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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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OUR FOUNDER, MELVIN JONES

January 13, 2009 will be the 130th anniversary of the birth of Melvin Jones—founder of Lions Clubs International. He was born in Fort Thomas, Arizona in 1879 and was the owner of an insurance company in Chicago in 1913. He joined and was elected secretary of the Business

Circle—a Chicago businessman's luncheon group. The focus of the Business Circle was to promote the financial interests of their membership. Melvin Jones asked "What if these men who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" His club agreed, and at Melvin Jones' invitation,

delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization, and on June 7, 1917, the Association of Lions Clubs was born. Just three years later, in 1920, the organization became truly international when the first club in Canada was

chartered in Windsor. Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency, to devote himself full-time to Lionism at the International Headquarters in Chicago. Under his leadership, the Association grew quickly and clubs were formed throughout Europe, Asia, and

Africa. Melvin Jones was also recognized as a leader outside of Lionism when in 1945, he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant at the organization of the United Nations in San Francisco. His personal code, "You can't get very far in life until you start doing something for somebody else..." is the core basis for all we as Lions do.



Melvin Jones died on June 1, 1961 at the age of 82. However his spirit lives on in the 1.3 million Lions around the world, who through unselfish service, continue the efforts of Melvin Jones to make their communities a better place.

- from Lions Clubs International



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

Regular Meeting of December 2nd, 2008:

- Membership Chair Irene Campbell is working on collecting outstanding dues
- Christmas Party Chairs Cindy Dann and Marj Lewis reported on the upcoming Christmas Party on December 16th and reminded everyone to bring unwrapped toys or food for the Salvation Army
- Ways and Means Chairs Irene Cambell and Kevin Gorrell indicated that there is a meeting immediately following the regular meeting
- Thank You letter from LFC was read for Memorial Forest Donations for Bill Daoust and Harvey Ramer
- No Child Without programme deferred until January meeting
- Community Services chair Fred Collins reminded everyone about Salvation Army Kettle Schedule
- Draw Ticket sales need to improve—tickets will be brought to the next meeting
- We will no longer be hosting Happy Hour at Leisureworld
- Motion to present Salvation Army with \$1000 donation was carried.
- Crocus sales are on track—55 flats are ordered
- Meeting sponsorship approved
- Chris Lewis was unanimously supported in his candidacy for Zone Chair for 2009-2010
- Motion to present funds to Governor's project referred to Finance Committee

Regular Meeting of December 16th, 2008:

- Annual Christmas Party was held
- Secretary Elf Cindy was too busy putting final touches on toys in Santa's workshop to record minutes

Directors Meeting of December 23rd, 2008:

- Meeting cancelled due to Christmas holidays

...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...

Eunice Chaisson Carol Kloepper

Please take the time to call upon them!

“An optimist stays up to see the New Year in. A pessimist waits to make sure the old one leaves.” - *Bill Vaughn*

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.

The Impact of the Lions Quest Program on an Elementary School

This story was shared with us by Karen Annon, Principal of Abbeydale Elementary School in Calgary, Alberta and speaks to the difference that Lions Quest can make in a school.

Lions Quest is a social skill program based on building community and problem solving. The key to its success is the time and money spent on training a school staff. The training workshop consists of two full days and many resources. All staff members are encouraged to take part in the training to be qualified to teach the program to their students.

Three years ago, I joined Abbeydale Staff as principal. During the first year, a staff member mentioned the program to me and I called the Calgary North Hill Lions Club to check it out. Within a month we were invited to join a two-day training session where we were given all of the resources we needed to build community within our school and community. The changes that have taken place in the three years are remarkable.

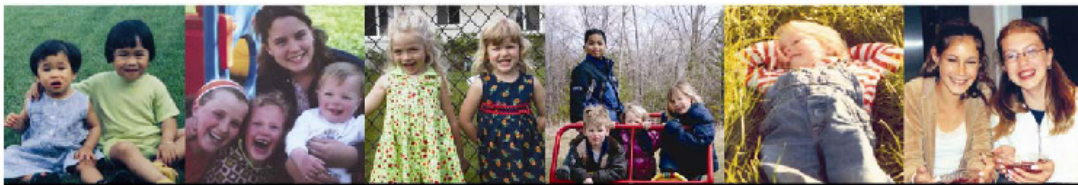
To reinforce the community building aspect, we have divided our school into four learning communities where we house students from kindergarten to grade six in each learning community. Throughout the year the members in each learning community enjoy community activities which focus on building a safe and secure community. Older students are encouraged to be good role models for the younger students and to assist with problem solving and tutoring. The smaller students enjoy the safety and security of having bigger buddies who help them when they need it.

