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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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FALLEN FRIENDS

This past month, our Lions Club has become just a little bit smaller. Harvey Ramer and PDG Bill Daoust both passed away after long battles with cancer. The photograph at the top of this month's newsletter made me think of the two of them and their lives.

The tree that the leaf fell from began as a young seedling, and grew slowly to become a towering maple. During the summer, it's green umbrella provided shade, and shelter, and safety for birds and other animals. And as the days grew shorter and cooler, the tree produced less and less chlorophyll, eventually allowing the red and orange pigments to show through.

As the weather became even cooler, the tree prepared itself for a dormant winter by shedding it's leaves, and they soon fell to the ground.

These leaves, as they break down, provided much needed sustenance and nutrients for the growth cycle of the tree in the following spring.

Life begins anew.

This same circle is truly what Harvey and Bill did in their lives....

They both began as seedlings in Lions with a desire to serve their communities and to become more than they were. Each grew and served in numerous positions within their clubs and each became club President. Harvey remained at the club level, and Bill moved on to eventually serve our Association as District Governor. They lived the Lions Code of Ethics and gave sympathy to those in distress, and their substance to the needy—much like that tree in summer.

As they approached the autumn of their lives, their energy began to wane, yet they still proudly showed off the colours of Lionism—purple and gold—again just like that majestic maple.

And then they fell.

However, their lives did not end there... these two Lions through their actions, deeds, laughter, drive, commitment and compassion set the example for every person they ever came into contact with. In reality, like that maple leaf on the ground, Harvey and Bill both provided nourishment to those who served beside them in our organization by simply being models for outstanding service.

Our world is a better place because of these two Lions. Two simple words can sum up their lives:

"They Served!"



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

Regular Meeting of September 2nd, 2008:

- Minutes were read dating back to June 24th, 2008
- The budget for 2008-09 was passed.
- Daniel reminded everyone that draw tickets are available for pickup at Gravenhurst Tapes
- Tickets are being sold at the Severn Fall Fair and the Ramona Fall Fair
- Dave Durant reported that the white cane program has collected over \$1241 since their inception for Campaign SightFirst II
- Our new real estate agent for the property is Paul Clairmont
- Bill Herrington presented his audit report, and the books were in order for fiscal year ending June 30th, 2008
- Bracebridge Service Club Social, Sept. 11 and IPDG Peter McCague's Appreciation, Sept. 13th were announced
- Marj reported on the Walk for DogGuides and Fred Collins reported on the DogGuide Golf Tournament in Bracebridge
- Randy updated the club on the Leo Puppy Pedal, and the Leo garden project at Leisureworld
- Next meeting Sept. 16th, Granite Restaurant.

Regular Meeting of September 16th, 2008:

- Daniel Soucy reported that we would meet at Grace & Speed on Sept. 27th at 5:45 for Harvey Lions Service. Harvey requested vests be worn.
- Marj Lewis presented a video on the Lions Foundation of Canada, and spoke on Governor Nan's Project.
- Donated \$500 to Karen Ramer to assist with medical expenses
- Donated \$200 to Gravenhurst Supper Club to provide meals for needy families.
- Salvation Army Kettle Collections will be Saturday, December 13th.
- LeisureWorld Happy Hour is starting up, see Doug Hewitson for details.
- Randy McGregor reported on the Leo Puppy Pedal which raised \$1700 for DogGuides
- Ron Chaisson is collecting old sunglasses for Carol Keith to take on her mission.
- Next Board of Directors Meeting September 23rd
- Next Regular Meeting October 7th

“What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for others?” - *Roger Bannister*

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR—BECAUSE MEMBERSHIP MATTERS...

The membership committee consists of the three most recent club presidents, and is chaired by the Membership Director.

