

THE GRAVENHURST GROWL

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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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CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II—MORE THAN VISION FOR ALL

In this month's bulletin, there is a great article on Campaign SightFirst II and how the Lions worldwide have met their stretch goal of \$200 million US. This three year project has exceeded expectations, and our club should be proud to have been a part of it. When the Campaign began, the Lions of

Gravenhurst pledged to support CSFII by becoming a model club, and donating \$25,000 US. But to really put this donation in true human terms—the \$25,000 we have pledged will save the sight of nearly 4000 people. However, look beyond the 4000 people we have directly helped—think of some of the other ways our donation

supports people... These individuals are now able to gain meaningful employment, and can better support their families, perhaps keeping them out of poverty and hunger. The 4000 we've helped has now suddenly ballooned to 15-20,000 people. Now consider if some of these 20,000 people look

at the work of the Lions and take a more active service role in their own communities. The number of people helped by our CSFII donation grows and expands exponentially into the future.

Through Campaign SightFirst II, we have changed the world. This is truly a miracle of service.



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"SECONDS" OF THE MEETINGS...

(A Brief Summary of the Minutes)

Director's Meeting of June 24th:

- Purchased Lions Camp Kirk 50/50 Draw Tickets
- Nominated a local resident for Gravenhurst Volunteer of the Year
- Relisted the Property at a lower asking price
- Daniel will chair a Musko-kabana BBQ at the Wharf on August 2nd
- White Pine Parkette support request referred to Community Service Committee for review
- Critiqued President's Awards Night
- Presented Service and Honourary Life Directorship to Cindy Dann
- Irene to contact Bracebridge Lions for approval or assistance with BBQ at Wal-mart

LION LAUGHTER

One day an out of work mime is visiting the zoo and attempts to earn some money as a street performer. Unfortunately, as soon as he starts to draw a crowd, a zoo keeper grabs him and drags him into his office.

The zoo keeper explains to the mime that the zoo's most popular attraction, the gorilla, has died suddenly and the keeper fears that attendance at the zoo will fall off. He offers the mime a job to dress up as the gorilla until they can get another one. The mime accepts.



So the next morning the mime puts on the gorilla suit and enters the cage before crowd comes. He discovers that it's a great job. He can sleep all he wants, play and make fun of people and he draws bigger crowds than he ever did as a mime. However, eventually the crowds tire of him and he tires of just swinging on tires. He begins to notice that the people are paying more attention to the lion in the cage next to his. Not wanting to lose the attention of his audience, he climbs to the top of his cage, crawls across a partition, and dangles from the top of the lion's cage. Of course, this makes the lion furious, but the crowd loves it.

At the end of the day the zoo keeper comes and gives the mime a raise for being such a good attraction.

Well, this goes on for some time, the mime keeps taunting the lion, the crowds grow larger, and his salary keeps going up. Then one terrible day when he is dangling over the furious lion he slips and falls. The mime is terrified. The lion gathers itself and prepares to pounce. The mime is so scared that he begins to run round and round the cage with the lion close behind. Finally, the mime starts screaming and yelling, "Help, Help me!", but the lion is quick and pounces. The mime soon finds himself flat on his back looking up at the angry lion and the lion says, "Quiet! Do you want to get us both fired?"

"The distance is nothing, it is only the first step that is difficult." - *Marquise de Deffand*

2009 DISTRICT A-12 CONVENTION AT DEERHURST HOSTED BY THE EMSDALE LIONS CLUB



Register today for the 2009 A-12 Convention being held at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville, April 24-25-26, 2009.

The elegant, Black & White-themed weekend is sure to please with phenomenal food, outstanding accommodations, great entertainment and fun.

For more information, visit www.convention.a12lions.org or contact Jim or Maureen Hilt at 705-636-1862.

CLUB SECRETARY—A KEY POSITION IN THE CLUB

Last month, we reviewed the responsibilities of the Club President. This month, let's look at the job of Secretary—perhaps the most important in the club. The installation ceremony states, "you have been elected to serve your club as Secretary. Performing your duties efficiently will help ensure the success of the club. You are the Liaison between your Club and the District, MDA and Lions Clubs International. It is critical that all communications be referred



to the Board of Directors and the Club. Of equal importance is the prompt and accurate submission of the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) to Lions Clubs International and to the District A12 Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer as well as, submitting the quarterly

Activity Report summarizing the activities, fundraisers, projects, visitations, donations, etc. of your club to the District Governor. An annual Activity Report must be forwarded to Lions Clubs International by June 30th of the fiscal year.

