



Lions Clubs International

Governor's Newsletter

District A4

Ontario & Québec



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Governor's Jan./Feb. Message

The Governor's Musings

*Fellow Members of the A4
Lions Family:*

What an organization stands for and how its members represent it are the key elements for building membership in that organization. Many of us join clubs and organizations because we believe in the work they are doing and what they stand for. And it is us, the individual members, who have the greatest impact on new membership, club-building and growth. As such we must accept, that we all have the responsibility to bring in more members to our meetings.

Word of Mouth is the Best Promotional Tool!

Think about it – why did you join Lions? For most of us, it was because someone asked us to come to a meeting. Whatever brought you to Lions, you are still here. And what is keeping you here? Whatever it is ... share your enthusiasm with others. Have you brought a guest to a meeting recently? Have you asked friends and family to get involved? Don't you remember the excitement you felt after your induction, as part of the ...



District Governor Al "Ho-Ho" Page

greatest Service Club organization in the world? How has your life changed? I know that my own life has changed tremendously because of my involvement with Lions. And I believe that the contributions of my fellow Lions club members have added positively to our community and its residents. I'm proud to be a Lion.

For all of us, after three years of Sight First II, it's time to start thinking and speaking that 'M' word again, "MEMBERSHIP". Pass it around.

You gotta believe ...Lions do make a difference!
Vous devez croire... les Lions font une difference!

Lion AI Page

Your Governor

Message du Gouverneur jan./fev.

La rêverie mensuel de votre gouverneur

*Chers membres de la famille
des Lions de A4:*

La signification d'une organisation et ses membres représente les éléments clés pour bâtir l'adhésion à cette organisation. Plusieurs d'entre nous adhèrent à des clubs et des organisations, parce que nous croyons au travail qu'ils font et ce qu'ils représentent. Et c'est nous, les membres individuels, qui avons la plus grande influence sur les nouveaux membres, le club et sa croissance. À ce titre, nous devons tous/toutes accepter que nous avons la responsabilité d'amener plus de membres à nos réunions.

De Bouche à Oreille – c'est le meilleur outil de promotion!

Pensez-y - pourquoi avez-vous rejoint les Lions? Pour la plupart d'entre nous, c'est parce que quelqu'un vous a demandé de venir à une réunion. Quelle que soit votre raison, vous êtes toujours ici. Et quel est votre raison pour vous ici? Quoi qu'il en soit ... partager votre enthousiasme avec les autres. Avez-vous amené un invité à une réunion récemment? Avez-vous

demandé à votre famille et à vos is de participer? Ne vous souvenez-vous pas de votre enthousiasme après votre induction dans le cadre de la plus grande organisation de clubs de service dans le monde? Comment a changé votre vie? Je sais que ma vie a changé considérablement en raison de mon engagement avec les Lions. Et je crois que les contributions de mes collègues des clubs Lion ont ajouté positivement à notre communauté et à ses citoyens. Je suis fier d'être un Lion.

Lion AI Page

Votre Gouverneur

Tribute to Michael Hayes

I was pleased to represent our A4 Lions, as Governor, at the 5th Annual Canadian Blind Curling Championships. My pride as a Lion was furthered when they announced a new Sportsmanship Award named for Lion Michael.

He was instrumental in the inception of this National Bonspiel. Of course this is nothing new for those of us who know Michael, as he was also the driving force behind our own BAIT now in its twenty-first year.



District Governor: Al Page
 Cabinet Secretary: Gerrie Kautz
 Cabinet Treasurer: Trevor Roberts
 Vice Dist. Governor: Tom Keates
 Imm. Past DG: Jerome Andre

Region 13 Chair: Ashlea Etherington
 Region 22 Chair: Joe Gauthier
 Region 30 Chair: Tom Feltmate
 Region 41 Chair: Helen Porteous

Zone 13 (N) Chair: B.J. Maguire
 Zone 13 (S) Chair: Hal MacPherson
 Zone 22 (E) Chair: Dave Campbell
 Zone 22 (W) Chair: Carolyn Vis
 Zone 30 (W) Chair: Betty Laronde
 Zone 30 (S) Chair: Fred Wilson
 Zone 41 (N) Chair: Bob Fraser



Lion Kris Schulz, President of the Manotick Lions Club, was recently presented a Helen Keller Fellowship by the Governor of District A4, Lion Al Page



MD "A"



Gateway to the North
CONVENTION 2009

June 4th - June 7th

**CLARION RESORT PINWOOD PARK,
 NORTH BAY**

*Further information and Registration forms
 are available at our District A4 Website
www.a4lions.ca/*

White Cane Day

Our next White Cane Day will be held on Saturday, September 26 2009.

