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## LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT "N"

District N1 New Brunswick; Prince Edward Island & 3 Clubs in Maine, USA

District N2 Nova Scotia

District N3 Western Newfoundland & Labrador
District N4 Eastern Newfoundland







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# **N-FORMER**





# President's Message



Dear Lion Leader,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the International Board of Directors voted to approve a new Global Volunteer Structure called the Global Action Team during their March meeting. Beginning July 1, we will add a Global Service Team (GST) alongside the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT) structures, to help us to reach our goal of serving 200 million people annually. The Global Action Team highlights the "power of action" needed to achieve our goals.

Service is the reason we exist. It is why members join and continue to remain engaged. Adding the GST renews our organization's commitment to service. We are excited about this addition and the opportunities it provides us as the world's leading service organization.

GMT, GLT and GST will be connected and coordinated at the international level by a Global Action Team chairperson and two Global Action Team vice-chairpersons. On behalf of my fellow executive officers, I am proud to announce that PIP Wing-Kun Tam will be the chairperson of this important structure.

Let's finish our Lion year strong by continuing to grow and position Lions Clubs International for a successful Centennial year. Look for more information regarding position appointments, job descriptions, tools and resources in the future.

Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President



#### RODERICK WRIGHT INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR 2015-2017

Roderick Wright from New Brunswick, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Wright is the director of education for the New Brunswick Real Estate Association.

A member of the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club since 2006, and a Lion since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, club membership chairperson, club director, district governor and district international relations chairperson. He has also presented at the 2009 International Convention leadership exchange and was moderator at the USA/Canada Forum in Alaska.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Wright is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Portage Atlantic and Revia. He was previously active in the Maine Principals Association, the Mountain Valley Principals Association, Maine Support Network of Rural Special Educators and the Franklin County Children's Task Force.

Director Wright has one son, two daughters and three grandchildren

# **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**



**COUNCIL CHAIR 2016-17** PDG Penny Pike

District N1



DG Brennan Beaumont

District N3



DG Val Clarke



MD N CST



Lion Brenda Billard

District N2



**DG Claire Brunelle** 

District N4



**DG Sam Wells** 

# District N1



District Governor
DG Brennan Beaumont
2016-17



# CONGRATULATIONS

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER



L-R: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jim AuCoin, Fallon Thornton (Nashwassksis Middle School)

Fallon placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the District and then 1<sup>st</sup> for the Multiple District.

# District N2



District Governor DG Claire Brunelle 2016-17



#### DG'S MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

February is the shortest month of the year and yet we were able to get lots done.

I would like to thank PDG John Macfie and his team of Lions and Lionesses for a wonderful Winter Cabinet Meeting. The meal was awesome and the hall was great. And we covered many items.

Also at the Winter Cabinet Meeting, CST Peter presented each attending club with a box of free books from First Book Canada. I am very thankful to CST Peter for finding First Book Canada and following up so that we all have wonderful books for so many young people. (If you club wasn't represented get in touch with me and we can make delivery arrangements.)

Our grant "Hearing For All" was officially approved by LCIF. Now all of us have to honour our pledges so that Lion David Hunter can pass on the money to the University, then they will be able to get the equipment needed to help Nova Scotians. I had the honour of signing the Charter for the Dalhousie University Campus Club. Thank you to Lion Jeanetta and the Bedford Lions in making this a reality. Their Charter Night is slated for April 25<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

Mother Nature was very upset with Shubenacadie Sam this year and hit us with some truly bad weather. I had to cancel three visits in a row – Kentville DG visit will be held April 13<sup>th</sup>, Stellarton has not been decided yet, and Berwick will be held April 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the clubs for fitting me in so quickly.

Hopefully Spring is right around the corner.

District Governor Claire Brunelle 2016 – 2017 "Dancing Towards Literacy"

# District N3



District Governor DG Valerie Clarke 2016-17



## Stephenville Lions Club Fighting Hunger one bowl at a time!

On Jan. 12th, 2017, during LCI's World Week of Service to Fight Hunger, the Stephenville Lions Club marked a milestone. This milestone tallied up to the sum of 7500 meals; meals that have been prepared and served, for absolutely no charge, during their monthly Community Café.

