



Governor Ted Hughes

## DISTRICT A-4 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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*"Together we can make it happen!"*  
*Ensemble on va réussir"*



December, 2005

Greetings to all the members of the A4 Lions Family

We are now well into our Lions Year and soon the holidays will be upon us. At this time I would like to thank all the Clubs that have participated in my visits during the past months. I greatly enjoyed the fellowship and friendship that was shown to me and to the Lions that accompanied me from both Brockville and the 1000 Islands Lions Clubs.

During my trips to the Northern part of our district to Beachburg & Killaloe, I had my best view ever of our province's fall colors. They were just fabulous. I would like to thank all the Clubs that have donated so generously to the District Governor's Project. While there is no one specific program all monies donated will be used to assist the visually impaired, whether it be the District Vision Screening Program, LFC or Sight First II.

Sight First II update; I am very pleased to inform you that again the Lions Alberta Foundation agreed to accept donations and provide tax receipts for all Canadian donations forwarded to them. Should any Melvin Jones Fellow wish to become a Progressive Fellow, the appropriate form should be forwarded to the Foundation with a donation in Canadian funds equivalent to \$1000.00 US.

The address is:  
Lions of Alberta Foundation,  
44 Stradnock Crescent SW  
Calgary, AB T3H 2T2

I would like to strongly emphasize at this time that all monies donated to LCIF goes to the designated relief effort, none is used for administrative purposes. These costs are paid from the interest on the Foundation's Investments. Our International Officers are not paid and like you and I are Community Volunteers. I only mention this as I just became aware that the

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Salut à tous les membres de la famille des Lions du District A4

Nous sommes maintenant bien dans notre année de lions et bientôt les vacances de Noël seront arrivées. Je voudrais remercier tous les clubs qui ont participé à mes visites pendant les mois passés. J'ai considérablement apprécié la camaraderie et l'amitié qui m'a été montrée et aux lions qui m'ont accompagné de Brockville et les lions de 1000 Isles.

Pendant mes voyages dans la partie nord de notre District à partir de Beachburg jusqu'à Killaloe j'ai vue le meilleur spectacle des couleurs automnales de notre province. Les couleurs étaient simplement fabuleuses. Je voudrais remercier tous les clubs qui ont donné tellement généreusement au projet du Gouverneur du District. Tandis qu'il n'y a pas un programme spécifique, tous les argents donnés seront utilisé pour aider les altérés visuels ce, soit à travers le programme de criblage de vision du District, le "LFC" ou le "Sight First II"

Mise à jour de Sight First II; Je suis très heureux de vous informer qu'enore la fondation des lions d'Alberta est d'accord d'accepter des dons et de fournir des recus d'impôt pour tous les dons en monaies canadienes transmis à cette fondation. Si n'importe quel camarade de Melvin Jones souhaite devenir un camarade progressif, le formulaire approprié devrait être envoyé à la fondation avec un don dans les fonds canadiens equivlant à \$1000.00 US. L'adresse est la suivante: La fondation des lions d'Alberta, 44 Stradnock Crescent, Calgary, Ab T3H 2T2

Je voudrais souligner que tous les argents donnés à "LCIF" sont dirigés vers les efforts de soulagement, aucun sont employés pour des buts administratifs. Ces coûts sont payés par l'intérêt sur les investissements de la fondation. Nos officiers internationaux ne sont pas payés et comme vous et moi sont la mention de la Communauté de Bénévolés. Je souligne ceci, parce que je me suis juste rendu compte que le Chef de la croix rouge américaine avait été payé \$651.957,00 pour l'année 2003 avec

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## District A4 Cabinet 2005-2006

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that the CEO of the American Red Cross was paid \$651,957.00 for the year 2003 plus expenses and the CEO for United Way was paid \$375,000.00 plus expenses.

I am very encouraged at this time to see that four Lions have placed their names forward to be District Officers in the coming Lion's year. I am asking all Zone & Region Chairs to encourage more Lions to become our leaders for the coming year.

