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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE
GRAVENHURST LIONS
CLUB**



The Lions Club of Gravenhurst

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Gravenhurst Lions News & Announcements



Birthdays

Terry Stevenson - Dec 21st

Gord Campbell - Dec 24th

Ian Gray - Dec 27th

Anniversaries

Lorne & Eleanor Punshon - Dec 17th

Ron & Barb Riddell - Dec 19th

Randy & Lynn McGregor - Dec 22nd

Ed & Barb Stirrett - Dec 27th

Carrie & Ryan Roos - Dec 28th

Dave & Nancy Durant - Dec 31st

Get Well Wishes

Eunice Chaisson

Carol Kloepfer

Harvey Ramer

Bill Daoust

Doug Campbell

And anyone else out there who I was not told about our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB
CONVENTION IS IN APRIL 2008
AT TABOO RESORT DON'T
FORGET TO REGISTER NOW

Hi Lions:

The December 18 Xmas meeting is now only 2 meetings away and your "Special Meeting Committee" is looking to add a penny auction, a "adopt a family" plan, and adding to the Food Bank supplies. For the Food Bank, we are asking you to bring either non-perishable food or an unwrapped toy to the meeting. John Young from the Salvation Army will be at this meeting and it would be a great opportunity to show him the generosity of Lions. We also plan to run a penny auction (similar to a silent auction) as a fund raiser into our Activities account. We will accept any item for the auction, gags or otherwise. We now have 3 items and would like to see more. This committee is currently canvassing local schools to see if our Club can sponsor a family for Xmas. This is a program that was done by the Lioness and we would like to revive it.

Any comments ? let us know

Lion Ian, Lion Jim

Lions,

I've just received word that Doug Campbell is home from the hospital

- spleenless. He is recuperating at home, and will not be returning to work until the New Year.

Chris

Lions,

I would like to thank each of you for your support by accompanying VDG Nan and the Convention Promotion Committee on their visits around the District.

Since the start of the Lions' year, we have completed 7 club visits, 7 Zone Advisory Meetings, 1 Cabinet Officer Training session, and 1 District Cabinet Meeting. It would not have been possible without you. Now it's time for a bit of a rest. We're taking December off and starting up again in January!

Our convention has definitely created a buzz around the District and beyond, and there is a level of excitement that is quickly becoming contagious.

When speaking to the Lions around the District, several indicated that they don't normally attend conventions, but they wanted to attend this one because it looks like it's going to be a great weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you on the "quest" after the holidays!

"Sir" Christopher Lewis

Promotion Chair

2008 Muskoka Knights Convention

Hello Gravenhurst Lions:

May I also add my sincere thanks to what Sir Chris has said - it's be absolutely fantastic having you accompany me on the official visits and it makes me so proud to tell everyone that "I am a Gravenhurst Lion!"

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Medieval Feast.

And speaking of things-Medieval . . . the costumes are beginning to arrive here in Florida, so we will have them for you when we return a day or two before our December Feast.

Take care, and we'll see you soon (and I know it's been snowing non-stop since we left last week, and we're feeling a bit sheepish because it's been hot and sunny down here).

Cheers!

Lion Nan

RECOGNIZING A STROKE:

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Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps.

Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S *Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T *Ask the person to **TALK**, to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE**. (Coherently) (i.e. . It is sunny out today)

R *Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue . if the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

A cardiologist says if everyone who reads this , you can bet at least one life will be saved.

LIONS GRACE

LIONS TOAST

**O LORD, THY BLESSINGS NOW LET FALL
UPON THESE LIONS AS THEY CALL
MAY ALL OUR TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BE
FOREVER STRENGTHENED LORD BY THEE.**

**NEVER ABOVE YOU
NEVER BENEATH YOU
ALWAYS WITH YOU**

To all A-12 Lions Clubs
District A-12 Cabinet Officers
District A-12 Honorary Committee
District A-12 Lioness Clubs

November 26, 2007

I am pleased to inform you that District A-12 once again hosted a very successful Lions International Youth Exchange Program during the summer of 2007.

Youth Exchange Committee (2008) has met and has been busy planning a program for next summer.

This Lions Year, a presentation on Youth Exchange is being made at the District Cabinet Meetings and at all Zone meetings. I thank the Zone Chairmen for their hospitality and giving me the opportunity to speak at their meetings.