You are a member of the District Governor's Zone Advisory Committee and as such should attend all Zone Advisory meetings."

Technology and the use of the internet makes the job much easier today than in the past. Reports can be filed with one simple click. Correspondence comes in regularly by email, and can be easily forwarded to those who need it. Recording and typing minutes is much easier when starting with a template—something that would have been difficult to do without a computer.

Secretaries are expected to attend and participate in Zone Advisory Meetings where they learn the happenings of our Zone and District.

Secretaries also look after the ordering of service awards, pins, and club supplies.

2008-09 GRAVENHURST LIONS CLUB OFFICERS

President—*Daniel Soucy*

Immediate Past President—*Rob Grimes*

1st Vice-President—*Ed Stirrett*

2nd Vice-President—*Sarah Grimes*

3rd Vice-President—*Randy McGregor*

Secretary—*Cindy Dann*

Treasurer—*Marj Lewis*

1st Year Directors—*Dave Durant, Archie Howard*

2nd Year Directors—*Brandon McGregor, Gord Campbell*

Membership Director—*Irene Campbell*

Bulletin Editor—*Chris Lewis*

CLUB ROSTER

To save space, and to provide more room for content, a new club roster will only be included in the bulletin when there are changes or updates. A roster is always available for download at www.gravenhurstlions.org, or contact the Secretary, Cindy Dann at 687-7365 home, 687-3840 work and she'll get you a copy.

Segwun and Wenonah II picture on cover

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**OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR,
OUR OWN NANCY WATT-DURANT**

District Governor Nancy joined the Bracebridge Lions Club in 1998 and chaired and served on many committees including bulletin editor, for which she received recognition at the Region, District and Multiple District levels. She also served as club Secretary and in the Vice Presidents positions before being elected President in 2003. She has been a member of the Gravenhurst Lions Club since 2005.



At District Lion Nancy has chaired Sight Conservation and Lake Joseph Centre, Constitution & By-laws and Long Range Planning, and the District MERL team, was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer in 2002-2003, Zone 21 East Chair in 2004-05, Region 21 Chair in 2005-06, and Vice District Governor in 2006-07. She has been a member of the Lions/CNIB Ontario Division Partnership Cabinet for several years. Governor Nancy attended both the Emerging and Senior Lions Learning Institutes and has participated as a trainer at several A-12 and other District Officer Training Schools and Lions Learning Weekends and has been a presenter at the Multiple District. She is a graduate of the Faculty Development Institute and was a faculty member at the Institute held in February 2007.

Lion Nancy has maintained perfect attendance since joining, has received several Club President's and Governor's Appreciation awards, the President Excellence Award and two International President's Certificates of Appreciation. She is a recipient of the Simcoe-Muskoka CNIB Walter Kowalski Lion of the Year Award, is a Knight of the Lake Joseph Centre, and an Honorary Director of Camp Dorset, and a Guardian of Camp Huronda. Governor Nancy is married to PDG Dave. They have five children between them, and are the proud Grandparents of six grandsons, and one granddaughter. When not involved in Lions' activities, she enjoys travelling, golf and listening to the bagpipes.

"A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit."
- John C. Maxwell

LEARN ABOUT ROB GRIMES, ZONE CHAIR 21 EAST

Lion Rob born and raised in Muskoka and has been married to Lion Sarah for 42 years. They have two children Ron, Christine and grandson Daniel. Rob's pastimes include golf, hunting, fishing and boating.

He worked as a resilient Floor Covering Installer, serving his apprenticeship in Toronto for 12 years. He also lived and worked in Alberta, where he ran successful LMT Company installing floor covering for 7 years. The last 22 years he worked in Muskoka installing floor coverings.



Rob has worked with the youth of the Town of Gravenhurst, serving as treasurer and as a member of The

Board of Directors for 4 years, of The Gravenhurst Youth Centre.

Lion Rob participates in all club fundraising events and activities. He has also attended over 200 interclub visits including Zone meetings, Region Rallies and District conventions.

He believes that there are 3 main ingredients in Lionism, Learning – Respect – Participation.

Lion Rob became a member of The Lions Club of Gravenhurst in 2002. He has served as Tail Twister, Treasurer, Vice President and President 2007 -2008. During this time he has chaired a number of fundraising events. Over the years Rob has attended the Lions Learning Weekend.

...ALWAYS WITH YOU...

Some members of our Lion's family are a little under the weather, and rest assured our thoughts are always with them...

