

HISTORICAL NOTES

- 1960-1961 - The first Governor of the newly created **DISTRICT 41N2** was Lion Eric B. Kinsman, Kentville.
- 1960-1969 - “**NEWS & VIEWS**” preceded the publication “The N.S. Lion”. This Bulletin appeared in the early 60’s. These Bulletins contained the Governor’s Message, Editorials, Lions Information, Minutes of Cabinet Meetings, the Budget, a page entitled “From the Club Bulletins” and other articles of interest to Lions.
- June 7, 1969 – The first Triple Charter ever held in District 41N2 took place as three new Lions Clubs joined the world of Lionism. The Clubs were St. Peter’s, Louisdale and Isle Madame.
- November 27, 1969 – The first LEO Club composed of male and female members from 14 to 21 years of age was formed in District 41N2 in New Glasgow, N.S.
- 1969-1970 - The **N.S. LION** came in to existence. Lion Frank Martin of Spryfield served as the first Editor of the N.S. Lion. At the Convention in held in Yarmouth in May 1970 he reported it was a success. At a Cabinet Meeting held in Port Hawkesbury in 1970 a motion was passed “ Be it resolved that the N.S. Lion is a worthwhile endeavour and we feel that we should go ahead with the project and the Cabinet find a way to pay for it.” Motion carried.
- 1969-1970 - To encourage attendance at Cabinet Meetings District Governor Joe Maund in 1969 donated a trophy to be known as the **ROSE BOWL** to be awarded to the Club having the greatest number of Lions in attendance multiplied by the distance between the Club and the centre of the Cabinet Meeting or Convention.
- 1969-1970 - District 41N2 became involved with **LEOS** in 1969. The first Leo Club chartered in Nova Scotia was the Louisbourg Leo Club. Interest continued high at the time with new Leo Clubs formed each year. Nova Scotia Lions and Leos became world leaders. We had the first Leo District and the first Leo District Governor in the world.
- 1969-1970 - “**By-Laws of District 41N2**” approved and adopted August 29th, 1970.
- November 25, 1974 – Guysborough Leo Club became the 2000th Leo Club chartered In the World.

1974-1975 - At the February Cabinet Meeting a decision was made to have included in the Constitution and By-Laws of the District the following – That District 41N2 hold an annual **Golf Tournament** to be sponsored by the Kingston Lions Club with the following annual tournaments to be hosted by the winning Clubs. The Kingston Club offered to provide a trophy to be held for a year by the winning team.

February 16, 1976 – The first Lioness Club formed in Nova Scotia was the Lioness Club in St. Peter’s, N.S.

1977-1978 - District 41N2 voted to endorse, support and sponsor the **SPEAK – OUT PROGRAM** on three levels, Club, Regional and District. The first District sponsored Speak – Out contest was held at the Nova Scotia Convention in Wolfville in May 1980.

1977-1978 - Establishment of a \$ 28,000.00 **Kidney Dialysis Unit** for the IWK Hospital which opened in May 1978 with virtually every Club in the District contributing to it.

1981-1982 - The 1st year the **Lioness Clubs** in Nova Scotia functioned as District 41N2. There were 12 Lioness Districts in the world.

1981-1982 - The 1st Lioness District President of District 41N2 was Lioness Anita Giffen of Milford, N.S.

1981-1982 - The **District Sick & Visitation Committee** was instituted. Lion J.J. O’Reilly was the first Chairman.

1981-1982 - At the Convention held in Halifax in 1981 approval was requested for the formation of and registration of a **Lions Foundation District 41N2**. At the Truro Cabinet Meeting in November 1981 it was reported that the Foundation was now in place. PDG Len Giffen was elected Chairman, PDG Dave Waterbury Secretary and PDG Doug Adams Treasurer.

Nov. 9, 1985 – Lions Foundation of Canada, Canine Vision Canada, officially opened Canada’s first guide dog school for the blind in Oakville, Ontario.

1985-1986 - A **Mobilizer Patient Transfer Stretcher** was presented to the Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax by the Lions of Nova Scotia with the assistance of a grant from LCIF. This mobilizer by means of a simple hand control enables one person to lift, move and transfer a patient from one surface to another in virtually total comfort eliminating needless pain and suffering during handling and treatment.

July 1987 – International removed the word “male” as a condition of membership

in a Lions Club.

November 1987 – The Lions of Nova Scotia adopted Camp Atlantic, a camp for diabetic Children, as a District project.

1987-1988 - The year 1987 saw the completion of the first **History of Lionism in Nova Scotia, District 41N2** By Lion Cliff Edwards. The publication contained 183 pages and 24 photographs. The 700 copies published were distributed at the first Cabinet Meeting of the year, held in Kingston.