The teachers who reinforce the social skills on a daily basis and build the skills form Lions Quest into their daily programs are most successful with changing behaviour. Students learn the language necessary to problem solve in a cooperative and creative manner. The use of a common language throughout the school encourages a sense of belonging and security. The highly successful teachers eagerly undertake any problem that arises and quickly get the problem solved and out of the way. The teachers who are less successful with student discipline and behaviour try to find someone else to solve their problems and look outside the classroom for controls. Lions Quest encourages the interior locus of control versus the external locus of control. Often the training that children are receiving in school is shared with parents and the same vocabulary is shared at home when working on problem solving.

This fall, four new grade six students joined our community. It was really interesting to see the different set of skills these students brought with them. Within days, we all noticed the lack of social skill training present in the interpersonal development of these eleven-year-olds. Where our student's had learned to talk out their problems and work towards keeping our school safe and secure, these students were used to using tempers and aggressive behaviour to make a point.

The one aspect that was immediately apparent is you cannot wait until grade six to teach the prosocial skills. Even now, six months later there is still a huge gap in the language and problem solving abilities of the new citizens in our school. When the kindergarten teachers begin their programs by teaching social skills, and this builds as children progress in school, by grade six the students have had seven years of intensive social development. This leads to a very safe school where students feel a sense of belonging. As everyone becomes accustomed to the language and the processes involved in problem solving, it soon becomes the way we do things at our school. It is very rewarding to hear this is the Abbeydale Way.

A special thanks goes out to the Calgary North Hill Lions Club for assisting us with the resources to make this a special program for our school.



- From "The Bear Facts—December 2008" - a publication of Thrive! Canada

SHOPPING SPREE DRAW

A reminder that the Shopping Spree Draw is on March 17th. If you require more tickets, see Cindy right away. This is our biggest fundraiser, and we need to move the remaining tickets as soon as possible.



"Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one more hole on the buckle if necessary, or let one down...but on the first of January, let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were or are in the past."

- Henry Ward Beecher

Who's in that picture?



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

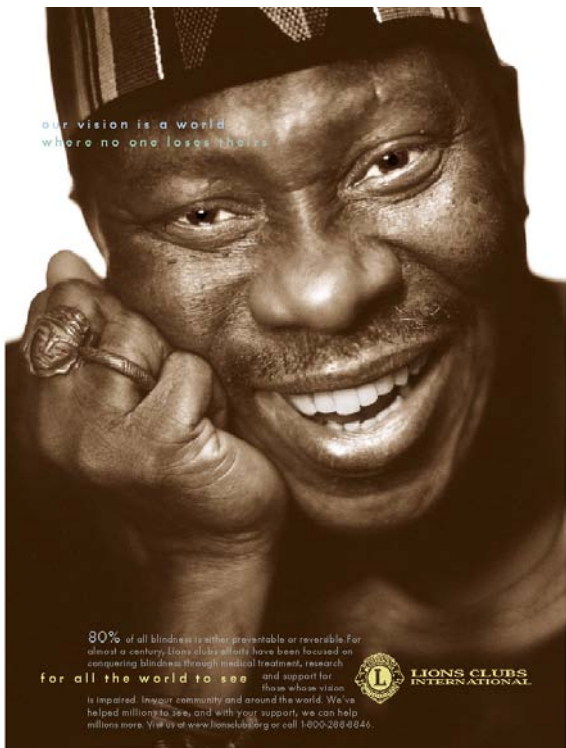
December Challenge



Kathy Daoust

Again, no one guessed the December picture. Here is another from 1942...

The deadline for your guess for the November challenge is January 20th!



our vision is a world where no one loses theirs

80% of all blindness is either preventable or reversible. For almost a century, Lions Clubs efforts have been focused on conquering blindness through medical treatment, research and support for those who are vision impaired. In your community and around the world. We've helped millions to see, and with your support, we can help millions more. Visit us at www.lionsclubs.org or call 1-800-288-9046.



