aussi pour avoir accepté d'accueillir (host) si généreusement nos réunions du Cabinet et notre Convention pour l'année 2013-2014.

Cette Newsletter est aussi notre dernière pour l'année Lion 2013-2014. Je voudrais remercier très chaleureusement notre éditeur Lion Michael Hambrook pour le beau travail. Félicitations Lion Michael et au nom de tous les Lions que tu as servis au cours de l'année, nous te disons à toi aussi : Merci!

Membres Lions du District N-1, au plaisir de vous revoir tous à la Convention 2014 du District N-1 au Club Lions de Newcastle.

DG Lucio Cordisco



Lions Clubs International District N-1



Lions of this great District N-1

And the countdown is on.....2 months and a few days till Canada shine's in Toronto! Has everyone registered? Let's go Lions! It will be an exciting adventure in our own beautiful Canada. We have so much in this great land of freedom and opportunity. We have an amazing opportunity to wave our Red and White with pride.

Again, it's time to measure. We only have 2 measurement months left in this year. Have we made any of our Dreams a reality? Of course we have! Have you applied the 3 R's of Service to your club? Yes, we do every day! We accept the **RESPONSIBILITY** entrusted to us to help our great nation and all its parts a safe happy home. Our Clubs and members do amazing things as WE SERVE!. **RECOGNITION** is the one way we can say "Thank you". DG Lucio will be presenting his "Thank you's at our Annual Convention. I hope to see you all there. As Clubs prepare to hand the reins over to another team, they too will use one of the many ways to say thank you – presentations of Life Memberships, Melvin Jones Fellowships, Certificates of Appreciation - Recognition of a job well done. Remember we do not give so much of ourselves for gratification, and many of the acts of service and kindness are just done quietly so two of the most important words in any language "THANK YOU" say so much and give that much earned "Pat on the back". I am very proud to say that our **REACH** is still expanding. We are still asking people to help us serve. District N-1 has grown by 35 members to the end of March. Keep asking Lions!

Again, Thank you so much to all the clubs who have pledged a contribution to the APSEA project. Be sure to make your check payable to District N-1 and send it to CST Stewart right away if you have not already done so. The Total pledged amount is \$6,354. Thank you!

Election Time is coming. It's time to get your nominating committee together and hold your elections before the **May 15<sup>th</sup>** deadline to file your PU 101's with LCI and District N-1. It is very important that the reports are filed with LCI. Lions deserve the credit for the work they do and these reports help keep the record accurate.

- <u>Lions Worldwide Induction Day</u> Plan a special event to welcome new members and stimulate club growth on April 26.
- Get Ready for Lions Recycle for Sight Month In May, collect used eyeglasses and raise awareness
  about the Lions eyeglass recycling program.

June 5:	World Environment Day
June 15:	Deadline for submission of pre-certified delegate forms for voting at International Convention

Thank you to all the Lions and Clubs who have encouraged and supported me in my visits and duties across the District this year. You are an amazing group of people. Let me know what you have planned for spring and summer events. I hope we will see you all in CornerBrook in May and in Toronto in July. This is truly an exciting time for Canadian Lions.

.....VDG Susan

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<u>From the desk of 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Doug Small</u> Fellow Lions,

Where did that time go? We are now in our busiest period of the year and quickly running out of that precious commodity, time. Have you been able to realize any part of your dream?



Many Clubs have held elections and have sent their notifications of new officers to the district and have sent their incoming officers to school at the convention in the Miramichi.

I hope to see all of you at our convention. I know the team from the Newcastle Lions is planning all sorts of treats for you. The training will be beneficial to both old and new Club Officers and also for the general Lions membership. And don't forget the Multiple District Convention in late May in Cornerbrook. It will be a treat and treasure for everyone who attends plus a chance to create new and foster old Lion friendships.

In July we will have no better chance for the ultimate of Lions adventures. I'm talking about the International Convention in Toronto. I'm going to be there. They don't get this close very often.

This is followed by the ultimate learning experience, the USA/Canada Forum being held this year in San Juan, Puerto Rico in September. I challenge all of the new Club executives to come up with one new project for your Club in the coming Lions year. Many Clubs tend to stagnate and just repeat the same projects year after year. They don't realize that some projects are just not working anymore. Fresh ideas for new projects can invigorate your members and raise more money or provide more service.

Opportunities to travel are everywhere this year, but if you don't want to travel and you learn better while sitting in your pyjamas, may I suggest checking out the on-line webinars and courses available in the Lions Learning Center on our LCI website. You will always find something new and interesting there. There are the quarterly video reports, latest news and events, program descriptions, stories from around the world and here at home, and of course, the Leadership, Membership and Learning centers. A world of information about Lions is at your fingertips.

