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The Gravenhurst Lions Meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, September through June at the Granite Restaurant, Hwy. 11 North, just south of Gravenhurst. All meetings are Dinner Meetings—cost \$15.00.

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LIONS WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

April 25th is Lions International Worldwide Induction Day. It is a worldwide event that welcomes our new members and allows our organization to speak out about who we are.

Our organization is at a crossroads. Our membership is aging and declining—a situation faced by all other service clubs as well. Without an influx of new members, our organization, which has served communities around the world with distinction for over ninety years, will cease to exist.

Look to April 25th as a call to action. Ask yourself the following questions:

- “Have I spoken to someone today about Lions and why we matter?”

- “Have I invited a friend, neighbour, or co-worker to a meeting or project, not

necessarily as a prospective member, but as a guest?”

- “Have I helped, educated, and supported the development of a newer member?”

If each of our 1.3 million members worldwide simply did these three things,

where would our organization be?

Heed the call—and become part of the membership solution today!



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“SECONDS” OF THE MEETINGS...
(A Brief Summary of the Minutes)

Regular Meeting of March 3rd, 2009

- President's Night will be Friday, June 19th
- Bill Allison reported the hockey game 50/50 is going well—approximately \$180/night
- We will be holding Driver Reviver again in the Spring
- Keith Metcalfe, sponsor Fred Colins will be inducted on March 17th, Orientation on March 10th
- Slate of officers was approved for 2009-2010
- Marj reminded everyone of Canine Challenge March 28th
- Chris reminded everyone of Region 21 Effective Speaking Finals at GPS April 4th 9 am
- Wendy reported that Leos are inducting 2 new members, and have recently inducted 1 more
- Reminder of Region Rally March 19th, Stephenson, LLW March 28-29

Regular Meeting of March 17, 2009

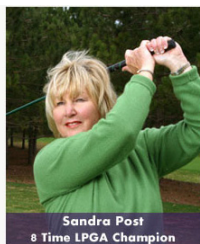
- Daniel recognized Terry Stevenson for 25 years of service, and presented him with a 25 yr Chevron
- Keith Metcalfe was inducted by ZC Rob Grimes
- Shopping Spree Draw was conducted: \$5000 David's of Muskoka, won by Francis Gardner, \$4000 at Chamberlains won by Tina Hill, \$1000 at Knapps won by Kevin Servos, \$1000 Yig's won by Mike Blakely and Jack Loucks.

Directors Meeting of March 24, 2009

- Insurance policy was passed around for review, recommended renewing at a cost of \$777.60
- Chris reported on a request for a specialized pair of eyeglasses for a Beechgrove PS student
- Chris reminded the board of Effective Speaking April 4th
- Roberta Gilbert, who we sponsored on a mission to Dominican Republic, will be our guest speaker at the 1st meeting in June
- Spaghetti Dinner will be May 9th

GOLFING FOR DOG GUIDES CANADA

Make this one the top of your destination golf trips this summer. On August 14/09, at the beautiful Muskoka Highlands Golf - Bracebridge, the second Annual Muskoka Golf Classic for Dog Guides Canada fundraiser will be held.



Sandra Post
8 Time LPGA Champion

Special Host is Sandra Post who will be on hand to hold a clinic and to encourage attendees. Post is a member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, Canada's Golf Hall of Fame and was awarded the Order of Canada in 2003 among numerous other achievements. Her prestigious golf school in Bolton Ontario is touted as one of the best in North

America. No wonder with all the championships she has won!!

Other celebrities helping to raise awareness for this great cause will be announced closer to the tee off date.

Keep looking for more details on the extensive prize list and the silent auction; but for now, reserve your foursome at www.muskokahighlands.com. Tax receipts will be issued for a fun day in aid of a great cause providing Dog Guides to Canadians with disabilities to help them live independent lives with their canine friend.

See you there!!



GET READY FOR SPAGHETTI!

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on May 9th at the Terry Fox Room at the Centennial Centre. "Chef" Terry Stevenson and his crew are about to get in full swing. Tickets will be available soon—so begin to line up your friends, family, and neighbours and let them know about this very popular community event.



On cover...