Harvey Ramer Bill Daoust Eunice Chaisson
Carol Kloepfer

Please take the time to call upon them!

QUICK LIONS FACTS QUIZ

1. When was the first International Convention held?
2. Approximately how many members and clubs worldwide are there?
3. In which country did the first club outside the USA form?
4. In which country did the first club outside North America form?
5. In what year were women officially allowed to join Lions?
6. The association's headquarters is located in what city?
7. The association's motto is _____.
8. In 2007, which organization was ranked the world's best Non-Governmental Organization?

**Answers found on
Page 4.**

MEET OUR NEW INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, AL BRANDEL

2008-2009 International President Knows Who the Heroes Are

New International President Al Brandel is down to earth. But his life has been cinematic. As a police officer, he rushed to help a child run over by a car. Years later, he played a part in responding to the September 11 attacks.

Turn the lens on his childhood, and a Frank Capra movie breaks out. Brandel spent his boyhood in a green-lawned neighborhood, with a hardworking World War II vet father, a mother always ready with dinner, and four siblings. And he was the slugger on a baseball team enshrined in the Little League Hall of Fame.

Movies are an apt reference for Brandel. His presidential year will contain drama, heroes, and miracles. And by the final reel, he wants Lions to understand that they are the real stars of the show.

Membership Has its Rewards

Brandel's highlights as a Lion include the time he and his wife Maureen worked on a Lions-Habitat for Humanity home. A young girl who was to live in the house showed them her new room. "It was very emotional," he says. "It's not just writing a check that makes you a Lion. It's when you're painting the walls in a house you've just built. And you see the people – that it will be their house."

Brandel joined the West Hempstead Lions Club in 1975 while he was a police officer for Nassau County. A friend, Frank Anzalone, was a hemophiliac. Anzalone was a Lion, and the club put together a blood drive. "The first year Frank asked me to give blood at the drive, and I did," says Brandel. "The second year he asked me to work on the blood drive, and I did. The third year he asked me to work on the blood drive, and to become a Lion."

Brandel helped revive the club as its president in 1977. His goal was to launch a signature project – and the club agreed to provide a "jaws of life" rescue tool for the community. Lions members loaned the club \$5,400 to pay for it. Brandel figured it would take three or four years to raise funds to repay members. But it only took one year. "My most rewarding year as a Lion was when I was club president," he says. "You see the immediate effect of what you do."

Raised to Serve

Volunteering ran in Brandel's family. Despite working two jobs, his father "had time for the community," says Brandel. In college, a friend convinced Brandel to take a test for the police department. He did well on the test, and the job. He put in 35 years before retiring. And learned how to handle his emotions. "I understood I had to react in a certain way to be effective," he says.

The events of September 11, 2001 put his ability to handle tough situations to the test. Brandel took reports for many of the 400 missing Nassau County residents, and worked with Lions' leaders from New York and elsewhere to coordinate recovery support efforts. Later, he volunteered for a bereavement retreat. And trudged to doorsteps to notify families when victims' remains were found.

By then, Brandel was a detective with the police department's Juvenile Aid Bureau. He investigated missing children, child abuse, and juvenile crime. "I really understood I could make somebody's life a little better," he says.



Meeting Maureen

On their first date, Brandel told his future wife Maureen that he was "a little involved with the Lions." "What's a Lion?" she asked. "I was really impressed that a 40-year-old man who could spend his time doing whatever he wanted chose to spend that free time in a volunteer organization."

Brandel became an international director the year they married, and she traveled the world with him. Maureen joined the Melville Lions Club in 1999, became its president, and then district leadership chairperson. Brandel joined her club as an associate member. "She serves as a role model to spouses that you can have your own career as a Lion."

Heroes of Service

As a Lion, Brandel has hand-delivered corneas for transplant, worked with UNICEF to ensure children in disaster areas could continue their education, and saw a Lions district in South Africa feed multitudes. "Lions don't understand the impact they have on the community," he says.

"The real modern-day heroes may never be on TV or have a book written about them," Brandel says. "But the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on somebody's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world – and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard."



QUICK LIONS FACTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The first International Convention was held in 1917 in Dallas, Texas.
2. There are approximately 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in 202 countries and geographical areas.
3. Canada, in 1920.
4. China, in 1926.
5. Although women have always served alongside men in Lions, in 1987, they were formally welcomed as members.
6. Oak Brook, Illinois—a suburb of Chicago.
7. "We Serve!"
8. Lions Clubs International Foundation was ranked #1 out of 34 global organizations for execution, accountability, and adaptability. LCIF ranked higher than organizations such as Rotary International, Habitat for Humanity, UNESCO and UNICEF.