There will be White Cane Supplies available at this year's District A4 Convention in Ottawa.

If you need more information on White Cane call Lion Dave Barr, the White Cane Chairman for District A-4 at:
613-659-3326

MD "A" - Lions Resource Centre Website is Now Available
 An MD "A" Lions Resource Centre website is currently under development. It's goal is to provide a "one-stop-shopping" website for your use for Lions resources and tools in all aspects of Lionism. The preliminary release of the MD A "Lions Resource Centre" may be viewed at

www.magma.ca/~johnstonj/lions/

Suggestions for improvements to the website are always welcome.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
Lion James Johnston
 District A4 Retention Chair

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE GOVERNORS VISITATIONS February/March- 2009

Feb 23	4 th Mon	Brockville LC
Feb 24	th Tue	Kanata-Hazeldean LC
Feb 25	4 th Wed	Stittsville District LC
Feb 26	4 th Thu	Morrisburg & District LC Combined with Iroquois
Mar 4	1 st Wed	Ottawa Chinese L C (Noon meeting)
Mar 6-7-8	F-S-S	MD'A' 3 rd Council Meeting New Market. ON
Mar 9	2 nd Mon	Osgoode & District LC
Mar 10	2 nd Tue	Russell LC
Mar 11	2 nd Wed	Mansfield-Fort Coulonge LC
Mar 12	2 nd Thu	Plantagenet LC Combined with Vankleek Hill/Lefaire / Hawkesbury
Mar 14	Sat	Morrisburg 60 th Charter Anniversary
Mar 17	3 rd Tue	Calabogie LC
Mar 18	3 rd Wed	Ottawa South LC
Mar 21	Sat	MERL - District Conference Smiths Falls
Mar 23	4 th Mon	Kemptville LC
Mar 26	4 th Thu	Cardinal LC
Apr 6	1 st Mon	Orleans LC Community Night
Apr 7	1 st Tue	Almonte LC Combined with Carleton Place LC
Apr 8	2 nd Wed	Maniwaki LC Sugar-bush + Barrhaven LC members
Apr 17-18-19		A-4 Convention Ottawa
Apr 19	Sun 4 th	A-4 Cabinet & District Annual General Meeting - Hampton Inn

**To be continued next Issue
 April/June 2009**



2008-09 District A4 Forum

Chimo Elementary School – Smiths Falls, Ontario
11 Ross Street, Smiths Falls, Ontario.
Saturday March 21, 2009

Lions Looking Forward to a Bright Future

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30 AM	Registration & Welcome (<i>MERLO Team</i>)
09:30 – 10:30 AM	Break-out Session # 1 (<i>see topics below</i>)
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 – 11:45 AM	Break-out Session # 2 (<i>see topics below</i>)
11:45 – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 – 01:30 PM	Break-out Session # 3 (<i>see topics below</i>)
01:30 – 01:45 PM	Break
01:45 – 02:45 PM	Break-out Session # 4 (<i>see topics below</i>)
02:45 – 03:00 PM	Break
03:00 – 03:45 PM	Q & A Session

Topics & Presentors:

Membership – Lion Lou Brunet
Orientation – Lion James Doyle
Revitalization of our Club – Lion James Johnston

Leadership – Lion Andy Etherington
Communications – Lion Ray Lebeau
Public Relations – Lion Gus Este

To Pre-register as an individual, or as a Club - Contact Lion Andy Etherington
by E-mail: etherington.is@rogers.com or by phone: 613-744-6438.



PRIDE IN SERVICE

By: *Lion Ray R Lebeau*
A4 MERLO Team

Lions are dedicated men and dedicated women who proudly work together to bring light and hope to those who are less fortunate. In the M.D. "A" Edition, December 2008 'Lion' magazine, the President of The International Association of Lions Clubs, Lion Albert F. Brandel, stated that Lions are optimistic people. We believe in a bright future. That's partly because we know we can help shape the future in a positive way through our service.

He went on to report that LCIF was named the number one non-governmental organization (NGO) by the prestigious Financial Times in 2007 and that the rest of the world is beginning to notice and give us our due. Our number one ranking is a reason to feel proud – and to invite others to join us as Lions.