From the Lions Clubs International Membership Committee brochure, some specific responsibilities of the membership committee are as follows:



- the **“Freshman”** or Immediate Past President, is responsible for Membership. They should establish membership goals and action plans, motivate members to set their own recruitment goals, and coordinate and conduct club workshops on membership.
- The **“Vice-Chair”** or 2nd most recent President, is focused on Leadership and Retention. They set goals for Leadership development, organize and plan club officer training, coordinate and conduct workshops on retention, and promote Leadership development through club and District bulletins and newsletters.
- The **“Chair”** or 3rd most recent President, is responsible for Extension and chairs the club Membership Committee. They serve on the Board of Directors. They should be looking at areas for new club creation, and develop plans to expand the reach of Lionism into new communities.

The membership committee is an integral part of a successful and functioning club.

“Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody.” - *Franklin P. Adams*

...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!

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.

HARVEY RAMER

1948-2008



KEEPING THINGS TIDY. Doug Hewitson (left) and Harvey Ramer, members of the Gravenhurst Lions Club, battled the rainy weather on Sunday morning doing their part for the environment by picking up garbage along Bethune Drive.

Photo by Kristian Jones

Harvey joined the Bracebridge Lions Club in 1970, and transferred to Gravenhurst in 1973. He held chairmanships in many areas of Lions, the most memorable being in Health & Welfare, where he excelled in getting all the pertinent facts prior to any disbursement of funds. His skills in scheduling for Crocus sales, Salvation Army Kettles and various fund raising events was one of his many strengths and will be greatly missed. He was also treasurer with Minor Hockey and Snowcrest Riders for many years. Lion Harvey was a Life Member of Lions Clubs International, a very worthy recipient of the CNIB Walter Kowalski Lion of the Year Award, the Helen Keller Fellowship, and a Melvin Jones Fellow. I am very thankful that Lion Harvey invited me to join the Gravenhurst Lions Club in 1978, and I have valued his good judgement and friendship ever since. An avid snowmobile buddy of ours for many years, involving Lions events and our weekend excursions and rides for Easter Seals are just some of the fond memories I'll treasure. Above all else Lion Harvey was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and all those that have known him are much better off having had that privilege.

Submitted by Bill Herrington and Doug Hewitson

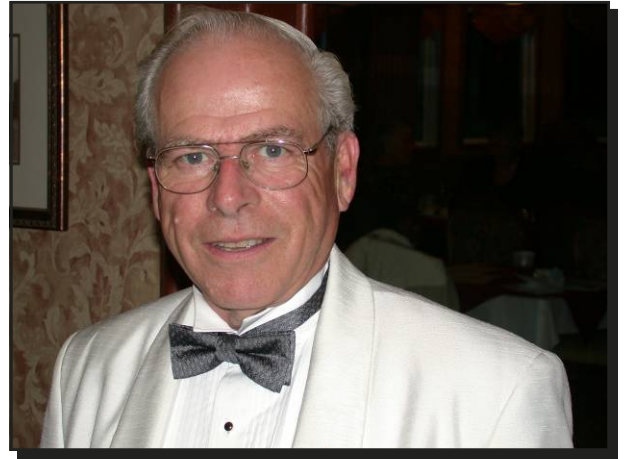
MEMORIAL SERVICE INFORMATION

HARVEY RAMER—Fri. Sept. 26th, 5:45 p.m., Grace & Speed Heritage Centre, Muskoka Wharf, Gravenhurst.

BILL DAoust—Sat. Oct. 4th, 1:00 p.m., St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, 235 John St, Gravenhurst,

BILL DAoust

1942-2008



William Henry Josephat Daoust was born in Toronto in 1942. His childhood and schooling took place in Toronto then Willowdale, where he met his wife Kathy. They were married in June 1968.

As a teen, he was active in Scouting where he reached the honour of becoming a Queen's Eagle Scout.

Bill joined the Gilford Lions Club in 1977 and was Club President in 1984-'85. He transferred to Gravenhurst Lions in 2000 when he and Kathy moved to Kilworthy.

Over the years he received many awards including an International Leadership medal, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Fellowship, the Judge Brian Stevenson award, several Lions Clubs International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation, several Governor Appreciations, and the E A Baker award from the CNIB

Bill served Lionism well as District Governor in 1994-95. His successful project was a fire system for Lions Camp Dorset. He was Cabinet Secretary Treasurer twice - for Governor John Hamilton and Governor Brian Overbeek.

