

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 Regatta Steak & Seafood Grille, Muskoka Wharf, Gravenhurst. All meetings are Dinner Meetings—cost \$15.00.

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SUMMER VACATION

We are situated at the gateway to Cottage Country. It is a relatively short drive for people to escape the confines of the city and journey to the shores of our many fine lakes for a much deserved vacation. However, if you were blind where would you go? If you suffered from kidney disease, and needed regular dialysis, where would you go? Or if you are a child just learning how to manage your diabetes, where would you go?

Often if a person suffers from one of these diseases, their family suffers too. If a father requires dialysis three times a week, does a vacation become a scheduling nightmare filled with challenges? We are fortunate to have four camps in our area which offer the opportunity to have a great summer vacation.

Lions Camp Dorset for Kidney Dialysis is located just outside Dorset and for over thirty years has been providing a much needed retreat. The facility has 20 dialysis machines and is able to conduct dialysis on 32 patients per day.

Camp Huronda for children with diabetes is situated near Huntsville, and allows young people the chance to interact with other children with diabetes and to learn how to manage their disease.

The CNIB Lake Joseph Centre in MacTier provides a safe facility for the blind and visually-impaired. Since many of these clients also suffer from other diseases, a medical clinic funded by the Lions of District A-12 is onsite.

And the Bob Rumball Ontario Camp of the Deaf near Parry Sound mission is to have a facility where a deaf child could enjoy everything that a summer camp offers, but in an environment without communication barriers.

Our club has always supported the efforts of these great camps through annual donations, and it is satisfying to know that we are making a difference in the lives of people with these disabilities.



For more information, visit:
www.lionscampdorset.on.ca
www.camphuronda.ca
www.cnib.ca/lakejo/index.htm
www.bobrumball.org/OCD/ocd.html



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

Regular Meeting of May 5th, 2009

- Read correspondence requesting Youth Exchange Host Families
- June 16th Meeting will be our first at Regatta—price \$15.00
- Club is looking for a Flag Programme Chair for this year
- Work Schedule passed around for Spaghetti Dinner
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Regular Meeting of May 19th, 2009

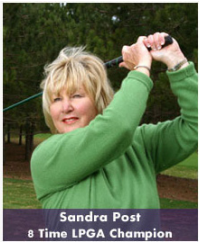
- The club welcomed the Washago Lions at this meeting
- President-elect Ed distributed Committee Sign-up sheets
- Bill Allison has volunteered to chair the Flag Program
- Motion to become an associate member of the BIA was carried
- 2011 Convention meeting will be June 1st, 7 pm, YIG's
- Daniel will look into sponsor decals for the Flag Program
- Terry Doug and Bill have been working at cleaning the building. It will need a roof in the fall, and a new gate soon
- Archie and Fred have tickets for the TV draw. George Harris will work the market every Wed.

Directors Meeting of May 26th, 2009

- Donated \$100 towards the Mark Domontis skate across Canada for Blind sports
- Sponsored in the amount of \$250 the Music on the Barge for 2009
- Recommended a donation of \$1000 towards a wheelchair van purchase for a local resident
- Membership Chair-elect Chris reported that the Membership Committee will be conducting an Officer and Committee Chair training session in July
- Car show BBQ is June 20th, Opp-Bob Izumi BBQ is June 27th
- Donated \$200 to Leos for their help with the Spaghetti Dinner

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!!



THANK YOU!

I would like to express my appreciation to all who submitted content for my bulletins this year—you made the job so much easier. Although at times, I suffered from “writer’s block,” it truly was a pleasure to produce. I would also like to thank everyone for their comments, both positive and constructive, who helped me make it a better bulletin.

PDG Dave will be the incoming Bulletin Editor and I am confident that he will do an outstanding job.

Chris

“We all learn by experience, but some of us have to go to summer school.” - *Peter deVries*

On cover...

Camp Huronda Sunset

TIME FOR MORE MIRACLES AS ECONOMY WORSENS

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

Until the world economy improves many people, especially the poor, will suffer. What does this mean for Lions? It's an opportunity to serve even more. That's exactly what the president of the Republic of Korea, Lee Myung-bak, told me recently. "Lions are needed now more than ever," he said.

Our hands-on service is particularly valuable in this time of crisis. Lions do not rely on dollars to improve the lives of others. We give of our time and energy. We make a difference because our difference is that we roll up our sleeves and do what it takes to bring about positive change. We are uniquely positioned to aid society in this era of downsizing and downward expectations.



One of the great strengths of Lions is our flexibility. If your community has changed, then your club can refocus. Maybe it's time for a new project. The past is a guide, not a straitjacket. Lions can shift their focus to meet current community needs.

Clubs not only can adjust to meet the needs of their community but also can adjust to meet needs of members. Maybe your club should consider meeting one less time a month or otherwise adjust a longstanding practice to make life easier for the complicated lives of members. Within the rules of our association, of course, be creative and flexible. Change for the better is change worth embracing.



Our miracles through service don't happen just because we mean well or have good hearts. They happen because we are smart, purposeful and prudent about what we do. We're not only kind but we're capable. We haven't flourished since 1917 because of dumb luck. We know how to get things done.