Let's be proud of who we are and what we do and never hesitate to let

others know that we are an organization you want to be part of. We're a great group of people doing great things! We need to say to others: Won't you join us?

President Brandel went on to state that former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a Lion, nominated Lions for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is a wonderful recognition of the importance of the service done by every club and each Lion.

I ask you, does it get any better? In addition to being the largest service club organization in the world, we've been ranked the number one NGO and we've been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. WOW! What man or woman would not want to be a part of this great group of proud volunteers?

As reported in the January 2009 District A4 Club Membership Statistics, we have 72 clubs with 298 female Lions, 1416 male Lions for a total of 1714.

That breaks down to an overall membership that is 17 percent female and 83 percent male. Based upon these statistics, I am sure you will agree with me that we still have a way to go

In regards to making our clubs more accessible to female Lions.

Since the beginning of this Lions Year, July 1, 2008, I am pleased to report that we have recruited 68 new Lions, 25 female and 43 male. I have already ordered the special Commemorative Certificates of Membership for each one of our new Lions and they will be presented at the Worldwide Induction Day Ceremony during the April Convention, April 18, 2009. I am hopeful that all of our new Lions, and their sponsors, will be able to be in attendance and I strongly encourage your participation.

In closing, let me express my sincere thanks to the District A4 Lions Clubs who have an active and energetic *Three-Person Membership Committee* in place. The work being done by your dedicated Lions in attracting new male and female members is sincerely appreciated by me, our District Governor Lion HO-HO AI Page and our International President.

"WE SERVE"

Ray
Membership Chairman

APPLICATION FOR A LCIF GRANT TO PURCHASE A VAN

Submitted by Lion Ted Hughes, PDG

At the November Cabinet Meeting in Richmond a motion was made requesting permission to canvas all the clubs in the District seeking their financial support to apply for a LCIF grant to purchase a much needed van for Lake Joseph. (Lake Jo)

The Governor and members of Cabinet granted this request. The application will be, submitted by the Brockville & Seeley's Bay Lions Clubs.

The committee overseeing this process will be, PRC Lion Bob Fournier, who has experience in completing these application, PRC Lion Ray Trudel, Chair Person for Lake Jo, Lion Dave Bardwell, President Seeley's Bay Lions Club and the undersigned, President of the Brockville Lions Club.

The goal is to raise \$15,000.00 plus and have this matched by LICF to purchase the van. At the present time the Brockville Lions Club have \$2,795.00 in reserve to put into the fund if we can raise the balance.

The committee is appealing to all clubs to support this worthwhile project. All donations should be forwarded to the District Treasurer indicating the funds are for Lake Jo. Remember for each \$100.00 donated your club can recommend that member can be awarded a certificate as a Knight of Lake Jo, just send your nomination to Lion Ray and he will ensure that your club member will be recognized.

Lions remember April 2006 in Cornwall and the money we raised for Campaign SightFirst II when a Lion stepped up to the plate and had his first haircut

in over fifteen years. Well I am very honoured to tell you that Lion Lynn Stewart feels so strongly about Lake Jo he will again donate his beautiful ponytail to the cause. In addition to that, Lion Lynn is donating a canoe to the facility. Also other Lions from A4 are purchasing a pontoon boat for the camp.

We are encouraging all Lions Clubs to come on side and support this great project to assist those less fortunate than we are.

Would it not be an awesome thing if every Lion's family in this great district over the next few weeks donated \$100.00 to one of the projects that we support; Lake Jo, Low Vision Clinics, BAIT, LFC and the Cancer Telethon.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER WE ARE
THE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND**

Ted



District A4

2009 Governor's Curling Bonspiel



The Cumberland Lions Club would like to welcome Lions curlers (and all wanna-be curlers) and their spouses, friends, etc., to grab their brooms and participate in the District A-4 '2009 Governor's Curling Bonspiel' on Saturday, 7 March 2009. The details of this fun bonspiel are as follows:

Bonspiel Chair – Lion Brian MacDonald - 613 833-0958

Other Bonspiel Committee Members:

Lion Ray R Lebeau - 613 673-2125

Lion Gordon Kerluke - 613 833-0316

Lion Judy MacDonald - 613 833-0958

- Date - Saturday, 7 March 2009**
- Time - 08:00AM to 4:00PM**
- Lunch - A soup & sandwich lunch will be provided**
- Location - Navan Curling Club**
- Dinner & Awards - from 5:00 PM to closing - Cumberland Lions Club**
- Cost - \$140.00 per rink (team of 4 curlers)**
- Curling - Each team will curl two six-end games**

In order for the Governor's Bonspiel to proceed, it is essential that the Cumberland Lions Club register a minimum of 16 curling teams. Please try to register early and note that the deadline for registration is Friday, February 20, 2009. You are requested to ensure that all of your Lions are aware of this event. All members of the Cumberland Lions Club look forward to your support and to seeing you on the ice on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Navan Curling Club.