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PHOTOS HELP REVEAL THE BIG PICTURE

by Al Brandel, President, The International Association of Lions Clubs

Recently Maureen and I visited an orphanage in Burkina Faso. The infants lost their parents from AIDS or were abandoned. They're alone in the world. They'd have no chance at creating a good life for themselves – if not for this orphanage and Lions. I think you really know what our service means – how very essential it is – when you see these tiny, helpless babies and realize people like Lions are there to care for them. It was really very moving for us to witness the love and care they were receiving.

A photo is worth a thousand words? Photos of Lions projects, such as the ones seen in LION Magazine, are worth a jolt of energy and commitment to improve the lives of the less fortunate. A lasting appreciation of our own blessings. Increased respect for the service Lions do and a renewed commitment to serving our communities.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter recently visited Lions Clubs International headquarters, and the former district governor, club president and tail twister praised Lions. He said Lions serve “the poorest, most destitute, most forgotten people.” We’re not just do-gooders who are nice to have around in the community. We provide miracles through service, whether it’s restoring or preserving sight, offering vital aid after a flood or earthquake, teaching schoolchildren life skills through Lions Quest or boosting the self-esteem and even employment skills of those with disabilities. We know governments often can’t deliver needed services and that other non-governmental organizations aren’t rooted in communities as Lions are and can’t possibly recognize and respond to local needs. So Lions step into the gap and bring comfort and assistance where there would have been none.

It’s good to see these photos in the LION Magazine and on the Lions Clubs International Web site to fully appreciate the wonderful service of Lions. Too often, we see only what our own club does. That’s often a great deal. But each Lion is part of Lions Clubs International. Together, 1.3 million strong, Lions constitute one of the world’s greatest forces for good. From Camp Victory to Calcutta, from California to Cameroon, Lions serve and change the world. They serve with passion, too. The passion keeps Lions motivated and committed. We serve so well because we believe so fervently in what we do.

Thank you for the service and keep up the miracles.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRAVENHURST LEO CLUB

The Gravenhurst Leos have for the second consecutive year, won the Lions Foundation of Canada—Dogguides Canine Challenge in Oakville on March 28th.

Way to go Leos!



Thanks also to Jim Fletcher for presenting our cheque to the foundation for our Pennies for Puppies collection. We were proud to beat our sister club in the North (Bracebridge) in pennies this year! Thanks to Gord for spending many hours in front of the TV rolling these pennies.



CHECK OUT THE NEW UPDATED LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE AT...

<http://www.lionsclubs.org>





DISTRICT A-12 CONVENTION AGENDA

APRIL 24-25-26, 2009



Friday, April 24th

8 pm—10 pm, Waterhouse Ballroom, **Friday Night Entertainment** (Blooz Brothers and Dooley Sisters)

10 pm—12 am, Sports Villa Atrium, **Hospitality Room** hosted by the candidates for District Office 2009-2010

Saturday, April 25th

730 am, Eclipse Room, **Past District Governor's Breakfast**

9 am, Waterhouse Ballroom, **Opening Session and Region Rallies**

Noon, Sports Villa Atrium, **Leos Luncheon**

Noon, Waterhouse Ballroom,, **Awards Luncheon**

2 pm-245 pm, Room 10-425, **Voting**

3 pm—430 pm, Waterhouse Room, **Question & Answer** with International Director Dr. Patti Hill

5 pm-545 pm, Pavilion 425-427, **Governor's Reception** (by invitation only)

6 pm-10 pm, . Waterhouse Ballroom, **Gala and Entertainment**

10 pm-12 am, Sports Villa Atrium, **Heel-ender Party**

Sunday, April 26th

8 am-845 am, Room 10-425, **Voting**

9 am, Waterhouse Room, **Memorial Service**

10:15 am, Waterhouse Ballroom, **Closing Brunch**

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL * MULTIPLE DISTRICT "A"

2009 'Gateway to the North' Convention



June 4th, June 5th, June 6th, June 7th, 2009

Clarion Resort Pinewood Park, 201 Pinewood Park Drive, North Bay, ON P1B 8Z4

Person **A** District "A" _____ Club _____

Lion () Lioness () Leo () Partner () Highest Office _____ Past () Present ()

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Is this your first MD" A" Convention? Yes _____ No _____

Person **B** District "A" _____ Club _____

Lion () Lioness () Leo () Partner () Highest Office _____ Past () Present ()

