

# 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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## NEW YEAR—NEW LEADERSHIP—NEW MIRACLES!

As you read this, you may be relaxing with a frosty beverage by the dock this Canada Day Long Weekend. But while you're sipping that drink, reflect for a moment, and think of leadership.

President Daniel is proud to be following in a long line of Lions' presidents who have led with distinction starting in 1946 with our Charter President, W. Houston, and is eager to lead our club into the coming year.

Also, each of us should be proud to be a member of a club which can boast 3 Cabinet Officers this year—Zone Chair 21 East, Rob Grimes, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, PDG Kathy Daoust, and of course our A12 District Governor—Nancy Watt-Durant. It is apparent that our club is truly a model club in developing strong leaders.

Leadership within the community is also evident, as we spend each weekend, beautifying our town by placing our Flags throughout the downtown core. Our fundraising events show that we want to be leaders in

providing support to the many individu-

als and organizations in need in Gravenhurst. And our commitment to Campaign SightFirst II proves that we are providing true leadership in helping those with vision loss around the world.



Our International President, Al Brandel's theme is "Miracles Through Service." Each Gravenhurst Lion is making these miracles happen through their dedication and leadership each and every day. Before you finish that drink....pause, and raise that glass to yourself—the true leader in Lionism.



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*Bonjour Lions!*

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2008/09 season of the Gravenhurst Lions Club. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to guide you into the next year, and I promise you an exciting year.



At my first USA/Canada Forum I had the privilege to meet IP Jimmy Ross. He taught us about change, and that is what I will try to implement during the next Lion year.

This Club is the best club in Canada, and we have the honor to add another District Governor to our long list. I wish DG Nancy a lot of success which I am sure she will have.

I am sure with the Board of Directors and all the Committee Chairs; we will have an outstanding year.

Thanks to my Sponsor, Good friend and Mentor Lion Chris Lewis for his advice and help all over the years. Chris is the real example of what a sponsor should be. The shadow he cast is one we should all follow.

Thanks for giving me the chance to guide you into the next year.

Daniel Soucy  
President 2008/09

## WHAT DOES A PRESIDENT REALLY DO?

This year, each month, we will be reviewing the job descriptions of each position in the club so that everyone may get a greater understanding of their roles. This month, we begin with the Club President.

The President's job is an important one, and isn't just sitting at the head table and eating after everyone else...this is what the club installation ceremony states,

"You are the club's Chief Executive Officer and as such will be expected to preside at all meetings of your club. It is your responsibility to appoint the administrative and activities committees and with your Vice Presidents give the necessary leadership to allow them to function smoothly.



You are a member of the District Governor's Zone Advisory Committee and as such are expected to attend all Zone Advisory meetings. Early planning is important

in order to continue to build the club and to achieve your and the club's goals."

Sounds pretty easy, however, the President's job began 3 years earlier when they were elected as a Vice President. Their development starts with overseeing several committees over the next 3 years. The importance of this step is so that the President has a working knowledge of the operation of the club, before they're leading it! Once they get to the position of 1st VP, they should be actively attending Zone Advisory Meetings, and Cabinet Meetings. They should be attending Officer Training such as the Lions Learning Weekend and take a variety of courses—not just the President's course. Successful Presidents recognize the importance of learning the basics of the other key positions of the club—Secretary and Treasurer.

Prior to their year as President, they will work with the incoming VP's to develop committees that will operate efficiently and effectively.

Once July 1st rolls around, the President becomes the public face of our club. The President represents us in all our functions, and leads by example. The job then becomes one of keeping meetings smoothly running and on track. The President finally coaches the 1st VP continuously throughout the year, and has them chair several meetings in order to prepare them for their year.