So serve with passion, serve with pluck and serve smartly. Our miracles through service depend on the good qualities of each and every club and each and every Lion. All Lions share in our mission of service. You are the heroes of our society, the ones who quietly help your neighbors and make your neighborhoods better places to live. I wish you well and know all of you will continue to create our marvelous miracles through service.

YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DANIEL

Another year has gone by, and I can't believe how quickly it went. In a very short time, Lion Ed will take the reins as President of the Club and I wish him a lot of success.

I would like to thank every one of you for the support and understanding you gave me this year. I like to think we are all brothers and sisters.

Next year I have been asked to serve on the District Cabinet as Extension Chair of the MERL Team, and I know my experiences as President will go a long ways towards helping me start new Lions clubs around the District.

I would also like to thank our Secretary Cindy Dann who made me look not so bad all year. She guided me and helped me in every meeting. And to Treasurer Marj Lewis who kept our finance in order like a pro. And to my Mentor and good friend Chris Lewis. Thank you—you made me a better Lion.

To all the older and experienced Lions, thanks for answering my questions, your knowledge was a blessing.

And most importantly, to my wonderful wife, Leslie. Thanks for your support and help.

This really is the best club in Canada! Thank you all and I wish you the best in the future.

Daniel Soucy
Proud President



It Takes A Lion...

Who We Are...

1. Women were officially able to join Lions in:
a. 1967 b. 1979 c. 1987 d. 1989
2. What is the approximate number of clubs and members in Lions Clubs International Worldwide?
a. 40,000 clubs, 1 million members
b. 45,000 clubs, 1.3 million members
c. 50,000 clubs, 1.5 million members
d. 55,000 clubs, 1.7 million members
3. How many countries and geographical areas do we serve in?
a. 150 b. 165 c. 200 d. 205
4. In what year was the Association of Lions Clubs formed?
a. 1905 b. 1917 c. 1920 d. 1925
5. Lions Clubs became "International" when a club was formed in what city?
a. Windsor b. Toronto c. Vancouver d. Sault Ste. Marie
6. Of which service organization, which one is the largest?
a. Lions b. Kinsmen c. Kiwanis d. Rotary
7. How many clubs are there in District A-12?
a. 35 b. 38 c. 49 d. 52
8. The Gravenhurst Lions Club is part of which zone?
a. 21 East b. 36 East c. 8 North d. 31 South

What We Do...

1. Last year, approximately how much did Lions around the world donate?
a. \$452 million US b. \$512 million US c. \$652 million US d. \$802 million US
2. Last year, Lions worldwide completed approximately how many hours of service?
a. 34 million b. 44 million c. 54 million d. 64 million
3. In what year were Lions challenged to be Knights of the Blind by Helen Keller?
a. 1920 b. 1922 c. 1925 d. 1927
4. What is the main focus of the Lions Foundation of Canada?
a. Restoring Sight
b. Recycling Eyeglasses
c. Providing Guide Dogs
d. Youth Scholarships
5. Approximately how much did Campaign SightFirst II raise towards eliminating preventable blindness?
a. \$111 million US
b. \$161 million US
c. \$211 million US
d. \$261 million US
6. Which Camp in our District is supported by the Lions of District A-12 is for children with diabetes?
a. Lions Camp Dorset b. Lake Joseph Centre c. Camp Kirk d. Camp Huronda
7. Which Lions International Youth Programme was recently completed with the winner presented at the Lions Day at the United Nations?
a. Peace Poster Contest b. Effective Speaking Contest c. Leo of the Year d. Lions Quest
8. What percentage is the maximum that a club can take from fundraising for a clubs administration account?
a. 0% b. 5% c. 10% d. There is no limit

Answers found on page 6.

TRUE LIONS FACTS

Lions (*Panthera leo*) are the only cats that live in groups, which are called prides. Prides are family units that can include up to 3 males, 12 or so females, and their offspring. All of a pride's lionesses are related, and female cubs typically stay with the group as they age. Young males eventually leave and establish their own prides by taking over a group headed by another male. Only male lions have manes, the impressive fringe of long brown or black hair that encompasses their heads. Males defend the pride's territory, up to 100 square miles of territory. These intimidating animals mark the area with urine, roar menacingly to warn intruders.



When resting, lions seem to enjoy good fellowship with lots of touching, head rubbing, licking and purring. But when it comes to food, each lion fends for itself. Squabbling and fighting are common, with adult males usually eating first, followed by the females and then the cubs. Both males and females will defend the pride against intruders. Some individual lions consistently lead the defense against intruders, while others lag behind. Typically, males will not tolerate outside males, and females will not tolerate outside females. Males are expelled from the pride or leave on their own when they reach maturity. Lions spend a lot of their time resting. They are inactive for about 20 hours per day.

(how much are Lions Club Members similar to real lions...)

BIG SCREEN TV DRAW

If you haven't already picked up your tickets for our Big Screen TV Package Draw, please do so right away! The draw consists of a Plasma TV, a Home Theatre System, and a BluRay DVD Player.



