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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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THE GIFT OF SIGHT

March is Lions Eye Donor Awareness Month. Did you know that after skin, corneal tissue is the most successfully transplanted human tissue? Cornea rejection rates are extremely low, and there is no need for life-long immune suppression medication.

Over three thousand cornea transplants occur annually in Canada,

however, there is still a severe shortage of eye tissue. Each month, nearly 150 Canadians are added to a waiting list for corneal tissue transplants resulting in most individuals waiting for five years or more to see again.

This need is expected to grow

sharply as our population ages. One pair of donated eyes helps benefit eight people.

There are eleven Eye Banks in Canada—three of which are affiliated as Lions Eye Banks, in Calgary, Winnipeg and Saskatoon.

These three eye banks are sponsored by Lions clubs, districts, and

Multiple Districts and have established relationships with medical facilities. Lions often serve as tissue transporters, eye bank volunteers and fundraisers.

Consider signing your organ donation card today, and give the ultimate gift—the gift of sight.



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

Regular Meeting of February 3rd, 2009

- Finance committee recommendations of No Dues Increase, Stop Selling Trip Draw Tickets, No Child Without \$1500/yr for 3 years, Governor’s Project \$3000, and defer SightFirst II payment until after Shopping Spree Draw is complete were all passed
- Long Range Planning committee recommendations of \$1000 for a membership and information campaign, the need for Vice Presidents to be more active in coaching and training committee chairs, and the plan to hold short focused discussions at club meetings once/month were all passed
- Rob presented the slate of officers for 2009-2010. Dave Durant offered to stand for Bulletin Editor
- Spaghetti Dinner will be on May 9th
- Reminder to get Shopping Spree Tickets sold and returned as soon as possible
- Purchased MD“A” convention tickets
- Constitution and Bylaws updates almost complete
- PR manual is complete; if desired, see Dave Durant
- Ways and Means to hold a meeting soon
- Canine Challenge—Leos will be putting in a team
- Marj just purchased 3 more draws of Nevada

Directors Meeting of February 24th, 2009

- Scott Dennis will not be able to join right now due to work commitments
- CBL changes (minor due to keeping it in line with LCI’s standard constitution) are complete, and will be sent by Kathy to all in the club—vote to occur on March 17th; Policy manual has not changes
- Rob reported on Awards Night—discussion will occur at next meeting about having it on a Tuesday vs. a Friday
- Vision Screening is a go for this year
- We will discuss whether the club would like to continue with Driver Reviver this coming year
- Keith Metcalfe, sponsor Fred Collins, was accepted into membership—induction to occur March 17th



We are Lions.



WE ARE GLOBAL

WE SERVE WHERE WE LIVE

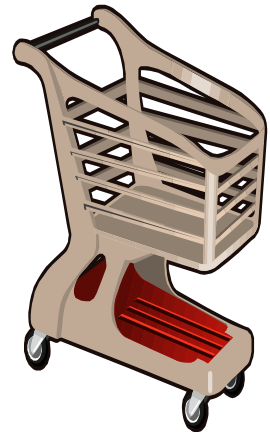
WE ARE IN GOOD COMPANY

For people around the world, Lions clubs answer the question: “who can we get to help us?” Think of us as organized good.

Volunteer in your community.
For more information, go to www.lionsclubs.org

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.



On cover...
2008-09 Lions International Peace Poster Winner

“Peace Begins With Me”
by Yennie Shyu, 12 years old
California, USA

Sponsored by Milpitas Executive Lions Club

LCIF IS THERE FOR YOU—BE THERE FOR LCIF

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

We just concluded Lions' most successful fundraising effort as Campaign SightFirst II exceeded the \$200 million mark. The funds will enable Lions and SightFirst to save the sight of millions of people. There is much to celebrate. But we also need to be careful. We can't "rest on our laurels" and assume LCIF is set for a while.

To the great credit of Lions, LCIF does much more than preserve vision. It helps Lions help people in multiple ways around the world. We provide disaster relief. We assist the disabled. We give youths the skills they need to succeed. For LCIF to keep succeeding, Lions need to continue to generously support the foundation. Yes, these are challenging times economically. But that's all the more reason to dig deep and help the most needy.

Please remember that LCIF reaches down into local communities to improve lives and provide opportunity. One day that backyard it aids may be your backyard. It wasn't long ago that LCIF responded to raging wildfires in California, devastating hurricanes along the Gulf Coast and disastrous floods in Bihar, India. The foundation's youth, vision and hearing grants regularly impact tens of thousands of people in small towns as well as larger cities. Where there is need, there you will find LCIF.

The foundation efficiently and effectively serves humanity. You will be pleased to know that LCIF will expand the range and scope of its humanitarian efforts. The great success of SightFirst II inspired us to re-envision the foundation. We will take it to new heights and help even more Lions help even more people. More concrete details will be forthcoming. But the good news is that LCIF will become an even greater force for Lions' service.

So please enjoy reading about how your worldwide foundation lifts people up from suffering and neglect and allows them to chart their own future. LCIF will be there for you. You can count on it. Will you be there for LCIF?



LION HUMOUR

A Lion died and went to heaven.