## "SECONDS" OF THE MEETINGS...

(A Brief Summary of the Business)

### Meeting of June 3rd:

- Presented Ian Gray with Guardian of Camp Huronda and Melvin Jones Fellowship for outstanding service
- DGE Nan Inducted Kevin and Paulynn Gorrell (sponsors Gord and Irene Campbell) and Scott Dennis as new members (sponsor Bill Allison)
- Bill Daoust presented Dave Durant with Club Appreciation Plaque for his work in Chairing the Convention
- Bill Allison reported that Flags start on June 28 at 7 am—all Teams to attend
- Marj Lewis gave a report on the Dog Walk—raised nearly \$2000.
- Trip Draw Ticket was won by Marj Lewis for August and Ian Gray for January
- 50/50 Draw was won by Fred Collins
- Free Dinner Draw was won by Lorne Punshon



## NEWS FROM THE GRAVENHURST LEOS

The Gravenhurst Leos are just finishing up another successful year! They were out in force at our recent Spaghetti Dinner giving us a hand serving ice cream. They are currently in the



midst of installing new benches on The Leo Heritage Trail ( just off John Street.)

Elections were completed and the Leo President-elect for 2008-2009 is Michelle Joselin and Secretary-elect is Natasha Major.

**LIONS DID THEMSELVES PROUD**  
**by Mahendra Amarasuriya**  
**President, 2007-2008**  
**The International Association of Lions Clubs**

Change can be scary. But that's what we set out to do in 2007-2008. The fundamental values of Lions need to stay. But in my presidential year, which ends in June, we strove for Lions to be more relevant and more capable of attracting new and younger members and of increasing our value and reputation within our communities.

How have we done? For the last 15 years, like other service clubs, we've seen a slow but steady decline in membership. This year we've achieved a membership growth. Our latest data shows a membership increase of 19,000. This is the greatest year in recent history for club and membership growth. Congratulations, Lions, on believing in ourselves and inspiring others to believe in us.

We've also done well in chartering new clubs. We've had 947 new clubs for the 2007-2008 fiscal year through April 30. This is an increase of 140 clubs over the previous year. Latin America has increased new club development by 41 percent. USA and Canada have increased new club development by 15 percent and ISAAME, which is India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, increased new club development by 39 percent.

We zoomed past the Campaign SightFirst II initial fund-raising goal of US\$150 million and are focused on the US\$200 million challenge goal. Thanks to Lions, we're prepared to save the sight of many more millions of people.

We've taken major steps to rebrand Lionism, to project an image of Lions as important and relevant. We've made it more likely that people will join us, partner with us and contribute to our mission.

We've easily reached our goal of 350,000 Melvin Jones Fellows. We've revived the Leo movement and reinvigorated Lions Quest. We've officially signed on with the United Nations to achieve its Millennium Goals. Our partnership with the United Nations has been deepened to enable Lions to help eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education and reach six other ambitious goals. LCIF ranked best among non-governmental organizations worldwide, according to the London-based Financial Times last summer.

Among 34 global organizations LCIF came in first. Lions always have known how effective LCIF is but this ranking affirms that. You also will be pleased to know that former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a Lion, nominated Lions Clubs International for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008. We are very humbled by this honor.

Beyond our obvious successes, I've witnessed in my travels an eager willingness to embrace change and innovation. Some clubs are shortening meetings. Others are spicing them up. Almost jokingly last year at the convention, I talked about clubs having karaoke at a meeting to make it more fun. Well, I actually know of clubs that have done exactly that—they have added karaoke to their regular meeting. Clubs also are responding to the times we live in—a busy time in which people lead busy lives. In the United States, in Sri Lanka and elsewhere, there are new cyber clubs. Members meet via their computer, so to speak. They've been willing to rethink the traditional ways of being a club. They've taken a forward-thinking leap into the future.

The future is ours to shape. For more than 90 years, Lions have led the way as a service club in meeting community needs. We've strengthened our foundation this year. Now we can lift off and fulfill our mission of service as never before.



Who's in that picture?



There are 2 current Gravenhurst Lions in this picture.  
Can you spot them?



Email me at [bulletin@gravenhurstlions.org](mailto:bulletin@gravenhurstlions.org). Winners will be posted in the August bulletin.