“WE SWEEP”





IN MEMORIAM - DECEASED MEMBERS OF DISTRICT A4

1000 ISLANDS DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

BARBARA HELEN NORTHWOOD

Date Deceased: 12/01/2008

ALEXANDRIA LIONS CLUB

MICHAEL BARBARA

Date Deceased: 11/01/2008

BEACHBURG LIONS CLUB

MICHAEL MC CREA

Date Deceased: 10/01/2008

BROCKVILLE LIONS CLUB

KEN CHISAMORE

Date Deceased: 09/01/2008

CHALK RIVER & AREA LIONS CLUB

DON TOOLEY

Date Deceased: 10/01/2008

CORNWALL LIONS CLUB

NICK KANEB

Date Deceased: 10/01/2008

CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB

RONALD WALKER

Date Deceased: 12/01/2008

EDWARDSBURG LIONS CLUB

CYRREL DEDEKKER

Date Deceased: 06/01/2008

ELGIN LIONS CLUB

ALLAN BURT

Date Deceased: 11/01/2008

EDMUND KENNEY

Date Deceased: 11/01/2008

JOHN LENIO

Date Deceased: 12/01/2008

GANANOQUE LIONS CLUB

CLAIRE PELLETIER

Date Deceased: 01/01/2009

KANATA HAZELDEAN LIONS CLUB

JOHN MAXWELL

Date Deceased: 10/01/2008

LOW & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

MICHEL EMOND

Date Deceased: 08/01/2008

MADAWASKA VALLEY LIONS CLUB

WALTER VLASIC

Date Deceased: 11/01/2008

MORRISBURG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

BLAKE CRUICKSHAN

Date Deceased: 10/01/2008

OTTAWA SOUTH LIONS CLUB

ALBERT BROWN

Date Deceased: 10/01/2008

PEMBROKE-PETAWAWA LIONS CLUB

BARBARA HELEN NORTHWOOD

Date Deceased: 12/01/2008

ROCKLAND LIONS CLUB

GORDON MOORE

Date Deceased: 01/01/2009

RUSSELL LIONS CLUB

DON HAY

Date Deceased: 01/01/2009

SEELEY'S BAY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

RALPH MC CANN

Date Deceased: 01/01/2009

STITTSVILLE DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

EDWARD SMITH

Date Deceased: 11/01/2008



NO CHILD WITHOUT - DISTRICT A4 LEADING THE WAY

By Lions Ray Ball and Kim Bates



District A4 Lions, in support of the No Child Without Programme (NCW), have achieved the following between May 2008 and January 31, 2009:

- 12 Clubs have sponsored a total of 16 schools in their communities by raising over \$20,000 which guarantees that a minimum of 200 + children will now be protected by MedicAlert bracelets with a Lions logo attached; and
 - Over \$11,000 was raised by A4 Lions in the month of January 2009 alone. What is even more amazing is that another 27 schools have been pledged to be sponsored by Lions Clubs.
- That number does not include major initiatives in progress by some District A 4 Clubs that are planning on announcing sponsorships, in conjunction with special events, such as Charter Night Anniversaries.

year, as we have four Lions Years remaining in this programme: in partnership with MedicAlert Canada. By Convention time in our district, we expect that over 50% of our clubs will either have sponsored, or are waiting for some specific administrative items to have been completed

District A 4 Lions under the leadership of Governor "HO-HO" Al Page and the district officers, plus plenty of effective work by all the rest of us, are the recognized NCW leaders in Canada. Many of our clubs are promoting the programme via news releases, and we even expect an article about the Stittsville Lions Club to appear in the MD"A" version of the LION magazine. NCW is helping District A4 to get relevant and much-needed publicity that the Lions Clubs Organization needs as "We Serve."

None of these statistics include plans already shared with Lion Kim and Ray - to adopt additional schools next

Way to go A4!!!
Kim & Ray



B. A. I. T.

Blind Anglers International Tournament

Volunteers Needed

BAIT is a program which was created by Lions and supported by clubs, their members, professional fishermen and other volunteers. Annually in the spring Blind folks are given the opportunity to go fishing in really neat boats with great Pro fishers. The Lions look after all the logistics of food, accommodations and entertainment, under strict guidance of volunteer Shepherds.