Partnering with the Southwestern Housing Stability Initiative in 2011, the Stephenville Lions Club opens its door on the second Thursday of the month offering warmth, friendship and hot, delicious food as one of two venues for the monthly Community Cafe.

The objective of the Community Cafe is help alleviate hunger for those in the community struggling to make ends meet, but to also offer social inclusion to those who may feel set apart, either due to low income, age or mental health issues.

Through generous donations from local businesses, government offices and church groups everyone who enters receives a hot meal of homemade soup, freshly made sandwiches, hot and cold beverages, fresh fruit and dessert absolutely free.

Not to be confused with a soup kitchen, Community Cafe patrons are welcomed by a greeter and once seated waited on with prompt food delivery. While they enjoy their meal, many exchange conversation with friends, play board games or listen to the musical talents of local musicians who volunteer their time to offer entertainment; often times there's a scuff or two.

The Stephenville Lions Club is happy to be a major contributor to the ongoing success of this project and during World Week of Service to Fight Hunger, takes pride in knowing that we are doing our part, not just one week of the year, but each month, one bowl at a time, to quiet someone's grumbling belly.

The Stephenville Lions Club is also home of the, formerly CBC Pancake Breakfast to fight Homelessness, each year with all monies raised donated back to the community to organizations dealing directing with this debilitating issue.



Lion Larry Wilcox speaking with a regular patron



Husband and wife team, Lions Larry and Pat Wilcox serving it up hot!

On March 18th, 2017, the English Harbour West Lion's Club hosted a St. Paddy's Day Event as part of our Centennial Celebrations. All funds raised from this event was donated to the Janeway Children's Hospital at St. John's, NL. Residents from all 8 surrounding communities came out to support this event. Local Musicians performed throughout the evening, and food was also served. A 50/50 draw took place with all proceeds going to the Janeway as well. 15% of bar sales were also being donated to this organization. A great time was had by all. Proceeds have yet to be totaled, but it was a successful day.

Submitted by:

Craig Blagdon Secretary English Harbour West Lion's Club

## Some Pictures from the Event....







## Ramea Lions have a float in the town Christmas Parade



Lions of Ramea NL hold a Christmas Supper for community residents.



### MD N Lions Recycle for Sight

## sends first shipment!

In March the first shipment of recycled eyeglasses collected, sorted and graded right here in our Multiple District N left on its long journey to those in need in one or many of the 84 countries that our Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center



(CLERC) provides with eyewear . The CLERC is anticipating our shipment as there is great need with a current order of 40,000 pairs in process to go to Africa. This first shipment consisted of 10 pallets of boxed eyeglasses – over 4 tons - almost **120,000** pairs!

Our partners at the Bishop's Falls Correctional Center and the PEI Provincial Correctional Facility are fully engaged with our project and inmates report great satisfaction in knowing that their efforts are assisting others around the world.

In our own Multiple, eyeglasses have been supplied to the volunteer Doctors and Nurses of Broken Earth who along with our own Lion Brad Moss from N4 have just returned from yet another mission to Haiti where they screened almost 800 individuals and distributed over 500 pairs of recycled eyeglasses. As well, we continue to supply glasses to Global Brigades, groups of university students providing medical missions to Central America. 500 pairs have been sent to a Brigade at Acadia University leaving in April for a mission to Honduras.

We owe our gratitude to our partners in this project - the Departments of Justice in Newfoundland and Labrador and in Prince Edward Island, the NL RCMP, Armour Transportation that moves our eyeglasses in and out of the Correctional Facilities, Day & Ross Transportation that ships our eyeglasses to the CLERC in Calgary and to Vogue Optical that provides a crucial collection point at their 60 stores throughout our Multiple. If your Club has collection boxes in a Vogue Optical store, please ensure that your boxes are in good condition and are emptied regularly and please convey your efforts to your District Recycle for Sight Chairpersons. Also , please assist them by reporting your collection box locations on the provided form if your Club has not already done so.