As always, 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. <u>smallr@nbnet.nb.ca</u>

Great leaders are not defined by the absence of weakness, but rather by the presence of clear strengths. .....John Zenger





A lifetime may not last forever, but memories last a lifetime. — Michael Hambrook

Amend Item 1; Finances to revise the wording of Section B & C as follows:

#### **B) PERMISSIBLE FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S EXPENSES**

The following expenses, up to the amount included in the budget, will be considered as allowable expenses to be paid by District N-1 to the first Vice District Governor, excluding any expenses covered by Lions Clubs International.

1. Mileage, tolls, ferries, accommodation and meals (no liquor) to attend the District N-1 Organizational Meeting, Cabinet Meetings and the August Multiple District N Council Meeting(s), if held.

2. Mileage, tolls, ferries, accommodation, meals (no liquor) and hospitality books for VDG and spouse to attend Sub-District Convention, Multiple District Fall Conference and Multiple District Convention.

3. When the first Vice District Governor is acting as the official representative of the District Governor, his / her expenses, if any, will be reimbursed from the District Governor's allotted budget.

### 4. Photocopying, telephone, postage or other office expenses.C) PERMISSIBLE SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S EXPENSES

The following expenses, up to the amount included in the budget (maximum \$1,500.00), will be considered as allowable expenses to be paid by District N-1 to the second Vice District Governor, excluding any expenses covered by Lions Clubs International.

1. Mileage, tolls, ferries, accommodation and meals (no liquor) to attend the District N-1 Organizational Meeting, Cabinet Meetings and the August Multiple District N Council Meeting(s), if held.

2. Mileage, tolls, ferries, accommodation, meals (no liquor) and hospitality books for VDG and spouse to attend Sub-District Convention, Multiple District Fall Conference and Multiple District Convention.

3. When the second Vice District Governor is acting as the official representative of the District Governor, his / herexpenses, if any, will be reimbursed from the District Governor's allotted budget.

4. Photocopying, telephone, postage or other office expenses.

Other Notices of Motion can be viewed on the Lions Website.





In our April issue, learn about the Together We Can Grow Contest, April's Global Service Action Campaign, LCIF's Million Dollar Measles Challenge and more.

### Get Rewarded for Growing Your Club!

The new Together We Can Grow Contest rewards high-performing clubs for exceptional membership growth. One club in each district can win US\$250 in LCI club supplies or a US\$250 donation toward the club's next Melvin Jones Fellowship. Winning clubs will also receive a banner patch and special recognition from International President Barry Palmer and First International Vice President Joe Preston.

Remember, <u>Family and Friends Month in April</u> is a great opportunity to recruit new members and grow your club. If you haven't planned your club event, do so today!

The Together We Can Grow Contest is underway, so <u>visit the contest page</u> today for complete details and your chance to earn additional rewards for innovative recruiting!

## LCIF's Million Dollar Measles Challenge

World Immunization Week is April 24–30. In celebration, <u>LCIF has launched a 30-day challenge</u> to raise US\$1 million for the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. Donations made for measles during the month of April 2014 will be matched 100% by the family of Abhey and Aruna Oswal, for a total of up to US\$500,000.

Visit <u>www.lcif.org</u> to learn how to make your contribution today! Donations to the Lions Measles Initiative are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible (excluding funds provided by the match).

## You're Invited to the Leo Lion Summit!

Lions are invited to attend the Leo Lion Summit on July 4 -- the first day of the Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada. The summit will bring together Leos and Lions from around the world to share experiences, celebrate successes and learn about exciting new resources that will be unveiled during the event.

Not involved in the Leo Club Program yet? Come to the summit to find out how your Lions club can support youth development. <u>Register for the Leo Lion</u> <u>Summit when submitting your convention registration</u> form and join us on July 4!

### Protecting Our Environment with Family and Friends

This April, join Lions around the world and protect the environment. Planning an environmental project is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends to engage in hands-on service. Organize a community clean-up, plant a tree, or plan a recycling project to collect old eyeglasses, batteries or small electronics -- you decide based on the needs in your community.

Use the following resources to plan and promote your Protecting our Environment Global Service Action Campaign project:

The <u>Call to Action Flyer</u> and <u>Planning Guide</u> are great resources that will provide you with ideas to jumpstart your project.

Visit the Family and Friends webpage for more information on this initiative.

And remember to share your projects using MyLCI!