Objectives are:

- to inform all Lion members about this wonderful program,
- to ask for financial support from each club
- to recruit host families for the 2008 summer program
- to encourage recruitment of local students who may wish to participate

We appreciate the generous financial support in the past and that is what has truly helped in making this Youth Exchange Program in A-12 such a success!

To finance our Youth Exchange Program, we are asking that each club consider a contribution of \$200 this year. If possible, we are suggesting that each club makes financial support of the Youth Exchange Program as part of the annual budget.

All contributions should be sent directly to our District Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Tom Vanderwouw,
141 Tupper Street, West, Alliston, Ontario, L9R 1E4

Please do contact me if you wish to have more information.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as Youth Exchange Chairperson – it is an honor and a privilege to serve our youth!

Yours in Lionism

PDG Raija Rosenthal

Youth Exchange Committee Chair 2007-08

PS – Copy of the proposed 2008 Youth Exchange Program is being sent separately.

Dear Club Officers,

Do you know what to expect when your club succeeds in recruiting more women and young people as members?

Experience shows that your club will gain:

- Energy
- Commitment
- Connections
- New ideas
- Enthusiasm and a spirit of fun, and

Deep concern for the well-being of the community and a desire to make the world a better place for all.

Sound familiar? They should. These are attributes for which Lions Clubs International has been justly famous for more than 90 years. When we set a goal for increasing the [diversity of our clubs](#), we are simply looking for old virtues in new places. It is our way of holding fast to our fundamental ideals [while recognizing the ways in which society has changed](#) over the recent decades.

It is undeniable that women have empowered themselves and have become important participants in business, civic and cultural affairs. Their ever-growing numbers in Lions Clubs International has enriched our association and I am proud to say that women now make up 18.4 percent of our membership, up from 13.5 percent just four years ago.

Thanks largely to the technological revolution, the world no longer works on a “seniority system.” New ideas are more likely to be judged on their merits than by the age or experience of those who suggest them. Any organization that dismisses the contributions and wisdom of bright young people does so at great peril. Fortunately, Lions’ new student membership program provides your club with an unparalleled opportunity to include future leaders in your membership or to help form a student club at a nearby campus. Please see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu1.pdf> for more details about this exciting program. Another important way for your club to capture the future is by doing everything possible to bring active Leos into full Lions Club membership. To learn more about making the transition from Leo to Lion, please see <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/stu6.pdf>.

I urge you to embrace today’s reality by doing your best to meet your club’s goals for recruiting new members. Remember, there are tried-and-true methods that will enable your club to successfully meet this challenge.

- Target groups of potential members not individuals.
- Give new members special assignments that are uniquely suited to their talents
- Make sure that new members’ voices are heard within the club.

Groom newcomers to assume leadership positions by giving them special responsibilities as assistants or “interns” to current leaders.

You never know what might happen when you put these “best practices” into effect. In the suburbs of Toronto, Canada, the newly formed, Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club sponsored a video game tournament that involved parent-child teams from throughout the area. An event designed to bring families together was a natural project for the club which consists entirely of parents and their offspring. And it is not hard to imagine that the new club will add even more family groups because of the excitement generated by the tournament.

If we truly wish to live up to the motto, “We Serve,” we must serve our communities as they really are today, not as we might imagine them to be. Including more women and young people in our clubs is the best possible way to gain this insight and open up previously unimagined avenues of service.

As always I thank you for all you do for the members of your club, your community and all the people of our world.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President



December 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Dec 3, 10, 17 - Breakfast Program at Beechgrove 8:15-8:45

Dec 4 - Lion Meeting at the Granite Restaurant at 7pm

Dec 5 - NO LEOS MEETING

Dec 15 - Salvation Army Kettles if you have time that day please let Lion Ian Gray know

Dec 18 - Lions Christmas Meeting

Dec 19 - Leo Meeting at the Gravenhurst Youth Centre 7pm

Dec 22 - Leos Breakfast with Santa at YIG's Community Room from 9am to 11am please join the Leos and Santa for a breakfast of waffles juice or coffee

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Dec 25 - Christmas Day

Dec 31 - Happy New Year

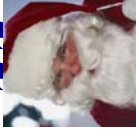
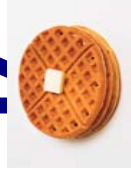
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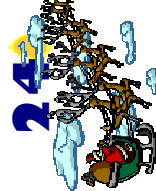
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