I received correspondence from the Lions of Australia inviting the Lions of District A4 to participate in the Operation Friendship Program more information can be found in this Newsletter, I think it may be a very rewarding venture for anyone selected to attend.

I urge all Lions to view The Lion Magazine (International) on the net at [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org). There are always great articles informing Lions of the world what is happening and what we are accomplishing.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Governor and remember, “together we can make it happen.”

dépenses et le Chef du centre aide était payé de \$375.000,00 avec dépenses.

Je suis très encouragé actuellement de voir que quatre lions se sont présentés pour être des officiers de District pour l'année prochaine. Je demande à tous les chefs de zone et de région d'encourager plus de lions à devenir des chefs au courant de la prochaine année.

J'ai reçu une correspondance des lions de l'Australie invitant les lions du District A4 à participer au programme opération d'amitié. Plus d'information peut être trouvée dans ce bulletin; je pense que cela peut être une entreprise très récompensante pour n'importe qui choisi pour y être présent.

J'invite tous les lions à regarder “The Lion Magazine” (international) sur l'internet à [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org). Il y a toujours de bons articles informant les lions du monde ce qui se passe et ce que nous accomplissons.

En terminant, je voudrais prendre cette occasion de souhaiter un JOYEUX NOËL ET UNE BONNE ET HEUREUSE ANNÉE à vous tous ainsi qu'à vos familles.

Je vous remercie de me permettre de servir come votre Gouverneur et rappelez-vous, “*Travaillant ensemble, nous pouvons le faire passer.*”





## LensCrafters Give the Gift of Sight Program

This article contains important information on how Lions can team up with LensCrafters to bring much needed eyeglass and vision assistance to people in our Lions communities:

**Tuesday December 6, 2005 is Hometown Day** - Each first Tuesday of December, LensCrafters stores have Hometown Day. On this day, LensCrafters stores set aside a special morning to provide free eye exams and glasses to local residents in need as pre-determined by Lions and other charitable groups. Contact your store's Gift of Sight Captain or General Manager to see if they still have space to accept referrals for this year.

**Gift of Sight OnSite Vouchers** - Lions clubs and other groups may obtain a limited number of pairs of glasses for people in need free-of-charge. Eye exams are not included.

**Lions Special Price** - Lions clubs are able to purchase an unlimited number of pairs of glasses for needy individuals at a special price of US\$50 per pair in the United States and US\$70 per pair in Canada. Prepaid Lions Special Price vouchers are available in a book of 10. Eye exams are not included.

Two 40-foot Vision Vans "Seemore" and "Iris," travel North America delivering free eye care and new glasses to disadvantaged children pre-selected by Lions clubs and other local agencies. See if a van is scheduled for your area.

Inquire with the Gift of Sight Captain or General Manager at the LensCrafters store nearest to you on how you can work together on these programs. To locate a LensCrafters store click .

Should you have any questions for LCI, please call 630-571-5466 ext. 315 or e-mail [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org) . We will be happy to assist you.

Regards,

Margaret Newell  
Manager  
Program Development Department  
Lions Clubs International





## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

The phrase, "Charity begins at home" has been heard many, many times over the years during discussions as to how to best distribute the funds generated by special club activities. There are those Lions, even in our own club, who would rather see all the moneys collected be spent exclusively on "community projects" such as youth sports groups, local schools, resident individuals and families in need, etc. Yes, there is a definite responsibility to assist at the local level as much as possible; however, keep in mind that from time to time, there is an obligation to help others outside your club boundaries when the need arises. Not only should every Lions club set aside funds to assist those District projects such as Camp Dorset, Lake Joseph and so on, but also provide funds to help those victims around the world who have suffered greatly from the horrific destruction caused by natural disasters such as the recent Tsunami in Southeastern Asia, Hurricane Katrina in the southern U.S.A., and the latest catastrophe - the devastating earthquake in Pakistan and India.