THANK YOU to all the Lions across our Multiple District who assist in the collection of vast amounts of eyeglasses and to all the Clubs who are providing funding for this great project. And they are many – we estimate that 80 % of our 237 Clubs are involved in some way. Thanks to your hardworking District Chairs (listed below) for their excellent work and support. Eyeglasses continue to be sent from your Districts to whichever Correctional Facility has capacity and by this cooperation we are proving that our Multiple District is relevant and that by **Working Together We Are Stronger!** 

Yours in Lions Service Lion Scott MacKenzie, PCC Chair, MD N Lions Recycle for Sight Committee smackdeb@bellaliant.net

#### **Multiple District N Lions Recycle for Sight Committee Members**

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# HEARING AND SPEECH &

# RECYCLE FOR SIGHT COOPERATE

Multiple District N District Chairpersons of Hearing and Speech and Recycle for Sight are working together to further Lions recycling by asking the public to donate their used hearing aids , collecting them through our recognizable eyeglass collection boxes. The Recycle for Sight committee has purchased several hundred Hearing Aid Recycling stickers which can be affixed to the top of your current collection boxes. (see photo) These will be provided free of charge to Clubs registering their collection boxes with the Recycle for Sight Committee and should be available at your District Conventions from your District Chairpersons . A



project begun by N2 Hearing and Speech Chair, Lion Dave Hunter, has received an LCIF grant and will provide over \$ 68,000 to Dalhousie University's Audiology Department and they hope to expand the service to satellite facilities across the Multiple as donations of hearing aids increase. These recycled hearing aids will be distributed to those people in our communities with lower income who can not possibly afford the high cost of new devices.

For more info contact Lion Dave Hunter at <a href="mailto:the-hunters@eastlink.ca">the-hunters@eastlink.ca</a> or Lion Scott MacKenzie at smackdeb@bellaliant .net .



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Lions around the world have now well surpassed our Goal of serving 100 million people in our four Centennial Service Challenges of Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment now having served almost **144 Million** people worldwide with over a year left in our Centennial Celebration.

Clubs in our own Multiple have reported serving over 200,000 people served so far this Lions year 2016-2017. Keep reporting to myLCI and lets' see if we can break the 300,000 barrier. Thank you Lions for your Service.

Also please continue your efforts to plan and execute Legacy Projects. So far in our Multiple, in Lions year 2016-2017, 101 Clubs have completed Centennial Legacy project and 5 of those have been Level 3 projects.

It is most important that you identify your project with a Lions plaque or particularly our Centennial Logo and report to your District Coordinator and to myLCI.

I have asked your District Centennial Coordinators to gather stories and pictures of Legacy Projects in their respective Districts and to choose the best example of a Level 1, 2 and 3 Project to submit to me by April 30, 2017. These Legacy Projects will be showcased at Multiple District N Convention in May.

For more information on our Centennial Celebrations contact your District Coordinators

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Yours in Lions Service Lion Scott MacKenzie



DR. PATRICIA HILL PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Patricia Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve a two -year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90<sup>th</sup> International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2- 6, 2007.

Past Director Hill is a psychologist.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Past Director Hill has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. She also served as district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. Additionally she has served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multi

national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for the Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, Past Director of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter and multiple forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Past Director Hill has received numerous awards, including multiple Club President's Appreciation Awards, District Lion of the Year, an Extension Award, induction into the Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Medal. She is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Denise and Jack Isaman Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Past Director Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as president of the Alberta Association of Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing Impaired.

Past Director Hill and her husband, Gregory Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.

# **Note from Editor**

Lions,

Please send pictures with a write up to your District Governor and ask them to forward them to me so I can put it in the "N Former". What better way to show the other Districts, the great work you're doing in your communities. This is your Multiple District online newsletter, so I need information to put in it.

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#### MULTIPLE DISTRICT N Annual Convention



May, 19-21, 2017

#### HOSTED BY BARKERS POINT LIONS, Fredericton, N. B. DISTRICT N-1

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District Governors Elect and 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lur	ncheon #	x \$1	7.50 = \$		
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Please make Cheques payable to "Multiple District N Convention/Special Events"

## Cut off for Hospitality Booklets is "MAY 12, 2017"

### Fredericton Motor Inn Rates Expire May 1, 2017:

Room Rates: Standard Rooms @ \$124.00 plus tax Executive Rooms \$144 plus tax Included in room rate - Breakfast for 2 – additional at \$10.00++.

After May 1, 2017 regular rates will apply Phone # (506)455-1430 or 1-800-561-8777

Reservation Code for Guaranteed Rates \*\*\* LIONS0517 \*\*\*

Please note: Multiple District N will be documenting the 2017 Multiple District N convention and Annual Meeting for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed or photographed at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images by Multiple District N