### May is Lions Recycle for Sight Month

Next month, Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to engage their communities through eyeglass collection projects. Getting involved is easy! Educate your community about the Recycle for Sight program by showing the 10-minute film, <u>"New Glasses, New Life.</u>" Establish new collection locations at schools, places of worship, businesses, etc. Check your existing locations to make sure your collection containers are fresh, attractive and emptied on a regular basis.

Visit the <u>Recycle For Sight page</u> for more information or to order supplies to begin or enhance your collection campaign. And don't forget to promote the need for usable reading glasses and sunglasses, as well.

#### **Lions Quarterly Video**

Watch <u>LQ</u> to learn about the LCIF and Bausch + Lomb Pediatric Cataract Initiative.

#### Highlights and Events

International Convention – Toronto 2014

Last chance to register in advance. Avoid long lines and register by May 1st!

#### Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can participate in locally.

#### New on the Lions Blog

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#### Lions Conduct Sight for Kids

Screenings 3/31/2014 8:00am Today's photo features Lions in the Philippines providing vision screenings to local children. The La Union (Host) Lions Club, La Union (LD) and San Fernando (LU) Lions Clubs... <u>Read</u> more...



Room Rates:

Multiple District "N" Convention 2014 May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Host Club Corner Brook, NL



Return to: Registration Chairperson Lion Karen Buckle 33 Mt. Batten Rd Corner Brook, NL A2H 5C4 Phone: 709-632-9763 Email: karen buckle@cooperators.ca

#### **Conference Booking and Contact Info:**

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Make reservations and payment directly with the hotel and advise them you are booking under the name "Multiple District Lions Convention". April 1st is the booking deadline for receiving the Hotel Special.

Single/Double.....\$115.95

King Size Rooms.....\$125.95

Registration and Meetings will be held at the Greenwood Inn and Suites, Banquet & Meet and Greet will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion. A short walking distance from the Greenwood.

If you have any inquiries, please contact the Convention Chairperson: PDG Penny Pike @ 709-632-8386 or 709-388-8386 or email pennypike79@gmail.com

The Registration Form can be found on the website.

The Riverview Lions Club represented by Lion Rob Gallant (right) recently presented a cheque in the amount of \$1000 to Tristan Gallant, Changed Bandit Hero. Tristan is a key part of a quest in the "Changed Bandit Program" to raise \$15,000 through a radiothon in support of the IWK Health Centre Foundation. Led by an IWK patient hero, individuals, businesses, groups and schools were invited to become Changed Bandits to raise money for the IWK.





The Moncton Lions Club held a fundraiser for Youth Programs featuring the Jimmy Flynn Comedy Show on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>

The event was attended with 2 15 guests and 27 volunteers

A delicious hip of beef dinner was served followed by Jimmy Flynn, Mariner Auction and a 50/50 draw.

Organizer Baby Lion Beth Peterson received a standing ovation from the entire crowd.



**Riverview Lions Support MS Society** 

Picture L to R - Lion President Jim Belliveau and Seretha Spinney



Riverview Lions Club represented by Jim Belliveau is pictured presenting a cheque, in the amount of \$1046, to Seretha Spinney, Secretary, Greater Moncton Chapter, of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. The donation was the proceeds from a pancake breakfast held in February at the Lions Center in Riverview. The mission for the Society is "to be a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling people affected by MS to enhance their quality of life".

#### **Riverview Lions Support Ringette Tournament**

Riverview Lions Club represented by Lion Calvin Spinney, right, recently

presented a cheque, in the amount of \$2000 to Tina Comeau, left, President of the Riverview Ringette Association. Also in the picture are ringette players Janelle and Mason Comeau. The donation will go toward the purchase of banners and medals for the upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ringette Tournament.



Picture L to R - Tina Comeau, Janelle Comeau, Mason Comeau and Lion Calvin Spinney

#### **Riverview Lions Support Portage Atlantic**

Riverview Lions Club represented by President Jim Belliveau, left, presents a symbolic cheque in the amount of \$2000 for the Portage Residential Rehabilitation Centre for adolescents. Jeremie Vautour, Staff Aid, at the Cassidy Lake, N.B. location accepts the donation. Portage Atlantic, from their 64-bed centre, provides an integrated program to help people, from Atlantic

Canada who are suffering from substance abuse, to seek freedom from addiction.





L to R - Lion President Jim Belliveau and Jeremie Vautour

#### **Riverview Lions Recognized by Town**

Riverview Lions Club represented by President Jim Belliveau, left, recently received official recognition, from the Town of Riverview as a "gold level sponsor" of the Neighbourhood Watch Program. Cecile Cassista, Deputy Mayor of Riverview made the presentation at the Lions 54<sup>th</sup> Charter Night celebration.