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Is this your first MD" A" Convention? Yes _____ No _____

HOTELS - Headquarters - Clarion Resort Pinewood Park (N/S) - Handicapped friendly
 Lakeshore Drive: Best Western, Travelodge, Comfort Inn, Super 8,
 Northern Suites (N/S)—6Ks (Hwy 11B) (N/S= No Smoking)
 Seymour Street: Travelodge - 7 Ks (Hwy 11)
 Rates: Single \$119.00 Double \$127.00 Triple \$137.00 Quad \$147.00 Suite \$195.00
 All guest rooms are subject to 5% PST and 6% GST

HOTEL; 1ST Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____
 Room preference: 1 bed/room () 2 bed/room () Smoking () Handicapped ()
 Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

PLEASE NOTE: All persons attending this Convention must be registered.
 Registrant's name, Club and District title will be printed on their name badge,
 or Exhibitors trade name, if applicable.
 All cancellations MUST be in writing - by mail or e-mail.
 Cancellations received after March 1st, 2009 are subject to a \$10.00 handling fee.
 'NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1st, 2009'
 Please use additional Registration forms if more than 2 persons

TICKET COSTS & PAYMENT INFORMATION ON PAGE 2.

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FUNCTION TICKETS	PERSON		PRICE	TOTAL
	"A"	"B"		
<u>FRIDAY JUNE 5TH</u>				
<i>Convention Luncheon</i>	()	()	@ \$25.00	\$ _____
<i>Dinner "Medieval Evening"</i>	()	()	@ \$40.00	\$ _____
<u>SATURDAY JUNE 6TH</u>				
<i>International Banquet</i>	()	()	@ \$45.00	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT for <i>Function Tickets</i>				\$ _____

Reserve your function tickets early and avoid any disappointment. All prices quoted include all applicable taxes and gratuities. Function ticket deadline May 28th 2009.

Registration Fee for 'A'	\$20.00	\$ _____	CREDIT CARDS
Registration Fee for 'B'	\$20.00	\$ _____	
Registration Fee for Leo	\$10.00	\$ _____	Billing Agent:
Registration Sunday only	\$10.00	\$ _____	Express Print
Hotel Room Deposit	\$100.00	\$ _____	
Function Tickets from above		\$ _____	Visa () Master Card ()
Convention Pin \$6.00 each x _____		\$ _____	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$ _____	
<u>METHOD OF PAYMENT</u>		Cardholder Name: _____	
CASH () CHEQUE ()			
CREDIT CARD# _____		Expiry Date: _____	
Signature: _____			

Please make cheques payable to:-

MD"A"2009 CONVENTION.	<i>Please list any needs/preferences here:</i>
Mail completed registration forms to:- _____	
Lion Amanda Ranger _____	
P.O. Box 1335 _____	
North Bay, Ontario. P1B 8K5	Please advise if hearing assistance device required

- *Everyone, including exhibitors & Pin Traders must be registered.
- Exhibitors are required to complete/submit a separate application form..
- *Hotel Rooms must be booked through the Convention Committee and must be secured by a \$100.00 (minimum) room deposit.

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April-June 2009

April 7th	Lions Business Meeting
April 21st	Lions Social Meeting
April 24th-26th	District A-12 Convention, Deerhurst
April 28th	Lions Board of Directors Meeting
May 3rd	District A-12 Cabinet Meeting, Port Carling
May 5th	Lions Business Meeting
May 9th	Spaghetti Dinner, Terry Fox Room
May 19th	Lions Social Meeting
May 26th	Lions Board of Directors Meeting
June 2nd	Lions Business Meeting, Guest Speaker Roberta Gilbert speaking on her mission to the Dominican Republic
June 4th-7th	Multiple District "A" Convention, North Bay
June 19th	Presidents and Awards Night, Terry Fox Room
June 20th	Antique Car Show
June 24th	Lions Board of Directors

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

April 21st	Ron Chaisson's Birthday
April 28th	Wendy Fletcher's Birthday

Pride of Lions!



Your Lions membership pin tells the world you're proud to be a Lion.

By wearing it every day you welcome questions from people who are interested in the organization and your club's activities. It may even get your club a membership prospect.

Remember to represent your Lions club every day by wearing your pin. It's the easiest promotion around!

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