This all takes place at a great waterfront lodge, in Westmeath - Nangor Resort.

To volunteer or obtain more information please call Lion Michael Hayes: Tel: 613-744-6035

DISTRICT A-4 CONVENTION – APRIL 17, 18 & 19, 2009
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

PROGRAM

Friday 17th

- 5:30 – 8:00pm
- 6:00 – 8:00pm
- 7:00 – 7:45pm
- 8:00 – 9:00pm
- 9:00 – whenever

- Registration & Credentials
- Displays
- Meet and Greet – Open to all (cash bar)
- Greely Players – Entertainment
- Hospitality Time

Saturday 18th

- 6:45 – 8:15
- 8:00 – Noon
- 8:30 – 9:30am

- District Officers Breakfast
- Registration & Credentials
- Opening Ceremonies, Parade of Flags & Presentations

Time TBD

- 9:45 – 11:00
- 9:45 – 11:00
- 9:45 – 11:00
- 9:45 – noon
- 11:00- noon
- Noon – 1:30pm
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm
- Time TBD
- 2:00 – 5:30pm
- 2:00 – 5:30pm
- 3:00 – 5:30pm
- 6:00 – 7:00pm
- 7:00 – 9:30pm
- 9:30 – 10:00pm

- Partners programs
- Region Meetings
- New Member Orientation Session
- Lioness Meeting
- Displays

Voting

- Convention Awards Luncheon
- Elvis is in the Building – Entertainment
- World Wide Induction Ceremony
- Partners programs
- Registration & Credentials
- Displays
- Hospitality Time
- Cocktails
- International Banquet
- Close of Banquet Entertainment "Roundabout"

Sunday 19th

- 6:45 – 8:15am
- 8:00 – 9:45am
- 8:00 – 10:00am
- 9:00 – 9:30am
- 9:30 -12:00pm

- PDG Meeting/Breakfast
- Registration & Credentials
- Voting
- District A4 Memorial Service
- District A4 Cabinet Meeting and General Business Session
- Presentations
- Voting Results
- Symbolic Transfer of Gavel
- Introduction of 2009-2010 Cabinet
- Adjournment /Close of Convention

Noon



Lions meet with municipal politicians: Foreground from left to right - Councillor, Lion Doug Thompson and his wife Mary Lynn, chat with Gov. Al Page. In the background Mayor Larry O'Brien with Lion Tom Montgomery, PRC



33rd Annual



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

*“Move to Grow -
Lions Leading
Through Service”*



**September 24 – 26, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee**

BRING ONE CAMPAIGN

Because of its success, we will again offer participation in the ***“Bring One Campaign”***.

We hope that all of you who have enjoyed the Forum in the past will invite a ***first timer*** to attend the Memphis Forum with you. Those of you who attend ***and bring a first timer*** with you will receive a special Forum Pin.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.usacanadalionsforum.org



Funfillment!

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Memphis is your chance to enhance your leadership capabilities in a non-stop atmosphere of complete fulfillment.

Fulfill your desire to lead efficiently and have fun experiencing this special destination filled with great music and food...

“Move to Grow- Lions Leading Through Service.”

For further information, or to notify you will be attending , call the District A4 Forum Promotions Chairman -
Lion Gus Este Tel: 613-825-1168
E-mail: jusgus@rogers.com

Next District A4 - Cabinet & Annual General Meeting

Where: District A4 Convention - Hampton Inn

When: Sunday April 19, 2009

Call to order: 10:00 a.m.

Reports:

Officers & District Committee Chairs -

Will report through the DG, VDG, or the respective Region Chairpersons. Verbal reports will be kept to essential *“need to know”* matters. Written copies to the Cabinet Secretary, Lion Trevor Roberts, prior to April 12, 2009.

Charter Anniversaries

- **Mar 14, 2009 - Sat. Morrisburg - 60th Anniversary**
- **April 25, 2009 - Sat . Maxville - 45th Anniversary**
- **May 2, 2009 - Sat . Gananoque - 70th Anniversary**
- **May 9, 2009 - Sat. Elgin LC - 60th Anniversary**
- **May 23, 2009 - Sat. Finch & District - 40th Anniversary**
- **May 23, 2009 - Sat. Brockville LC - 70th Anniversary**