At the MD "A" level he chaired the Sight and Conservation and Credentials committees, was one of the founders of the CNIB/Lions Partnership cabinet, and was a Director of Lake Jo for several years.

In District A-12 he was involved in or chaired several committees plus took on the responsibility of District coordinator for Sight First in the early 90's and Zone Coordinator for SightFirst II during the past three years.

Bill was active at the Club level and could always be counted on to be involved or chairing various committees. Bill was an excellent mentor for the Lions he sponsored and for several others during his years as a Lion.

Although Bill's family history traces back to Louis Riel – he was certainly not a rebel – I would describe him as a quiet, thoughtful person. Someone I was proud to call a friend.

Submitted by Dave Durant

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NAN'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

Oct. 1st.—Dunchurch
Oct. 2nd—Tiny Township
Oct. 6th—Barrie South
Oct. 7th—Britt
Oct. 8th—South River
Oct. 14th—Parry Sound
Oct. 15th—Huntsville
Oct. 20th—Bradford
Oct. 21st—Magnetawan
Oct. 22nd—Port Carling
Oct. 28th—Tiny Trails



Nov. 3rd—Schomberg
Nov. 4th—Innisfil
Nov. 5th—Beeton
Nov. 6th—Stayner
Nov. 10th—Coldwater
Nov. 11th—Elmvale
Nov. 12th—Alliston
Nov. 18th—Bond Head
Nov. 19th—Tottenham
Nov. 20th—Angus
Nov. 24th—Thornton
Nov. 27th—Waubaushene

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

In addition, there will be several Zone Advisory Meetings, and Region Rallies that DG Nan and ZC Rob will be attending. Details to follow as they finalize their schedule.

Departure times and locations will be confirmed as the visitation approaches.

Our obligation and responsibility as a club is to ensure that our cabinet officers never travel alone.

It is a great learning experience to travel to the other clubs and it gives the Gravenhurst Lions Club a sense of pride to show others that we support our District officers in their leadership growth.

ZONE CHAIR ROB'S VISITATION SCHEDULE



Oct. 22nd.—Dorset
Oct. 27th—Dwight

Nov. 17th—Baysville
Nov. 19th—Stephenson
Nov. 27th—Bracebridge

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

"I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." - *Author Unknown*



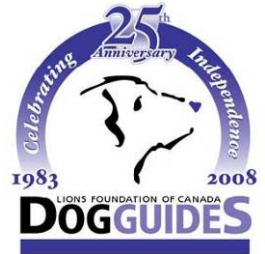
Leadership Development

From October 2nd through 6th, three members of our club will be attending the Senior Lions Leadership Institute in Toronto. Daniel Soucy and Chris Lewis were accepted to attend the Leadership Institute alongside just 100 Lions from all across North America. Dave Durant will be part of the Institute Faculty at this year's Institute. The intensive 5-day course conducted by the Leadership Division of Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook, focuses on building leadership skills for Lions leaders. Topics include leading and managing change, public speaking and presentation skills, project management, communication, team building and mentoring.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU MEET A CANINE VISION DOG TEAM

More and more blind people are being trained with a Dog Guide from Canine Vision Canada. It is important that all sighted people understand how a Canine Vision Canada Dog Guide Team works. We should know how to act when we meet a blind person and a Canine Vision Canada Dog Guide.

- People using a Dog Guide are independent and want to be treated that way.
- They will certainly ask if they require assistance; if you feel they may need assistance, simply say "May I help you?"
- The Dog Guide will usually be on the left side of the blind person, so if the person needs assistance, approach from the right, or opposite side and offer your arm.
- If the blind person is seeking assistance to cross the street, take them all the way across and up onto the opposite curb where the dog will know to resume his duties.
- Do not pet a Dog Guide when it is in harness. Always ask the handlers permission as to whether you can pet the dog or not.
- Never feed a Dog Guide. The handler looks after the dog's diet very carefully, and the dog works most efficiently when the recommended diet is followed.
- Remember, a Canine Vision Canada graduate is an independent person. He, or she, enjoys the increased mobility and confidence that the Dog Guide gives them. We admire our Dog Guide handlers for their keen sense of independence.