Be reminded that the name of our organization is, "Lions Clubs International". "International" is the key word. Melvin Jones founded Lions Clubs International in Chicago on June 7, 1917 for the purpose of improving the lot of those in need - at first in the local community and then, soon after, around the world. Today, there are approximately 1.4 million Lion members in 194 countries and geographic locations who are working diligently and unselfishly to better the areas in which they serve as well as provide assistance on a much larger global scale when required. Lions Clubs International mission statement is "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation."

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International. Working with Lions, LCIF prevents blindness, promotes health, assists youths and the disabled, and provides disaster relief. As an example of the latter, LCIF collected, and made available, approximately US \$2 million to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. LCIF provided relief shelters with unmet substantial need such as food, clothing, personal hygiene items and bedding. Health services such as eyeglass distribution were made available as well as provisions to meet the needs of Lions camps and facilities

housing disaster victims.

A steering committee was established to act as a liaison between LCIF and the Lion clubs situated in the affected areas who are staffing shelters and helping those in need of assistance. Partnering with UNICEF, Lions helped to distribute "Schools in a Box", kits which permitted teachers in the affected areas to set up makeshift classrooms to replace those made unusable by the severe damage caused by the hurricane. A mobile eye van was made available to provide vision exams and to dispense eyeglasses as required.

The need is great! Similar assistance, just ten months ago, was provided by LCIF to the Tsunami disaster relief efforts. The victims of last week's earthquake in Pakistan and India will require a great deal of financial assistance also. Once again, all Lions around the world will have to pitch in to provide some help. (It is suggested that those clubs in A4 who are making a donation, should do so through the District organization.)

The following is a copy of the letter in regards to LCIF aid to Pakistan earthquake victims, written by Lions Clubs International President Lion Ashok Mehta, dated 2005-10-10, and appearing on the Lions International web site ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)) ...

"Dear Lions,

In the past 10 months, we have seen tremendous destruction of enormous proportion. First the tsunami in Southeast Asia, then Hurricane Katrina, and now a powerful earthquake has wrecked havoc on the border region of Pakistan and India, near Kashmir. Lions everywhere join the world community in expressing our deep condolences as both Pakistanis and Indians mourn the loss of tens of thousands of their countrymen. LCIF has issued a Major Catastrophe Grant of US \$200,000 to assist with both short and long-term needs. LCIF has also issued three US \$10,000 Emergency Grants so Lions in the affected areas can quickly help people get food, water and medicine.

Because so many Lions around the world have asked how they can help, an

Earthquake Relief Fund for Lions, Lion clubs and others to contribute designated funds for South Asia disaster relief has also been established. Mail a check payable to LCIF and write "Pakistan earthquake relief" in the memo field. Send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn. Donor Services. Or donate by credit card with MasterCard, Visa or American Express by calling LCIF at 650-571-5466, ext. 517 04554. Lines are open between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST.

A committee has been put in place, chaired by Past International Director Nilofer Bakhtiar. This committee will assess needs in the area and help direct Lion relief efforts.

We are all deeply saddened by the enormous loss of life and overall devastation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all in the affected regions of Pakistan and India.

Sincerely,

Ashok Mehta"

There you have it! Please share the pot. Give at home, but please share your resources with those in need, no matter where the need is.

*(This article was written by Lion Ron Issac of the Metcalfe and District Club, and is reproduced here at the request of our Governor.)*





**VISION SCREENING AT HERITAGE SCHOOL – 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

In 2004 the Navan Lions partnered with JT Bradley Country Convenience along with the support of Wyatt and Wayne McWilliams families to generate \$14,000 at St Paddy's dance/auction. These funds were designated for vision programs. \$10,000 was donated to the Wellsprings Centre in Vancouver at which the McWilliams' brothers have received treatment. The remaining funds are being used for the Lions Vision programs; the Vision Screening is one of them.

When the Navan Lions found out that no vision screening was being done in the elementary schools they preceded to set up a pilot at the New Rural School in Cumberland jointly with Cumberland Lions. Thanks to the great cooperation of the Principal, teachers and students on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 42 students of Grades' 5 & 6 were screened resulting in 11 that were recommended, via a letter to their parents, to be seen by an optometrist as a precaution.