When he got to the pearly gate Saint Peter told him that new rules were in effect due to the advances in education on earth. In order to gain admittance a prospective heavenly soul must answer two questions:

1. Name two days of the week that begin with "T".
2. How many seconds are there in a year?

The Lion thought for a few minutes and answered...

- 1.. The two days of the week that begin with "T" are Today and Tomorrow.
2. There are 12 seconds in a year.

Saint Peter said, "OK, I'll buy the Today and Tomorrow answer, even though it's not the answer I expected.

But how did you get 12 seconds in a year?"

The Lion replied, "Well, January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd, etc..."

Saint Peter opens the gate without another word.



SEIZURE RESPONSE DOGS

Although some dogs do learn to detect seizures before they occur, it is not known how and why some dogs seem to have this ability. It is not known if the dogs react to a chemical or physical change in the person before an epileptic episode.

Seizure Response Dogs are trained to **react** to the seizures and are **unable to predict** them. These Dog Guides are trained to react to the person's physical cues (dropping, convulsions etc) once the seizure has started and to get people's attention by barking. Here are some frequently asked questions which might help you decide if a Seizure Response Dog Guide is right for you or not.



1. Can the dog prevent me from walking towards dangerous areas (traffic, stairs, pools, etc)? Dogs do not have the same concept of danger as humans, so our dogs are trained to heel (follow) with the person who is holding the leash. The dog has no way of knowing if you are crossing the street voluntarily or involuntarily.

2. Will the dog be able to prevent me from falling or help break my fall? No. As the dogs are not trained to detect seizures before they occur, they are not able to predict a fall. It is also potentially dangerous to the dog's health to be trained to break a person's fall.

3. Can the dog leave my side to go get help? Yes, but only inside. Our dogs can be trained to get a person on command but this skill can only be used inside your home. The dog can get a family member who is in a different room/floor if you are not feeling well. The dogs will not be able to get help when you are in an outside area. This is because dogs do not have the same concept of danger that humans do, and could potentially be injured if they had to cross a street looking for a person to help.

4. What types of seizures are the dogs trained to react to? Tonic clonic (Grand mal) and Atonic seizures (drop attack) are two types of seizures that we train our dogs to react to. The person falling and/or convulsing is the dog's cue to start barking and do so until the person's seizure has subsided, or someone comes to offer assistance. Absence seizures (Petit mal) are seizures that the dogs will not react to due to the lack of obvious change in behavior. To the dog, it is no different than you watching T.V. or day dreaming. Depending on the person, we train the dogs to react to obvious cues; dropping, convulsions, etc. As explained in question 1, we do not train the dogs for walk away seizures.

5. Can the dog take me home after a seizure if I'm confused and disoriented? The dog is trained to follow you, not guide you. Dogs do not have the cognitive ability to safely guide their handler home.

6. Will the dog protect me if someone with ill intentions was approaching me during a seizure? Our dogs are trained to not have any form of aggression towards people as they will be out and about with you at all times in public places. We train the dogs to not become protective of you as this may cause rescue workers to be unable to assist you if your dog is showing aggressive behaviors. However, a dog barking and drawing attention to you might be a deterrent to people with bad intentions.

7. How soon after I get the dog can I expect the dog to work for me? The more you practice with your dog and the more consistent you are, the better your dog will work for you. It will take approximately six months to one year after graduation for you and your dog to develop a strong bond. All people and dogs will adapt differently to new situations - some will bond faster, and some will take a little longer. It also depends on the time you spend working and practicing with you dog. This also includes play time, grooming, feeding, walking and time spent interacting. With any training, it is imperative that the trained behaviours be practiced. If you stop working with your dog, the dog will stop working and will not respond when you have a seizure.



*From www.dogguides.com,
submitted by Marj Lewis, LFC Chair*

“Spring is when you feel like whistling even when your shoe is full of slush.” - Doug Larson

Muskoka Elegance

District A-12 Convention 2009
Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville

April 24, 25 & 26, 2009



A Club _____ Is this your first Convention?

Lion Lioness Leo Partner in Service Highest Office _____ Past Present

Name _____ Name to appear on badge (if different) _____
Last First

Mailing Address _____
Street or Box number City Prov. Postal Code

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

B Club _____ Is this your first Convention?

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Hotel registration is being handled by Deerhurst and you are responsible for booking your room directly with them. Please refer to the attached Deerhurst Accommodation information sheet – choose your room then call Deerhurst and book your reservation. Deadline for hotel reservations is March 1st, 2009. Book early and avoid disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE

- ✓ **Everyone** must be registered to attend any convention function and to vote.
- ✓ All cancellations must be in writing or by fax.
- ✓ All cancellations after March 1, 2009 subject to \$10 a handling fee.
- ✓ **NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 29, 2009**

FUNCTION TICKETS	COST PER PERSON	A	B	TOTAL
Friday Night Fun	N/C	□	□	No charge
Saturday Awards Luncheon	\$30	□	□	\$ _____
Saturday Night Gala	\$50	□	□	\$ _____
Sunday Closing Brunch	\$25	□	□	\$ _____
Total Amount for Function Tickets				\$ _____