Submitted by Marj Lewis, LFC Chair
Source: www.dogguides.com

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HOUSE

Saturday, October 4th, 2008
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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LION LAUGHTER

A lion woke up one morning with the urge to assert his superiority over his fellow beasts. He strode over to a monkey, and roared "Who is the Mightiest of Animals?" "You are, Master," said the monkey, cowering.

Then the lion approached a warthog. "Who is the Mightiest of Animals?" roared the lion.

"You are, my Lord," said the warthog, quivering with fear.

Next the lion met an elephant. "Who is the Mightiest of Animals?" roared the lion.

The elephant grabbed the lion with his trunk, swung him in the air, slammed him ten times against a tree trunk, threw him into a dense patch of thorns, and strolled away.

"Okay!" shouted the lion. "There's no need to turn nasty just because you don't know the answer!"



OCTOBER 9TH, 2008

Lions World Sight Day was created in 1998 to spotlight the importance of eradicating preventable blindness and improving sight.

Ways you can participate in World Sight Day:

- Collect used eyeglasses from your co-workers and friends, and bring them to the next Lions' meeting
- Talk to your neighbours about the importance of regular eye examinations
- Support our Campaign SightFirst II pledge by making a personal donation
- Make a commitment to volunteer for school vision screening

For more information, contact Wendy Rawlings, Club Sight Conservation Chair

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA MEMORIAL FOREST

Commemorate the life of a loved one by planting a tree—a living memorial that will grow and flourish throughout the years. Each tree in the forest will be in memory of a friend of the Foundation. A tree symbolizes strength, shelter and durability. It is both a new beginning and a living tribute as well as a source of comfort and meaning to those who have suffered loss.



For more information, visit www.dogguides.com.

WE ARE LIONS...

A NEW WAY OF TALKING ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE MATTER

For many years, we've let our actions speak for themselves. But in a world defined by the nonstop flow of information, we all need to learn new ways to help others understand who we are and why we matter. The fundamental values of Lions are unchanged. But we must express those values in ways that are concise, consistent and compelling — that break through the clutter. The future of Lions clubs depends on it.

Together, we can shine a new light on Lions, and make sure the world always knows how important it is that “We Serve.”

Lions around the world developed the following core messages, that define us as an organization:

- We serve where we live.—We are ready whenever and however our communities need us.
- We are global.—We are committed to pitching in with resources wherever we are needed in the world.
- We give 100 percent.—We cover all costs from our own dues, ensuring that all donated funds go towards the causes.
- We do it ourselves.—We do whatever is necessary to help our local communities and our global network. We are proud to be more than a “check-writing” organization. Whether that means raising money or rolling up our sleeves, we do it all on our time.
- We are rich in heritage and pride.—We are proud that our organization is close to a century old, and that it has a distinguished history of doing good works for the world.
- We are in good company.—We have fun in our clubs, and when we meet fellow Lions for the first time, we treat them as good friends.
- We're open.—We are kind and generous people who want to help.
- We're dedicated to sight—and more.—Since Helen Keller in 1925 challenged the Lions to be “knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness,” Lions clubs around the world have fulfilled the mission of addressing vision health and promoting research for solutions to vision disease. Today, Lions clubs work on global initiatives for youth, health, disaster relief and others that affect local communities everywhere.



As a club member, ask yourself... In the past month, has my club:

Invited someone to a service activity or to visit my club? Offered a warm welcome to newcomers? Talked with local leaders about our commitment to community? Identified a problem in my community or in the world that my club can work on? Focused on the impact that we want to make? Heard someone say that our club is an asset to the community? Acted generously from our hearts?

If not, consider what changes should be made...

Visit www.lionsclubs.org, and click on “Renewing the Lions Brand” for more details.