Lions have raised...

Worldwide: US\$177,191,134  
 District A-12: US\$148,195  
 Zone 21 East: US\$36,290  
 Gravenhurst: US\$17,198

(as of May 30th, 2008)

The funds raised so far through CSFII will:

- Develop 200 eye clinics worldwide
- Eliminate infectious eye disease by
  - Treating 40 million people for Trachoma
  - Eliminating Trachoma in the 10 worst countries
  - Provide 70 million treatments for River Blindness
  - Eradicate River Blindness in Latin America
- Eliminate avoidable childhood blindness
- Strengthen low-vision services
- Develop new capacities for controlling glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy

As we approach our stretch goal of US\$200 million, funds above US\$150 million will remain here in North America to support many vision and blindness related research projects and rehabilitation.

For more information on Campaign SightFirst II and how you can support the program, visit...

[www.lions-csfii.org](http://www.lions-csfii.org)

### LION LAUGHTER

A hungry lion was roaming through the jungle looking for something to eat. He came across two men. One was sitting under a tree and reading a book; the other was typing away on his typewriter.

The lion quickly pounced on the man reading the book and devoured him.

Even the king of the jungle knows that readers digest and writers cramp.



### ...ALWAYS WITH YOU...

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

Harvey Ramer    Bill Daoust    Eunice Chaisson  
 Carol Kloefer

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better." - *Dr. Seuss*

### 9 NIGHTS IN BANGKOK

DGE Nan and PDG Dave are hard at work representing our club and our District at the Lions Clubs International Convention in exotic Bangkok, Thailand. Nan begins her District Governor Training on June 18th in the beautiful seaside resort of Pattaya on the shores of the Gulf of Siam. While Nan is working, Dave, I'm sure, is a picture of perfection in his Speedo by the beach. When they return, they will have much to report on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.



### "BOB IZUMI FISHING SHOW" BBQ AT MUSKOKA WHARF ON JUNE 28TH



The Wharf series of BBQ's continue—we're hoping for at least one weekend without rain—on June 28th. This event is expected to be a big one with the Bob Izumi Fishing and Boating Show on site. Iron your aprons, sharpen your spatulas, and then contact Cindy Dann for more details, or to volunteer!

### 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](http://www.convention.a12lions.org) or contact Jim or Maureen Hilt at 705-636-1862.



# COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2008-2009

(Committee Chairs in *italics*)

## FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ED STIRRETT

### Constitution & Bylaws

*Kathy Daoust*  
Bill Daoust  
Archie Howard

### Conventions & Forums

*Dave Durant*  
Rob Grimes

### LCIF

*Randy McGregor*  
Dave Durant  
Fred Collins

### Membership

*Irene Campbell*  
Chris Lewis  
Rob Grimes

### Public Relations

*Dave Durant*  
Garry Fitzell

### Special Meetings

*Ian Gray*  
Kent Ing

### Ways & Means

*Irene Campbell*  
Gord Campbell  
Paulynn Gorrell  
Richard Rawlings  
Bill Allison  
Ron Riddell

*Kevin Gorrell*  
George Harris  
Jim Fletcher  
Glen Peart  
Cindy Dann

## SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT SARAH GRIMES

### Diabetes & Camp Huronda

*Carol Keith*  
Barb Stirrett  
Bill Herrington

### Finance

*Marj Lewis*  
Ed Stirrett  
Rob Grimes  
Nancy Watt-Durant

### Food & Refreshments

*Sarah Grimes*

### Hearing Conservation

*Carol Keith*  
Lorne Punshon  
George Harris

### Lions Foundation of Canada

*Marj Lewis*  
Ron Chaisson  
Archie Howard  
Fred Collins

### Nevada

*Marj Lewis*

### Sight Conservation

*Wendy Rawlings*  
Richard Rawlings  
Sarah Grimes

### Youth Outreach

*Chris Lewis*  
Scott Dennis  
Bill Allison  
Brandon McGregor

## THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT RANDY MCGREGOR

### Health & Welfare

*Wendy Fletcher*

### Environment

*Brandon McGregor*

### Guest Speakers

*Chris Lewis*

### Community Services

*Fred Collins*  
Doug Hewitson  
Archie Howard  
Ian Gray  
Bill Allison  
Marj Lewis