On November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> again with the cooperation of the Vice Principal Chantel Cazabon, teachers and students, 201 students were screened resulting in 22% being referred to an optometrist via a letter to their parents. Rockland, Cumberland and Navan Lions participated in conducting the screening. Now the area Lions are planning to contact other schools to perform this valuable screening to ensure our children no not have any issues with seeing the great world around them. Feel free to contact your Lions Club for more information or call Lion Margaret MacNeill at 835-2533 or email [margaret.macneill@sympatico.co](mailto:margaret.macneill@sympatico.co).



Student runners Serena Foo, Melanie Levesque, Kelsey McGruer and Jessica Arthur (absent) with Lions John Bishop and Margaret MacNeill display the vision-screening tool used to screen the students.



## Cornwall Lions Club Donates \$50,000



Left to right, Bob Kilger, Chair of Major Gifts accepts a cheque from Lion Dale Stanley and Lion Stewart Gordon

The Cornwall Lions Club has made a contribution of \$50,000 to the "Our Hospital, Our Future" campaign.

"Our Hospital, Our Future" is the Foundation's fundraising campaign to build a new hospital. The campaign's goal is to raise \$10 million of the projected costs of \$59 million to redevelop the Cornwall Community Hospital. The remainder of the funds will come from municipal and provincial governments.

The Cornwall Community Hospital is the primary acute care facility for a region encompassing the Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengary, as well as the Mohawk community of Akwesasne. Last year, inpatient and day surgery cases numbered 15,000 and more than 100,000 emergency cases were handled. With a staff of 1,100, the Cornwall Community Hospital is the largest employer in Cornwall.

These funds were raised by the members of the Cornwall Lions Club from a variety of activities including Annual Christmas Cake Sales Campaign, Canada Day BBQs, Annual Sports Awards Banquet, Weekly Lotto Draw and other fundraising activities.

The \$50,000 cheque presentation took place on the 15th of September 2005.



## Ho Ho Al

( aka Region 41 Chair Lion Al Page )

It was 16 festive years ago that our Chair for Region 41 decided to call the local Shopping Centre inquiring if they were in the market for a Mall SANTA for the upcoming season. As luck would have it they were, and very quickly Al Page became Santa Claus. Sitting majestically on his throne-like chair in the center court of Billings Bridge Shopping Plaza, Al helps make the fantasies of visiting youngsters come true.



Al's dedication to this annual role has earned him the title of Canada's Premier Mall Santa. He has been Santa to Ottawa's 'Help Santa Toy Parade', the Nepean Santa Parade, the CHEO hospital, and our Prime Minister and his family (paying visits Christmas Eve to 24 Sussex Drive). He has been chosen repeatedly by the Ottawa Sun and Globe & Mail as Ottawa's Best, and is selected annually to grace the front page of the Ottawa Sun for their Christmas edition.

This past 2004 Christmas, in an on-line poll conducted by the New RO, an Ottawa TV station, Ottawa was asked – Whether it's his jolly laugh or his big white beard, who is Ottawa's BEST Mall Santa? The results reported were one-sided. For when it came to Ottawa's favorite, the man who best kept Kris Kringle alive, the guy with the magic dust and who knows what he's doing – Al, the consummate professional, was again voted 'Ottawa's Best' Mall Santa. He invites you to visit his web site and see for yourself – [www.osgoodeward.ca/pages/directory.asp?member=43](http://www.osgoodeward.ca/pages/directory.asp?member=43)

But for now, or at least until the 2005 Christmas season is upon us, Al can be found as an active member of the Greely Lions Club and visiting the Lions Clubs in Region 41.

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## Diabetes Awareness

Merry Christmas to all Lions' Families in A-4.

This Fall, many of our clubs canvassed for White Cane. This is a growing and worthwhile effort. I am hoping to encourage clubs to consider conducting a similar day in the Spring for Diabetes.