LION LAUGHTER

A circus owner runs an ad for a lion tamer and two young people show up. One is a good looking lad in his mid-twenties and the other is a gorgeous blonde about the same age.

The circus owner tells them, "I'm not going to sugar coat it. This is one ferocious lion. He ate my last tamer so you guys better be good or you're history! Here's your equipment; chair, whip and a gun. Who wants to try out first?"

The girl says, "I'll go first."

She walks past the chair, the whip and the gun and steps right into the lion's cage. The lion starts to snarl and pant and begins to charge her. About half way there, she throws open her coat revealing her beautiful naked body.

The lion stops dead in his tracks, sheepishly crawls up to her and starts licking her ankles. He continues to lick her calves, kisses them and rests his head at her feet.

The circus owner's mouth is on the floor. He says, "I've never seen a display like that in my life!" He then turns to the young man and asks, "Can you top that?"

The young man replies... "Sure, no problem, just get that damn lion out of the way."



DISTRICT GOVERNOR NAN'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

Jan. 7th—Bala
Jan. 12th—Dwight
Jan. 13th—Gilford
Jan. 19th—Baysville
Jan. 21st—Oro District
Jan. 22nd—Sundridge
Jan. 26th—Kearney
Jan. 27th—Victoria Harbour



Feb. 3rd—Pointe au Baril
Feb. 4th—Penetanguishene
Feb. 9th—Orillia
Feb. 18th—Stephenson
Feb. 24th—Windermere
Feb. 26th—Bracebridge
Mar. 9th—Washago

ZONE CHAIR ROB'S VISITATION SCHEDULE



Jan. 20th—Gravenhurst
Jan. 21st—Huntsville

ZONE CHAIR CANDIDATE CHRIS' CAMPAIGN TOUR

Jan 22nd—Bracebridge (Depart 5:45 p.m.)
Feb 2nd—Baysville (Depart TBA—no dinner)
Feb 8th—Cabinet Meeting—Victoria Harbour
Feb 11th—Dorset (Depart 5:15 p.m.)
Feb 19th—Zone Meeting—Bracebridge (Depart 5:30 p.m.)
March 4th—Stephenson (Depart 6:00 p.m.)
March 9th—Dwight (Depart 5:30 p.m.)
March 17th—Huntsville (Depart 5:15 p.m.)
March 18th—Region Rally—Port Sydney (Depart TBA)

Contact Chris @
chris.marj@sympatico.ca if you'd like
to attend.

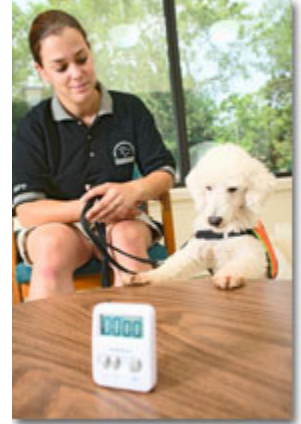


Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada

Hearing Ear Dogs alert people who are hard of hearing to important sounds and bring an independence and new confidence to their silent lives.

Basic Skills:

- Makes physical contact with handler on hearing specific or unusual noises.
- Leads handler to source of noise.
- Responds to telephone ring, door bell ring or knock, voice calls, baby crying, kettle boiling, and other household sounds.
- Can respond to hand signals and limited signing.

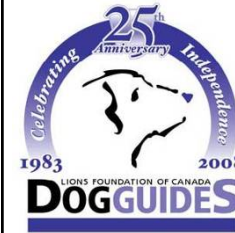


Typical Breeds

The program usually trains small to medium sized dogs who, at the age of one year, demonstrate that they are friendly, active and willing to work. The pup is either born at our Breslau Centre, or is donated to the Foundation. They are placed in foster homes to live, being socialized in different environments for their first year.

Training Program

When the dog is about one year of age, he is returned for assessment and medical examination. Dogs who qualify begin a six-month training program in a simulated home environment at the training centre. Successful applicants undertake a two-week program to learn how to work with and to bond with their new Dog Guide partner. The dog can also be trained to respond to hand signals if the new owner cannot speak clearly enough to give verbal commands.