LIONS RAISE MORE THAN US\$200 MILLION TO SAVE SIGHT

Bangkok, Thailand, June 26, 2008—Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions around the world have exceeded their campaign challenge goal of US\$200 million for their flagship, global blindness-prevention program, SightFirst. Funds raised during Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), a three-year worldwide campaign operated by the international charitable foundation, will save or restore the vision of more than 37 million people around the world.

Led by 7,000 CSFII Lion volunteers, Lions surpassed their initial US\$150 million goal in February, four months in advance of CSFII's conclusion. During the final month of the campaign alone, Lions raised more than US\$20 million to surpass the US\$200 million challenge goal.

"The efforts of Lions worldwide over the last three years makes me incredibly proud to be a Lion," says Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, Lions past international president and CSFII chairperson. "Through CSFII, our role as 'Knights of the Blind' will continue for years to come because of the dedication of our volunteers and all of our donors. Most importantly, LCIF and Lions will be able to continue to deliver the excellent services of the SightFirst program and thereby ensure that millions of individuals around the world are able to live with the gift of sight."

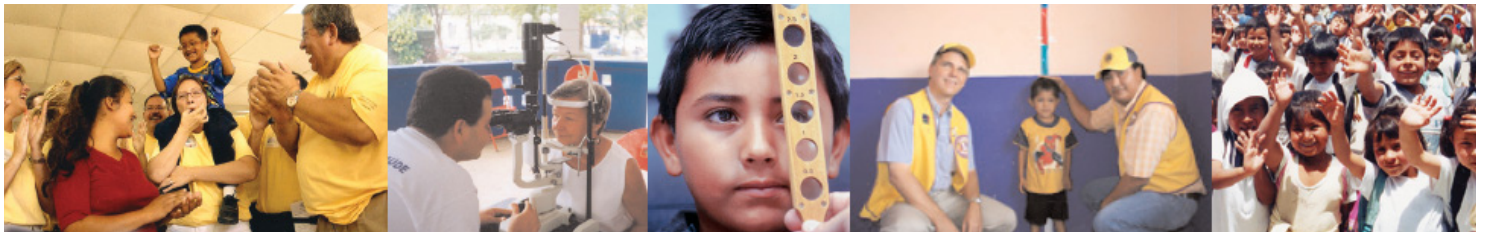


At least US\$100 million of CSFII funds will be granted through LCIF's SightFirst program to contain and eliminate the leading causes of avoidable blindness, including cataract, the leading cause of preventable blindness worldwide.

Another US\$50 million will be used to combat new and emerging threats to sight, including diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration and low vision. The funds raised beyond the US\$150 million initial goal will make it possible for Lions to fund research and rehabilitation initiatives in developed countries. Lions' goal is to provide "Vision for All."

SightFirst was launched by Lions in 1989 to battle preventable and reversible blindness. Lions estimate US\$6 is the average cost to save or restore a person's sight through SightFirst. Lions have already restored sight to more than 27 million people by funding cataract surgeries, vision screenings and treatment, and improved eye-care services for hundreds of millions of people in underserved areas in 91 countries around the world. Lions have also built eye hospitals in developing countries and trained eye health care workers where there were previously none.

CSFII officially concluded during the 91st Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand on Thursday, June 26 when the final dollar amount raised was announced. More than 18,000 Lions clubs members, including international media, from around the world were present for this historic announcement for LCIF.



CLUBS IN ZONE 21 EAST

Planning a visit within our Zone...

Baysville	1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Baysville Seniors' Centre
Bracebridge	2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Bracebridge Lions Hall
Dorset	2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Lions Camp Dorset
Dwight	2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Dwight Community Centre
Huntsville	1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Chaffey Hall
Stephenson	1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Port Sydney Hall

Some clubs do not formally meet over the summer, so contact them in advance of your visit to confirm.

SAM GLENN POSITIVE QUOTE

"In life we have a choice... to make footprints in the sands of time or to make butt prints. To make footprints is to get up, try, give, and go at life with all you've got. To make butt prints is to give up, doubt, live in fear and wish for life to get better.

Which will you be remembered for?"