1989-1990 - Historic Document “**District 41N2, Policy Manual**” commissioned by PCC Sid Francis during his year as District Governor was approved by the Delegates to the 1990 Nova Scotia Convention held in Yarmouth on the 28th day of April, 1990.

1990-1991 - Volume II of the **History of Lionism in Nova Scotia** was published by Lion Cliff Edwards.

January 1993 – PDG Allan Beal and DG Art Benedict unveiled a plaque placed at the Nova Scotia Eye Centre to commemorate the presenting of a laser and Operating microscope to the centre. The equipment was made possible through the joint efforts of the Lions of Nova Scotia and LCIF. Our commitment was \$ 100,000.00.

1995 - Lion Leonard “Len” Giffen was elected to serve a two year term as a Director of The International Association of Lions Clubs.

1995-1996 - Marked the end of the position **Region Chairman** in District 41N2.

2003 - Lion James J. Sherry was elected to serve a two year term as a Director of The International Association of Lions Clubs.

2007-2008 - On July 1, 2007 Maine broke away from our Multiple becoming MD 41, our Multiple became MD N and **Nova Scotia became District N2**. Our District Governor was Lion Alex Hancox.

2008-2009 - “**IT’S ALL ABOUT EYES**“, District N2 Project was approved in principle at the Winter Cabinet Meeting, February 2008.

The project coordinator/initiator was PDG Evie Morine. At the time she was also the LCIF District Chair.

The purpose of the project was to provide a state-of-the-art digital slit lamp biomicroscopic camera and software system to the QEII Health Sciences Centre’s Eye Care Centre, Ophthalmology Department to assist those with corneal and anterior segment eye conditions at a cost of approximately \$ 50,000.

With the assistance of a \$ 25,000.00 Grant from LCIF. A \$ 5,000.00 donation from the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia and the remainder of the funds generously donated by the Lions Clubs of our District, the project was a success.

The project raised \$56,131.77 and a cheque in this amount was presented on May 25, 2009 at a reception hosted by the Eye Care Centre with about 50 Lions from the district in attendance. The cheque was presented to Dr. Alan Cruess, Professor and Head of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Dalhousie University and Chief of Ophthalmology at the Eye Care Centre.

The Eye Care Centre has, over the years, recognized the Lions of our district for our commitment and dedication to vision care. Another successful project and donation was completed through the “It’s All About Eyes” project! “We Serve”.



2011-2012 - **“BRIGADOON VILLAGE PROJECT”**, The Lions of District N2 at their Fall Cabinet Meeting on October 2nd, 2010 approved in principal the largest District Project ever undertaken by the Lions of Nova Scotia.

On April 28th, 2012 in Amherst District Governor Peter Reid announced that the Lions of Nova Scotia are extremely proud to pledge the amount of \$ 250,000.00 to Brigadoon Village for a Lions camper lodge.

Brigadoon Village is a non-profit, year round recreational camp dedicated to to children and youth living with chronic illness. The Lions funding will pay to construct a Brigadoon Lodge which will be dedicated to the Lions of Nova Scotia and bear our name. The year round lodge will house 24 children and staff .

Fundraising is well under way with PDG Mark Durnford leading the campaign. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has provided a grant of

\$ 37,500.00. Our own Foundation, the Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia has pledged \$ 10,000.00 and with the majority of the Clubs in the District fundraising, pledging and donating our commitment will soon be met.

We have already presented a cheque on April 28th, 2012 for \$ 89,038.96 and another on June 6th, 2012 for \$ 44,004.27.





The Lions of Nova Scotia are extremely proud of this project as it will allow all children living with a chronic illness or condition to have the same camping experience

opportunity that all children should have a chance to have and it also shows we as Lions are living up to our motto “ We Serve”.

June 25, 2016 –**BRIGADOON PROJECT** completed.



In the picture: PDG Mark Durnford, Brigadoon Director of Development Michelle Bohaychuck, 2nd VDG Rhonda Trickett, Brigadoon Director of Programs Jen Kelday and PCC Peter Reid.

The following tribute to the Lions of District 41N2 appeared in the NS Lion

“We Serve” is how your motto reads
And you chose to serve the blind.
You work together from year to year,
With that thought in your mind.

You use your eyes, your time and skills
To help improve our lives.
The benefits reaped because of you
Are immeasurable for their size.

You never ask for thanks or praise
Although God knows it’s due.

But in our hearts we surely know

how much we owe to you.

When God has time to check His list
Of those who served as He would have done
We have no doubt that He will find
That you are Number One.

By Shirley Stuart
Halifax, N.S

(On behalf of numerous blind and visually impaired persons }