<u>L to R - Lion President Jim Belliveau and</u> <u>Deputy Mayor Cecile Cassista</u> Annie Sullivan and the trials of Helen Keller

The Lions magazine featured a story about this new book a few months ago. The Island View Lions Club in Quispamsis approved a project to bring the Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan story to elementary school students. The vice principal of Macdonald Consolidated School in Kingston was given a copy to evaluate. VP Ellen Whittaker-Brown consulted with grade 4 teacher Erin Johnston and it was decided that this would be the appropriate grade level. The plan was to make a set of 8 books available to the school to be used a literary circle project. After the first cycle of using the books provided by the Lions club the project will be evaluated and the set may be passed on to other schools in the district so they can understand the value of hard work to overcome handicaps and the connection of Helen Keller to Lions clubs. This book tells a unique story with a combination of text and visual format. Helen Keller was born in 1880 and suffered the loss of her sight and hearing at the age of 19 months as the result of a high fever. By age 6 she was unmanageable. She ate with her hands and refused toilet training. Her parents considered putting her in an institution as they did not know what they could do to help her. Annie Sullivan was a poor Irish born orphan from Boston who was visually impaired. She was raised in an orphanage under very poor conditions. She was clever and worked very hard to become a trained teacher. It was suggested to the Keller family that Annie may be able to relate to Helen because of her own visual impairment. The American civil war had just recently ended and Annie Sullivan, from the north, was going to work and live with a southern family.

Annie was trained with the use of sign language and Helen was able to learn a number of words with the use of a modified sign language. Helen was blind and had to learn the signs by touch. It was not until Helen made a connection between water running on her hand from a hand pump and the word water that she began to understand the connection between physical things and the spelling of the word. This incident became the central theme of an academy award winning motion picture called "The Miracle Worker" Under Annie Sullivan's guidance, teaching and mentoring Helen Keller became a quick learner and received a university degree. She learned to speak and fascinated audiences around the world with her ability to communicate.

The Lions club connection to Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan Lions International was a new community service organization that was formed in 1916 in Chicago. In 1925 they were planning an International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio. They asked Helen Keller to be their keynote speaker. Helen's speech was short only 8 paragraphs long but in her presentation she challenged the assembled Lions to become" Knights of the Blind". The Lions accepted the challenge and the rest is history. For the past 89 years Lions International has concentrated their efforts on helping the blind and visually impaired around the world. Millions of individuals have benefitted from the efforts of recycling used eyeglasses, building eye



hospitals, operating eye clinics in remote areas, and providing guide dogs so visually impaired people can travel easily and safely.

The restoration of sight has changed the lives of many people by allowing them to live useful lives and contribute to their families and communities.





Left to right back row: Erin Johnston grade four teacher, Lion Larry Greer, Lion Royden Brien, Lion Don Macdonald. Front row Grade four students from Macdonald Consolidated School in Kingston NB



Lions Club's donation to Sick Children Fund.

Don du club Lions de Shippagan

Le Club Lions de Shippagan est heureux de remettre un don de 1600.00\$ au FAF de Shippagan pour les enfants malades. De gauche à droite : Majella Gionet membre des FAF de Shippagan, Sylvina Brideau présidente des FAF de Shippagan, Gracia Noël coresponsable du Fonds d'aide pour les enfants malades, Marilyne Ferguson-Mallet, responsable de la levée de fonds pour les enfants malades, Lion Charles-Édouard Robichaud, président du Club Lions de Shippagan, Kathleen McGrath secrétaire et responsable de gérer les dons du Fonds d'aide pour les enfants malades, Lion Robert A. Mallet, responsable du comité des dons au Club Lions de Shippagan. A l'arrière, Valérie Chiasson membre des FAF de Shippagan.

Shippagan Lions Club donation for sick children.

Shippagan Lions Club is pleased to donate a check in the amount of 1600.00\$ to the Acadian & Francophone Women Association for the Sick Children Fund. King Lion Charles Édouard Robichaud and Robert Mallet, President of Donations Committee.presenting the cheque to the members of the Sick Children Fund Committee.

FAF de Shippagan.







Greetings again, fellow Lions and District Members. First of all, in explanation of the title of this report, I am celebrating my 40th birthday on the 29th of April, so I decided to put the words in birthday cake form. The District has graciously acknowledged my 40th birthday and I thank them for that. And in honour of my

birthday, I have quoted myself on page 6. One article I have in this Newsletter is the Notice of Motion, which was sent to me several pages long, but I was asked to put at the end "Other Notices of Motion can be viewed on the Lions Website". This is a shortcut to many of the big reports I will be getting. Without further ado, hope you enjoyed the Newsletter.



Lion Michael Hambrook, Newsletter Chairman