Lion Ken Jones has organized and held a "Swing for a Cure" golf tournament on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Perth. Monies raised during our Diabetes Tag Day could be brought to the Tournament by a team or individual from your club.

Let's enjoy a warm fun day doing 'whatever' to increase awareness of the tragic effects of uncontrolled diabetes. Then come enjoy a Golf Tournament, Car Cavalcade and Awards Banquet.

Yours in Lionism  
Lion Al Stewart  
Diabetes Awareness Chair

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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE DISTRICT A4 CONVENTION April 21st-23rd - 2006 Cornwall, Ontario

The 2006 convention host clubs are the Maxville District and the Finch District Lions Clubs. The co-chairmen are Lion George Currier and Lion Barry Brownlee. The Headquarters hotel is the Best Western, but most of the nearby hotels/motels will be available for Lions and their guests to book accommodations. Full mailings will be sent out to all clubs updating this schedule.

The International Guests of honour will be Past International President Dr. Tae-Sup "TS" Lee and his wife Haing-Ja; from Korea. We are indeed very fortunate to have such a recent president as our guest. It is quite a feather in our caps!

District Governor Ted Hughes has decided to maintain the basic format of last year's program. **Friday, April 21st** will start off with registration and certification starting at 2:00 P.M. At 4:00 P.M. display tables and pin-trading booths will be open. A Wine & Cheese reception for invitees, to meet our guests of honour, will be held from 6:00 P.M. until 6:45 P.M. At that time it will open to all members and guests, with a cashbar until 7:45 P.M.

In addition to the various club hospitality suites, the host clubs will provide entertainment in the Cabaret Room from 9:00 – 11:00 P.M. This will allow members to meet and mingle with others from clubs all across the district.

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** after arising early, a special video presentation at 8:00 A.M. will precede the Opening Ceremonies in the Cabaret Room slated from 8:30 until 9:00 A.M. This will be followed immediately by speeches by the VDG & DG candidates, plus the results and awards for the Bulletin Contest.

The Region Meetings will then take place in the assigned rooms from 9:45 to 11:45 A.M. Everyone will be responsible for his own for lunch - from noon until 1:15 P.M. A Worldwide new-member Induction Ceremony will be conducted by the Governor and PIP Tae Sup Lee, assisted by the District Membership Chairperson. This should finish by 1:45 P.M. It will be followed by a session on SightFirst 11, conducted by PCC Carl Young,

Sight Chairperson, PZC Jim McGlade and White Cane Chairperson, PZC Dave Barr, ending at 3:00 P.M.

The Pre-Banquet Cocktail Hour will be held in the Cabaret Room between 6:00 - 7:00 P.M., followed by the Governor's International Banquet. Entertainment will be provided by the McCullough Dancers & Band Immediately after the Banquet.

**Sunday morning, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** the voting booths will be open from 8:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. in the Upper Canada ROOM.

From 9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. the Lions Memorial Service will be held in the CABARET ROOM, followed by the Business Session & Cabinet Meeting. After its conclusion, the election results will be announced, following which the 2006 District A4 Convention will be adjourned.

Please remember, this schedule is **TENTATIVE!** More precise details will be provided as they are firmed up.

*(Submitted by PDG C.W. (Gus) Este, Convention Advisor)*

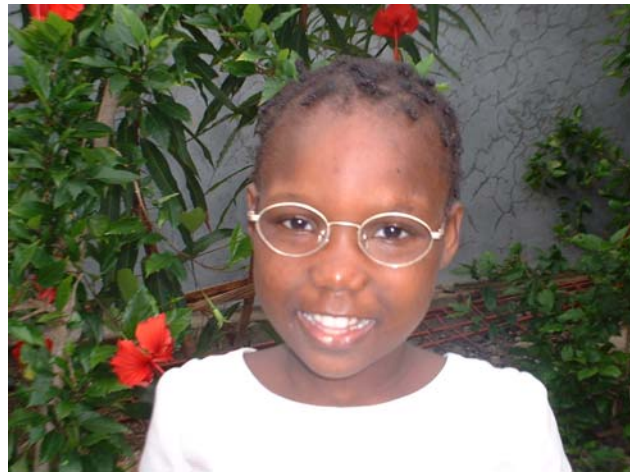
### Nominations for 2006/2007 Received to date