Tickets will be sold at the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays, and Sobeys' and YIG's on various Saturdays. In addition,

tickets will be sold at our special events such as the Car Show BBQ.

Contact Fred Collins or Archie Howard for more details or to volunteer to sell tickets at one of the sales locations.

SUMMER BBQ FUNDRAISERS



June 20th—Car Show BBQ, Gull Lake Park
June 27th—OPP-Bob Izumi, Muskoka Wharf

LION HUMOUR

A small village was troubled by a man-eating lion. So its leaders sent a message to the great hunter, Jonesie, to come and kill the beast. For several nights the hunter lay in wait for the lion, but it never appeared. Finally, he told the village chief to kill a cow and give him its hide. Draping the skin over his shoulders, he went to the pasture to wait for the lion. In the middle of the night, the villagers woke to the sound of blood-curdling shrieks coming from the pasture. As they carefully approached, they saw the hunter on the ground, groaning in pain. There was no sign of the lion. "What happened, Jonesie? Where is the lion?" asked the chief. "Forget the damn lion!" he howled. "Which one of you idiots let the bull loose?"



Visit www.ItTakesALion.ca for more information

These answers are 16 quick facts you can use when you meet someone, and want to talk about Lions. Take the time to learn some of them, and you'll be able to tell others why "It Takes A Lion".

1-c, 2-c, 3-c, 4-c, 5-c, 6-d, 7-a, 8-a

WHAT WE DO

1-c, 2-b, 3-d, 4-b, 5-a, 6-a, 7-c, 8-a

WHO WE ARE

It Takes A Lion Quiz Answers

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

2009-2010

(committee chair is highlighted in *italics*)

1st Vice President – Sarah Grimes

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| Constitution and Bylaws <i>Kathy Daoust</i> Nancy Watt-Durant Archie Howard | LCIF <i>Chris Lewis</i> | Membership <i>Chris Lewis</i> Daniel Soucy Cindy Dann | Public Relations & Internet <i>Dave Durant</i> Chris Lewis |
| Ways and Means <i>Dave Durant</i> Ian Gray Chris Lewis Irene Campbell Gord Campbell Mary-Anne McCormack Nancy Watt-Durant Richard Rawlings Bill Herrington George Harris Lorne Punshon Ken Kloepfer | Long Range Planning <i>Chris Lewis</i> Daniel Soucy Richard Rawlings | TV Draw <i>Doug Hewitson</i> Fred Collins Archie Howard | |

2nd Vice President – Randy McGregor

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| Finance <i>Marj Lewis</i> Daniel Soucy Sarah Grimes Nancy Watt-Durant | Nevada <i>Marj Lewis</i> | Lions Foundation of Canada <i>Barb Stirrett</i> Carol Keith Sarah Grimes | Diabetes, Sight, Hearing & Camps <i>Bud Leonard</i> Keith Metcalfe Irene Campbell |
| Property <i>Terry Stevenson</i> Gord Campbell | Special Meetings <i>Marj Lewis</i> Carol Keith | Conventions and Forums <i>Daniel Soucy</i> | |

3rd Vice President – Carol Keith

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| Health & Welfare <i>Wendy Fletcher</i> | Environment <i>Marj Lewis</i> Kent Ing | Guest Speakers <i>Dave Durant</i> | Community Service <i>Fred Collins</i> Archie Howard Doug Hewitson Richard Rawlings |
| Leo Club <i>Wendy Fletcher</i> Jim Fletcher Mary-Ann McCormack | 2010 President's Night <i>Daniel Soucy</i> | Flags <i>Bill Allison</i> Sarah Grimes | Food TBA |

Committee Chair Procedures:

- Reports are required from each committee at the business meeting of each month (1st Tuesday)
- Written copies of reports should be emailed to the club Secretary in advance of the meeting unless the report is simply just a brief update
- All new business by committees must be presented to the Board of Directors prior to coming to the floor during a general meeting
- Vice Presidents responsible for each committee should be informed of committee meetings, and any reports the committee will be presenting
- Minutes and records of committee activity should be kept and copies submitted to the Secretary and to the new committee chair at the end of their term

3 Month Planner

June-July-August 2009

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| 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 13th | LFC Memorial Forest Rededication, Breslau |
| June 16th | President's and Awards Night, Regatta Steak & Seafood |
| June 20th | Antique Car Show BBQ |
| June 24th | Lions Board of Directors |
| June 27th | OPP-Bob Izumi BBQ, Muskoka Wharf |
| July 1st | Canada Day—Flag Program Launch |
| July 6th-10th | Lions Clubs International Convention, Minneapolis, MN |
| July 18th | Camp Huronda Lions Appreciation Day and Craft Hut Dedication |
| July 28th | Lions Board of Directors |
| July TBA | Club Officer and Committee Chair Orientation and Training Session |
| August 14th | Lions Foundation of Canada Golf Tournament - Muskoka Highlands Golf Course, Bracebridge |
| August 16th | Music on the Barge Collection—The Good Brothers |
| August 25th | Lions Board of Directors |

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

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| June 5th | Irene Campbell's Birthday |
| June 8th | Lorne Punshon'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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