Sam Glenn, Motivational Speaker,
www.everythingattitude.com

Submitted by Lion Kathy

e-SERVE! LIONISM ON THE WEB



Check out the **Lions Learning Centre**—http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_learning_center.shtml and view various online courses on Public Speaking, Leadership, Coaching, Community Service and more! These outstanding courses can help make you a better Lion and a better person at home and in the workplace!

PRESIDENT'S NIGHT 2008

The annual President's Night was a great success, held June 17th at Grace & Speed Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre at Muskoka Wharf. PDG Dave Hewitt was our guest speaker who provided us with words of wisdom, and installed President Daniel and the new Board of Directors. Rob handed out appreciation awards for club service, as well as several major forms of recognition to our members.



Rob Hill of Artstract and Larry Wright of Muskoka Tourism were both recognized with Honorary Life Memberships in the Lions Foundation of Canada for their support of our club projects.

A Helen Keller Fellowship was awarded to Gord Campbell for his long and dedicated service to the club and to the DogGuides programmes. Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships were granted to Fred Collins, Ron Chaisson and Chris Lewis. Lion-of-the-Year was presented to Daniel Soucy as voted upon by the club membership. Unable to attend, but previously recognized at a club meeting, was Ian Gray who was the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship for loyalty and unselfish service to the projects of our club.

BANGKOK SCRAPBOOK

District Governor Nancy Watt-Durant and Past District Governor Dave spent 9 days in Thailand attending District Governor Training and the 92nd International Convention in Bangkok. Here are some pictures from their once-in-a-lifetime experience....



Nan astride Dave's shoulders



Nan with the MD"A" contingent at the International Parade



IPDG Peter McCague and Dianne pulling the ribbons, ending Nan's term as District Governor-elect



Royal Palace Guard



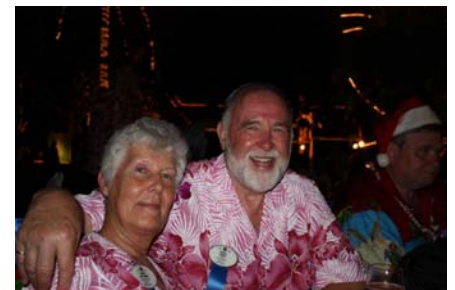
District Governor-elect Banquet



Dave wondering where the old guy gets his beard trimmed...

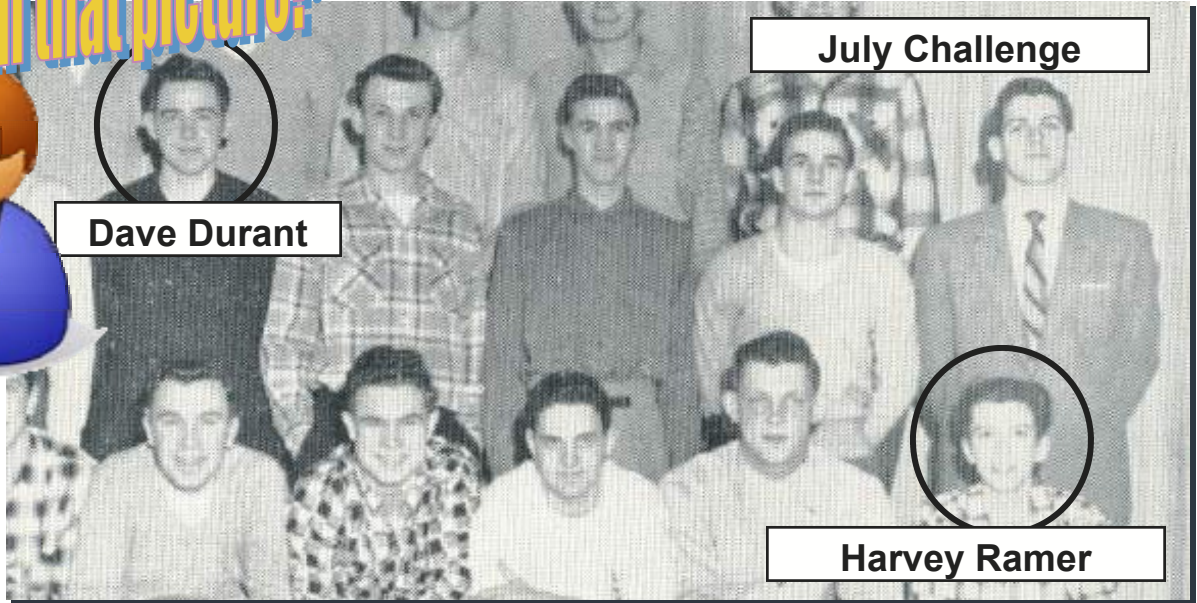


The Durants with International President Al Brandel and his wife Lion Maureen



District Governor-elect Beach Party

Who's in that picture?