James Johnson for Governor  
Jerome Andre for Vice-district Governor  
Gerry Langevin for Region Chair 13  
James D. Doyle for Zone Chair 13N



## One Pair of Glasses Can Change a Person's Life

For many years now, Lions Clubs around the world have been collecting used eyeglasses in good condition and sending them to third world countries. It is like receiving a new gift of sight for those who are helped.



### Packing & Shipping of Donated Eyeglasses

First, remove eyeglass cases, and check for loose and broken lenses or damaged lenses and frames; if you find any like this, discard them. If the glasses are not good enough for a Lion to wear, throw them out. Rather than storing glasses for a long time, send as soon as possible the Lion Eyeglass Recycling Center. Time, extreme temperature and weather conditions cause damage to frames and lenses, often rendering them useless.

The Lion Eyeglass Recycling Centre will accept any of the following: Regular adult glasses complete, Sun-glasses complete, Safety Glasses, Post-surgery Sunshades, Uncut Lenses only, Frames, and New Soft Eyeglass cases ONLY. PLEASE, NO loose lenses or Hard Eyeglass Cases. Please send both plastic and metal frames.

Pack eyeglasses in a sturdy corrugated box. Layer rows of eyeglasses with tissue paper, newspaper or styro-foam. Please avoid using shredded packing materials or Styrofoam "peanuts." Seal box with strapping tape.

Glasses can be shipped in one of two ways. You can drop them off at a local United Van Lines office. They will ship them free of charge to the Lion Eyeglass Recycling Centre. The boxes should be labelled:

St George Moving and Storage  
C/O Connie Lorencz  
6030 3rd St. S.E.  
Calgary, AB  
T2H 1K2  
Phone Direct: (403) 212-6483

**Or**

You can ship them yourself, but if you use this option, they must be shipped **PREPAID**. Send them to:

Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre  
C/O Calgary Correctional Centre  
11808-85th Street N.W.  
Calgary, AB  
T2M 4L9

**In either case, include your return address!**



### International Youth Exchange Program:

A4 Host Families are URGENTLY needed for foreign students (17 to 20 yrs) wanting to visit the National Capital area in summer 2006.

Responsibilities as follows:

Youth visit A4 District in summer for 4 weeks – 30 June to 28 July 2006

Room/Board financed by Host family – young person lives with you and shares cultural experiences

Hosts do not have to be Lions

Host Application Form and police criminal background check is required

A4 District outings will be planned for group and these will be funded by District.

A4 hopes to accept 4-6 students so please consider participation

Your A4 Contact is:

Lion Anne Pearse, A4 Youth Exchange Chair, Barrhaven Lions Club  
(613) 825-1646 e-mail: [rapman50@sympatico.ca](mailto:rapman50@sympatico.ca)

### **NORTH DUNDAS LEOS EXCEL IN ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS**

Each year the club celebrates its achievements for the past year and inducts new members. This year we were happy to have Governor Ted present to induct 11 of the 12 new LEO's in the club (one was absent). This brings our membership to 23 and helps us celebrate our 5th year and shows how we have grown from the original 9 charter members, the last of whom just graduated last year. We also honoured three members from last year who earned the Silver level of Lion's Young Leaders Award for more than 50 hours of service last year. This is less than the previous year's 7 silver and 3 gold but shows how the increased membership has lessened the workload. All new members are active and we hope to have an even more successful year ahead.



Left to Right (back row) Governor Ted Hughes, Caitlin Reichert, Hayley Moher, Courtney Durant, Ryan Hay, John Servage, (Front row) Brittany McMillan, Alicia Summers, Holly Klein-Swormink, Kaitlin Hay, Brittany Beckstead, Alyssa Ball, and Leo Club President Stephanie Servage