

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.
- 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.
- 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 held for a year by the winning team.
- 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 **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 **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.
- 1985-1986 - A **Mobile Stretcher** was presented to the Cancer Department at the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax at a cost of \$ 24,000.00.
- 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.
- 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”.



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
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(On behalf of numerous blind and visually impaired persons }