July Challenge

Dave Durant

Harvey Ramer

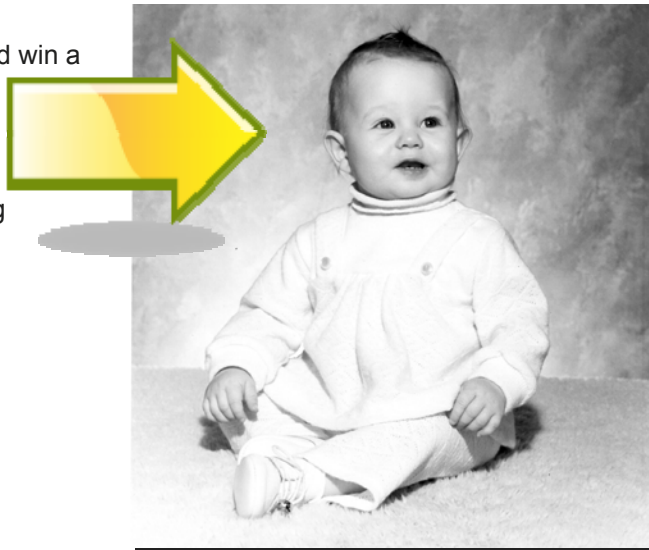
PDG Dave and Harvey both attended Markham District High School, and were on the football team in 1953. No one was able to spot these two....

This month's challenge....

Name this Lion, and you could win a semi-fabulous prize...

Email your guess to bulletin@gravenhurstlions.org by August 15th.

Winners will be announced in the September Bulletin.



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA FACILITIES

Oakville, Ontario

The Lions Foundation of Canada and its training facility is located in Oakville, Ontario at the Sir James Dunn Dog Guide Training Centre, a former elementary school. It has been renovated to accommodate administrative offices, kennel facilities for dogs in training, dog guide training areas, and student residence accommodations.



Breslau, Ontario

The Foundation also maintains a breeding facility, the Leona Hummel Dog Guide Training Centre, in Breslau, Ontario, near Guelph. This facility includes a master kennel used as a pre-training facility for dogs in preparation for their transfer to the Oakville training school.



Submitted by Lion Marj Lewis

DRIVER REVIVER STATION SUMMER 2008

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH

It was the first day of an extra long weekend to celebrate Canada Day, July 1, 2008. It was going to be a very busy day on our highways here in Muskoka. Despite the higher gas prices, the bad weather prediction and all the media hype, it didn't seem to deter people from traveling to their cottage, camp site, or to visit family and friends for the weekend.

Friday started out very humid and foggy when we arrived at the Muskoka Travel Centre in Kilworthy for our second Driver Reviver Station this summer. When I arrived at the tourist centre at exactly 8:30 am the highway signs were in place and Lions Bud and Rob were already starting to put up the shelters with the help of CHAY fm staff. Dave Penner and his assistant had already put the CHAY summer van in place for today's activities and the traffic was certainly building on the highway.

It wasn't long before our setup was complete and we started offering free coffee and cookies, compliments of McDonald's, to travelers stopping for a break. At 10 am people (all the help!) were asking when the hot dogs would be ready so, Lion Rob had to fire up the brand new BBQ provided by Larry Wright of the Muskoka Tourism Information Centre. The Port Carling IGA is also supporting our station and Muskoka Tourism by providing free hot dogs and all the trimmings for the entire summer.



We all had a great day listening to CHAY, cooking hotdogs, frying onions for garnish and meeting all the wonderful people who stopped in. We received very positive comments from travelers who agreed the province needed more Driver Reviver Stations to prevent fatigued driving crashes. Lion Rob is now an "expert" (of sorts) at cooking hot dogs and our resident chef, Lion Kent, prepares wonderful, yummy fried onions. His secret, stirring the onions with chop sticks.

A great big thank-you goes out to Lion Rob, Lion Kent and Vi, Lion Sarah, the 3 Musketeers, Lions Fred, Glen and Archie and, of course, Lion Bud who is the keeper of the signs and other paraphernalia etc., for their dedication, commitment and hard work with operating the Driver Reviver Station again this weekend. Without our club volunteers, Lion Chris and McDonald's, the Royal Bank of Canada, Port Carling IGA, Muskoka Tourism, Muskoka Wildlife Centre, and CHAY FM the Driver Reviver Station would not be such a successful Lions' Service Project within our community.