Entering the Community

Our certified Hearing Ear Dogs are distinguished by the internationally recognized bright orange harness that is stenciled with "Hearing Ear Dogs of Canada".

Submitted by Marj Lewis, Club Lions Foundation Chair

Source: www.dogguides.com

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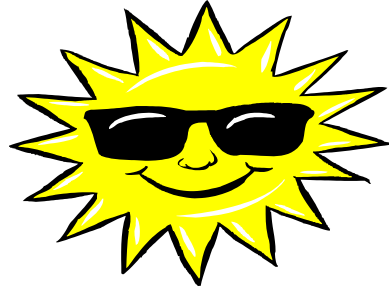


Melvin Jones Memorial—<http://www.lions-mjm.org>

Lions Clubs International Wikipedia Entry—http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lions_Clubs_International

Ten Ways to Stimulate Motivation

1. Add fun and variety to the club environment
2. Develop goals and challenges for all members
3. Recognize and reward performance
4. Set the example
5. Include members in the planning process
6. Keep members informed
7. Communicate
8. Build trust
9. Foster creativity and innovation
10. Listen



Ten Ways to Inhibit Motivation



1. Create an atmosphere full of club politics.
2. Develop unclear expectations of what club members should accomplish
3. Create a lot of rules for club members to follow
4. Conduct unproductive meetings for members to attend
5. Show favoritism to friends and long-time members when activities are planned
6. Withhold information
7. Provide criticism instead of constructive feedback
8. Underutilize the skills and interests of club members
9. Seek control of details
10. Resist change

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2008-2009

(Committee Chairs in *italics*)

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ED STIRRETT

Constitution & Bylaws	Conventions & Forums	LCIF	Membership	Public Relations	Special Meetings
<i>Kathy Daoust</i> Bill Daoust Archie Howard	<i>Dave Durant</i> Rob Grimes	<i>Randy McGregor</i> Dave Durant Fred Collins	<i>Irene Campbell</i> Chris Lewis Rob Grimes	<i>Dave Durant</i> Garry Fitzell	<i>Ian Gray</i> Kent Ing

Ways & Means

<i>Irene Campbell</i> Gord Campbell Paulynn Gorrell Richard Rawlings Bill Allison Ron Riddell	<i>Kevin Gorrell</i> George Harris Jim Fletcher Glen Peart Cindy Dann
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SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT SARAH GRIMES

Diabetes & Camp Huronda	Finance	Food & Refreshments	Hearing Conservation	Lions Foundation of Canada	Nevada
<i>Carol Keith</i> Barb Stirrett Bill Herrington	<i>Marj Lewis</i> Ed Stirrett Rob Grimes Nancy Watt-Durant	<i>Sarah Grimes</i>	<i>Carol Keith</i> Lorne Punshon George Harris	<i>Marj Lewis</i> Ron Chaisson Archie Howard Fred Collins	<i>Marj Lewis</i>

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	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

Terry Stevenson
Gord Campbell
Doug Hewitson
Jim Fletcher

2009 President's Night

Rob Grimes

3 Month Planner

January-March 2009

January 6th	Lions Business Meeting
January 14th	Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Re/Max Boardroom, 315 Bay Street
January 20th	Lions Social Meeting , ZC Rob's Official Visit
January 27th	Board of Director's Meeting
February 3rd	Lions Business Meeting
February 8th	District A-12 Cabinet Meeting, Victoria Harbour
February 17th	Lions Social Meeting
February 19th	Zone 21E Advisory Meeting, Bracebridge
February 24th	Lions Board of Directors Meeting
March 3rd	Lions Business Meeting
March 17th	Lions Social Meeting, Shopping Spree Draw
March 18th	Region 21 Region Rally, Port Sydney
March 24th	Lions Board of Directors
March 28-29	Lions Learning Weekend, Bayview Wildwood

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

January 4th	Carol Keith's Birthday
January 10th	Ron & Eunice Chaisson's Anniversary
January 17th	Ken Kloepfer's Birthday
January 25th	Barb Stirrett's Birthday
January 26th	Glen Peart's Birthday
January 27th	Nancy Watt-Durant's Birthday
January 29th	Doug Campbell's Birthday
January 31st	Glen & Betty Peart's Anniversary

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.

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