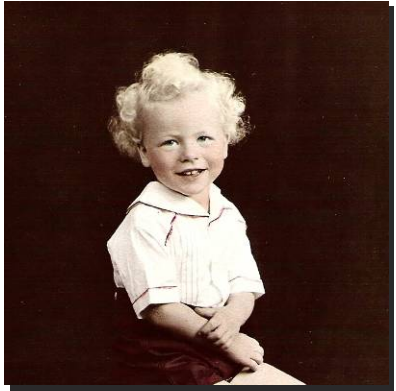


Who's in that picture?



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

September Challenge



Bill Daoust 1948

Nobody won the September Bulletin Challenge. So I guess I have to add a few clues for this month's contest...

- This Lion is a Past President
- He is a Melvin Jones Fellow.
- At one time, was a professional clown.

Make your guess, and if you have the first correct answer, you will win a semi-fabulous prize!

The deadline for your submission is October 15th.

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GRAVENHURST LEO CLUB PUPPY PEDAL

IN SUPPORT OF THE LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA—DOGGUIDES



The Gravenhurst Leo Club held a successful fundraiser to support the Lions Foundation of Canada DogGuide Programme on Sunday, September 14th. The rain didn't dampen the spirits of the Leos, who as of last count raised over \$1700 for Governor Nan's "pet" project!

Plans are already underway for next year's event—which is bound to be even bigger and better!



LIONS CAMP DORSET FUN WEEKEND OCTOBER 24-25-26

Agenda

Friday night – Check in at Recreation Hall & pick up keys for your unit. Come back to the Hall at 8pm for a wine & cheese presentation & at 9pm Bingo games & Euchre.

Saturday – Enjoy your own breakfast in your house-keeping suite. Come to the hall after 10pm to sign up for horseshoes or a bus tour of Dorset's fire tower and Robinson's. Lunch will be available at the camp or at Zachary's in downtown Dorset at a nominal cost.

Saturday Night – Come back to the hall for a roast beef dinner and a penny auction from 5:30 to 7. Return to your units & add your Halloween costume and then back to the hall for a dance and judging of your costumes.

Costumes are not mandatory but it would be great!

Sunday – We are very pleased to have our A-12 Cabinet Meeting to help finish the weekend. Check out time is 11.

Contact Bud Leonard, Club Lions Camp Dorset Chair for details.



Submitted by Barry Jaynes, District A-12 Lions Camp Dorset Chair

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3 Month Planner

October-November-December 2008

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| October 7th | Lions Business Meeting |
| October 21st | Lions Social Meeting (Guest Speaker TBA) |
| October 24th-26th | Lions Camp Dorset Fun Weekend |
| October 26th | District A-12 Cabinet Meeting, Lions Camp Dorset |
| October 27th | Board of Director's Meeting |
| October 28th | Zone 21 East Zone Advisory, Stephenson Lions Club (Utterson Hall) |
| November 1st | Long Range Planning Meeting, Elmvale |
| November 4th | Lions Business Meeting |
| November 11th | Gravenhurst Lions 62nd Charter Anniversary |
| November 18th | Lions Social Meeting (Guest Speaker VDG George Bik) |
| November 22nd | Gravenhurst Santa Claus Parade |
| November 25th | Board of Directors Meeting |
| December 2nd | Lions Business Meeting |
| December 16th | Lions Social Meeting (Christmas Night) |
| December 23rd | Board of Directors Meeting |

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations

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| October 1st | Richard Rawlings' Birthday |
| October 9th | Daniel and Leslie Soucy's Anniversary |
| October 12th | Fred Collins' Birthday |
| October 23rd | Rob and Sarah Grimes' Anniversary |
| October 24th | Randy McGregor's Birthday |
| October 27th | Bud Leonard's Birthday |
| October 28th | Jim and Wendy Fletcher's Anniversary |

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



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Time.



Sometimes 24 hours a day doesn't seem quite enough.

But if you could find just a few hours a month, you could brighten the life of someone in need.

There's nothing like the feeling of lending a helping hand. Volunteer today.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact:

Irene Campbell
Membership Chair
705-687-0024



We Serve

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