I should also thank Mark Clairmont of Muskoka Today for his visit and for the article in the next edition of his newspaper. Don't forget to pick one up.



It really is great to be a Lion!

Submitted by Lion Kathy

We thank the following sponsors without whom, we would be unable to operate our Driver Reviver Stations every Long Weekend....



Musko-Ka-Bana

Mardi-Gras Street Party & Festival 2008

On Friday August 1st and Saturday August 2nd, a first-time event comes to Gravenhurst—the Musko-Ka-Bana Street Party and Festival. On Saturday, August 2nd, we will be holding an all day BBQ running from 10 am until Midnight at the Wharf in the Lions' Pavilion.

The organizers are expecting a great crowd, and have a full schedule of events throughout the weekend beginning with a Caribbean Party and Mardi-Gras Parade from 7 pm-11 pm on the main street and at Kinsman Park on Friday.

On Saturday, at the Wharf there is a PirateFest, a Watershow, dancers and performers, fireworks and jazz. Of course, the highlight of the weekend will be the Lions' BBQ. This day has the potential to be a good fundraiser for the club, and we will need volunteers throughout the day to staff the BBQ.

Contact Irene Campbell, 687-0024, for more information, or to volunteer right away.

For more information on Musko-Ka-Bana, visit their website at <http://www.muskokabana.com/>

MUSIC ON THE BARGE COLLECTION

Don't forget about our annual Music on the Barge Collection on August 17th.

As is tradition, we always help out on the final show of the year when the Good Brothers come to town.

Meet at the Flag trailer building on the south side of Gull Lake Park off Phillip Street by 8:00 p.m.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

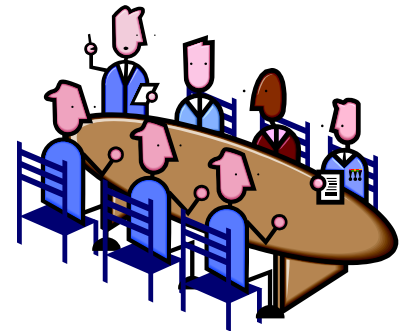
“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”



COMMITTEE CHAIR PROCEDURES

Committees which operate smoothly, contribute to an effective club. Here are some responsibilities and procedures that will help the committees run efficiently....

- If you have a report to present at a Director's or Regular Meeting, inform the Vice-President overseeing your committee no later than 2 days prior to the meeting.
- If your report is more than a brief update, provide a written copy to the Secretary (email preferred)
- If you are unable to attend the Board meeting or the regular meeting, give a copy of your report to your Vice-President who will present it on your behalf.
- If you need an item added to the agenda, the Secretary and/or President should be notified no less than 48 hours prior to a meeting. If the matter is urgent, inform the Secretary and President just prior to the start of the meeting. The agenda will be adopted by the membership, and in most cases, no further business may be added to the agenda.
- A sample standard event report is available from the Secretary. This event report can also be used as a planning tool to estimate revenue, or expenses from activities or events.
- Remember that all funds to be dispersed must be approved by the Board of Directors, upon recommendation of a committee. Plan and schedule your committee meetings to fall prior to Director's meetings to avoid delays. Plan your year well in advance so that you have time to have expenditures approved prior to events or projects.
- Set your replacement up for success. Keep good records of correspondence, committee meeting minutes, reports, etc. of your committee. These should be promptly turned over at the end of your term to the new committee chair.
- Ensure that a list of Lions attending your meetings, work parties, events are given to the Secretary so that make-up attendance can be credited.
- Notify the president, secretary, bulletin editor, and website chair of any committee meetings you are having. Some members of the club may be interested in sitting in and learning about the activities of your committee.
- Work schedules should be distributed as far in advance as possible to the club, the bulletin editor and the website chair.



Submitted by President Daniel Soucy

FINANCIAL FLASHBACK

While digging through the club archives, I stumbled across a copy of our year-end financial statement from our club's first year—1947-48. Knowing that we are in the midst of developing our club budgets for 2008-09, it is interesting to look at. Noteworthy is that we really haven't changed all that much in 60+ years...today we still donate considerable funds to Youth-related projects, and in 2008 we regularly collect used eyeglasses and supply new glasses to the needy. In last month's bulletin, there was a short article on the beginnings of Lionism in the UK—however, in the detailed disbursements from 1947-48, our club chose not to donate any funds to the District's "Food for Britain" campaign.