If you order all three function tickets you pay only \$95 per person!
 Tickets must be ordered by March 29, 2009 and are available only while quantities last.
NO FUNCTION TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONVENTION

AMOUNT DUE	
Registration fee for A	\$25.00 = \$ _____
Registration fee for B	\$25.00 = \$ _____
Registration fee, Leo (no pin)	\$10.00 = \$ _____
Function tickets (as above)	= \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	= \$ _____

Register on line at: www.convention.a12lions.org

Pay by cheque payable to: Emsdale Lions Club

Or charge to your Visa or MasterCard

Charge will show "Wilson's The Paint Store" on your billing

Card # _____ Exp ____/____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Send completed registration to:
 Lion Maureen Hilt
 RR 1, Site 4G, Box 24
 Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0
 Ph 705 636 1862 Fax (Call first)
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SPECIAL REQUESTS
We will try our best to comply with any special requests listed below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair access Other _____



Theme for 2009

Black & White

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY	
DATE REC'D	BY
REGISTRATION NO.	

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NAN'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

Mar. 9th—Washago

And she's done!



ZONE CHAIR CANDIDATE CHRIS' CAMPAIGN TOUR

March 4th—Stephenson (Depart 6:00 p.m.— no dinner)

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.



When people work together, good things can happen. Like **PROVIDING GLASSES FOR NEEDY CHILDREN** and the elderly. Each year local Lions Clubs help to fund eye exams, glasses and much needed surgeries so more people in your community can see better. If you'd like to help, becoming a Lion is a good way to start. To learn how you can join the Lions Club in your hometown, visit lionsclubs.org.



LIONS CANINE CHALLENGE Saturday March 28, 2009

Experience a Guide Dog in Action!

- A fun interactive demonstration of Dog Guides and the important role they play in the lives of people with disabilities.
- A great opportunity for Lion, Lioness and Leo Fellowship.
- Most importantly, you will be supporting Lions Foundation of Canada and its Dog Guide programmes.

Contact Marj Lewis, LFC chair for details. Reminder—this event occurs during the A12 Lions Learning Weekend.

GET READY FOR SPAGHETTI!

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



e-SERVE! LIONISM ON THE WEB

Lions Vision Programs—http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_services_cornea.shtml

Eye Bank of Canada (Ontario Division) - <http://eyebank.med.utoronto.ca/>

UNDERSTANDING COMMUNICATION STYLES

When dealing with people in a team (like a Lions Club) communication between team members can at times be difficult or challenging. It is important to recognize that each person has a natural communication style that represents who they are. Each of us needs to adapt the way we present our communication to deal effectively with them. These styles and some tips for dealing with them are:

Driver Style:

- These are people who are in charge or want to be in charge. They are direct, result-oriented, and demanding.
- They focus on the task, goals, and the bottom-line
- They are motivated by challenges
- They like to get things done by insisting on action and doing it their way.

BEST PRACTICE WHEN DEALING WITH A DRIVER: Do it quickly, confidently, and talk results!



Socializer Style:

- These are people who specialize in socializing. They are optimistic, gregarious, charming, impulsive, enthusiastic and disorganized.
- They focus on people—the relationship and the interaction.
- They are motivated by social recognition and approval.
- They like to get things done by motivating and persuading others to action.

BEST PRACTICE WHEN DEALING WITH A SOCIALIZER: Do it with flair and talk about them and their ideas!



Relater Style:

- These are people who prefer to work in teams. They are supportive, easy-going, predictable, loyal, slow-paced, and resistant to change.
- They focus on camaraderie and team harmony.
- They are motivated by maintaining the status quo and avoiding conflict.
- They like to get things done by consistent performance and following a step-by-step approach.

BEST PRACTICE WHEN DEALING WITH A RELATER: Do it with a friendly, cooperative tone and offer assurances of support!



Thinker Style:

- These are people who are quality control experts. Perfectionists, factual, orderly, accurate and critical.
- They focus on the details of a task—the process.
- They are motivated by the need for correctness.
- They like to get things done slowly and methodically—and without mistakes!

BEST PRACTICE WHEN DEALING WITH A RELATER: Do it with an organized thoughtful approach that centers on the task. Go for facts, not fluff.



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3 Month Planner

March—May 2009

March 3rd	Lions Business Meeting
March 17th	Lions Social Meeting, Shopping Spree Draw, Induction of Keith Metcalfe
March 18th	Region 21 Region Rally, Port Sydney
March 24th	Lions Board of Directors
March 28-29	Lions Learning Weekend, Bayview Wildwood
April 7th	Lions Business Meeting
April 21st	Lions Social Meeting
April 24th-26th	District A-12 Convention, Deerhurst
April 28th	Lions Board of Directors Meeting
May 5th	Lions Business Meeting
May 9th	Spaghetti Dinner, Terry Fox Room
May 19th	Lions Social Meeting
May 26th	Lions Board of Directors Meeting

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

March 4th	Kent Ing's Birthday
March 14th	Kent and Vi Ing's Anniversary
March 25th	Kathy Daoust's Birthday
March 28th	Cindy Dann'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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