### Lions Camp Dorset

*Bud Leonard*  
Paulynn Gorrell  
Bill Herrington

### Leo Club

*Wendy Fletcher*  
Randy McGregor  
Chris Lewis  
Scott Dennis

### Property

*Terry Stevenson*  
Gord Campbell  
Doug Hewitson  
Jim Fletcher

### 2009 President's Night

*Rob Grimes*

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(updated June 14, 2008)

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



SCOTT DENNIS  
(sponsor Bill Allison)



KEVIN GORRELL  
(sponsor Gord Campbell)



PAULYNN GORRELL  
(sponsor Irene Campbell)

For future bulletins, I need the following from the members:

- Baby pictures (For the older members, cave drawings will be accepted....)
- Member Biographies including anniversaries, birthdays, employment history, Lions' awards
- Jokes
- Committee meeting dates and times
- Event and Project details and work schedules



Email them to [bulletin@gravenhurstlions.org](mailto:bulletin@gravenhurstlions.org).

## CANADIAN LIONISM TRIVIA

During World War II, many Canadian servicemen in London were concerned about the way the children of the Blitz had to live—no clothing or food, split families, poor shelter. Many of these servicemen were Lions in Canada, and they sent an appeal back to their clubs to fundraise to support these children. However, since there were no Lions clubs in the UK to distribute the funds, they worked with the Queen Mother and the Church of England Children's Society to get the help to the needy.



After the War, the Queen sent Lord Leconfield to Canada to offer appreciation and thanks to the Lions of Canada for their support, and he inquired if there was anything he could do in return. The Canadian Lions asked him to go to Chicago to learn what Lionism was about. He proceeded to Chicago, and after visiting the International Headquarters, he was so impressed and excited, he returned to England, and became the Charter President of the first Lions Club in the UK—The London Host Lions Club (sponsored by the Windsor Lions) in 1950.

"I don't even know what street Canada is on!" - Al Capone

## 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.

## e-SERVE! LIONISM ON THE WEB



- Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and view the latest Lions Quarterly video magazine and learn about the Lions Burn Care Centre, the Asian "Sight for Kids" Program and the Lions Peace Poster Contest.
- Travel to [www.roarbangkok2008.com](http://www.roarbangkok2008.com) for information about the 91st Lions Clubs International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Summer means camping—check out the websites of the camps we support in our area:

Lions Camp Dorset—<http://www.lionscampdorset.on.ca/>  
Camp Huronda —<http://www.camphuronda.ca/>  
Ontario Camp of the Deaf—<http://www.bobrumball.org/ocd/ocd.html>  
CNIB Lake Joseph Centre—<http://www.cnib.ca/lakejo/index.html>



### 3 Month Planner

July-August-September 2008

July 1st	Canada Day Flags (All teams)
July 19th	CNIB Lake Jo Appreciation Day
July 19th	Lions Camp Dorset Open House
July 19th	Camp Huronda Appreciation Day
July 22nd	Board of Director's Meeting
July 24th	Bingo at Royal Canadian Legion
August 1st	Driver Reviver Station, Muskoka Tourism Welcome Centre
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 TBA	Board of Director's Meeting
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 (Guest Speaker TBA)
September 18th-20th	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Saskatoon, SK <a href="https://usacanadalionsforum.org">https://usacanadalionsforum.org</a>
September 23rd	Board of Director's Meeting

### Committee Meeting Schedule

July 2008

July 7th	Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Re/Max Boardroom
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### Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

July 6th	Carol & Barry Keith's Anniversary
July 16th	Sarah Grimes' Birthday
July 17th	Dave Durant's Birthday
July 23rd	Bill Allison'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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