Gravenhurst Lions Club Financial Statement For Period June 30, 1947 to June 30, 1948

Receipts:

Opening Bank Balance:	\$ 630.98	
Dues, Fines, Etc.	\$ 905.50	
Fundraising Net Income	\$2795.94	
TOTAL		<u>\$4330.42</u>

Disbursements:

Administrative Expenditures		
International and District Dues	\$ 194.25	
Speaker's Expenses	\$ 18.00	
Presentations, Flowers	\$ 48.98	
Postage, Phone, Telephone	\$ 6.00	
Publicity	\$ 76.42	
Honorariums	\$ 46.50	
Convention	\$ 185.00	
Bulletin	\$ 1.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 396.53	
TOTAL		<u>\$1038.33</u>
Health and Welfare		
Food & Milk	\$ 6.25	
Medical	\$ 26.92	
Miscellaneous	\$ 24.04	
TOTAL		\$ 57.21
Boys and Girls		
Sports	\$ 526.60	
Safety	\$ 241.82	
TOTAL		\$ 790.59
Civic Improvement		
Sight Conservation and the Blind		\$ 72.65
Eye Cases (12 sets)	\$ 54.00	
Eye Glasses Supplied (2 pairs)	\$ 36.00	
TOTAL		\$ 90.00
Miscellaneous Donations		
		\$2038.97
TOTAL ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES		<u>\$3049.40</u>
 CASH ON HAND		 <u>\$ 242.69</u>

Some comparisons....

- Converting the **\$2795.94** in Fundraising Income into equivalent 2008 funds, would be **\$31,724.23**
- The **\$3049.40** in Donations would be equivalent to **\$34,600.12.**
- Dues in 1947 were **\$12.00** annually, which works out to be **\$136.16** in 2008 dollars
- Dinner cost was **\$1.00**, today that would be **\$11.35**

(Geeky Data source....2008 values were generated using the Statistics Canada Monthly Consumer Price Indices found on the Bank of Canada Website—http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/rates/inflation_calc.html. CPI is based on a "standard" Canadian Basket of Goods, and may not be truly comparable to fundraising income and donations.)

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2008-2009

(Committee Chairs in *italics*)

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THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT RANDY McGREGOR

Health & Welfare	Environment	Guest Speakers	Community Services	Lions Camp Dorset	Leo Club
<i>Wendy Fletcher</i>	<i>Brandon McGregor</i>	<i>Chris Lewis</i>	<i>Fred Collins</i> Doug Hewitson Archie Howard Ian Gray Bill Allison Marj Lewis	<i>Bud Leonard</i> Paulynn Gorrell Bill Herrington	<i>Wendy Fletcher</i> Randy McGregor Chris Lewis Scott Dennis
Property	2009 President's Night				
<i>Terry Stevenson</i> Gord Campbell Doug Hewitson Jim Fletcher	<i>Rob Grimes</i>				

3 Month Planner

August-September-October 2008

August 1st	Driver Reviver Station, Muskoka Tourism Welcome Centre
August 2nd	Musko-Ka-Bana Mardi Gras BBQ, Lions' Pavilion
August 9th	Summer Meeting and Social at President Daniel's House, 6 p.m.
August 17th	Music on the Barge Collection (The Good Brothers)
August 29th	Driver Reviver Station, Muskoka Tourism Welcome Centre
September 2nd	Lions Business Meeting
September 13th	Roast for IPDG Peter McCague (details TBA)
September 16th	Lions Social Meeting (Tentative Guest Speaker, Al Parsons, "No Child Without" Lions Medic-Alert Program)
September 18th-20th	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Saskatoon, SK https://usacanadalionsforum.org
September 23rd	Board of Director's Meeting
September 27th	CNIB Lake Joseph Centre Appreciation Day
October 7th	Lions Business Meeting
October 21st	Lions Social Meeting (Guest Speaker TBA)
October 25th	District A-12 Cabinet Meeting, Lions Camp Dorset
October 28th	Board of Director's Meeting

Committee Meeting Schedule

August 2008

- none scheduled by Committee Chairs -

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

August 1st	Ron Riddell's Birthday
August 4th	Bill Herrington's Birthday
August 9th	Bill & Gayle Herrington's Anniversary
August 16th	Rob Grimes' Birthday
August 20th	Doug Hewitson's Birthday

If I've missed anyone, please let me know at bulletin@gravenhurstlions.org.



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