

Lionaimo News Letter



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Nanaimo Lions Club

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The club was honoured to have Lioness Doraine Edlund, Cheryl Schmidt, and Lion Jack McCauley as guests.

Lion Dick Belcher reported that the Flea Market had realized a profit of \$1,421.26. The members extended their thanks to Lion Dick for a job well done.

Lion Dick Belcher announced that he is a student of the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music and that the students will be performing in a concert at the Port Theatre on May 3. [tickets cost \$25.00/person]

Lion Bob Rowledge presented Cheryl Schmidt with a gift for her support at the Club's annual tree mulching project.

Lion Burnie Smith announced that the club has been assigned the same streets as last year and that the clean-up is to be completed by the end of May.

Lion Ron Lillie announced that the Empire Day Parade is scheduled for May 18. and that he needs help on May 11 to distribute street notices and and on the day of the parade.

PDG John Higgs, in a surprise announcement, advised that he and Loni are moving to Esquimalt by the end of May. The club will sorely miss Loni - and John too. Seriously John you have contributed so much to our club, you will leave a large void when you are gone.

At the April 21st meeting all members were saddened to hear of the passing of Lion Bob Rowledge's valued friend and all members extended their condolences upon hearing that his long suffering truck had expired as was no longer with us.

King Lion President Ron Walker presented Lion Don Edlund with his 25 year chevron.



RECENT DONATIONS

- Kidney Foundation \$1,400.00
- ALS Society \$500.00
- NUKO \$250.00
- Northfield Fire [Clay Tree clients] \$280.00

PEACE POSTERS

King Lion Ron will order 15-20 peace poster kits for next year.

2008/2009 BINGO DATES

Lion Jack Bready advised that the upcoming bingo dates are:

2008: May, 15, June 12, July 17, September 18, October 16, November 13

2009: January 15, February 12



CYCLE FOR COMPASSION

Cycle for Compassion Bike Ride

Our first annual Cycle for Compassion Bike Ride was held Sunday, April 27th. The weather held out until after the bike ride was over which was good. We unfortunately did not have the turn out we expected. There were only a few riders. Many thanks to everyone that came out and volunteered their time for this event. Special thanks to Burnie who got up early on Sunday to mark the route. We are having a wrap up session this Thursday May 1st.

Lion Leslie Smith

Cycle for Compassion
Bike Ride Chair

DISTRICT 19I SPRING CONFERENCE

Immediate Past District Governor John Higgs, King Lion President Ron Walker, Lion Leslie Smith, Lion Burnie Smith, Lion Pam Taylor and Lion Larrie Taylor attended the District 19I Spring conference in Port Angeles, WA. on April 18-19 -20. The registration was approximately 250, well below the 400+ that attended the Conference last spring in Nanaimo. The International Guest was PID Terry Graham from Ontario.

The highlight of the Conference from a Nanaimo point of view was the presentation of the 100% District Governor's Award to PDG John, who was somewhat emotional in his acceptance. Some hill folk claiming to represent the Nanaimo Lions Club surrounded him in his moment of glory.



BC TRANSPLANT'S TRAVELLING ORGAN DONOR REGISTRATION DRIVE

On April 22 the tour was in Nanaimo. Our club was represented by King Lion Ron Walker



71ST VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES

The 71st Victoria Highland Games & Celtic Festival to be held on May 17 and 18, 2008 at Topaz Park in Victoria promises to be an entertaining and exciting weekend of Scottish and Celtic culture, art and sport for the whole family.

Saturday, May 17th features a full sheepdog herding competition, a kilted mile athletic competition (all runners must wear a kilt!), a heavy events workshop and novice competition, tug of war competition and Celtic music, dance and entertainment activities all day.

Sunday, May 18th is the traditional Highland Games with highland dance, solo piping and drumming, pipe band competitions (including 4-time world champion Simon Fraser University pipe band), Invitational Heavy events competitions (e.g. hammer throw and caber toss) with the 5-time world champion competing.

Both days will also have clan and historical displays, single malt whisky school, beer garden, Scottish/Celtic vendors and concessions. The Lions will host their famous pancake breakfasts too!

For more information, see

www.victoriahighlandgames.com



PORTABLE B B Q FOR SALE

The Salt Spring Club has a Mobile B B Q they wish to sell.

It is 10 Ft. overall length and 6 Ft. wide

There are 4 burners,[grills] each 16" X 24"

New 13" tires & rims

2-- 30 lb. propane tanks

Eq. with lights, hwy legal

Asking price @ \$500.00 or best offer.

For more info. Please contact SAlt Spring President Ken Barnes @ 250 537 4466

WILLOW POINT LIONS 30TH ANNIVERSARY MAY 30TH 2008

**GUEST SPEAKER
P.D.G. RON WEBBER**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
P.D.G. BOB SCALES**

Place:

Willow Point Hall in Willow Point Campbell River

Time

Social Hour 6PM Dinner 7PM

Cost

\$25 per person

Contact

PDG Steve Morey at 250-287-9495 or sbmorey_35@yahoo.com.

COMING EVENTS

May 22-24, 2008: MD 19 Convention, Yakima, Wa.

June 23-27, 2008: Lions International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

September 18-20, 2008: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Saskatoon.

DISTRICT 19I SPRING CONFERENCE

VDE Steve Somerset was elected as our DGE for the Lionistic Year 2008 - 2009. DGE Steve and PZC Dori will represent our District with class and enthusiasm.

PZC Marcel Pierre Deslauriers was elected as our Vice District Governor. We can look forward to his sense of humour and his commitment to the cause of Lionism.

MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sylvia Wicket	May 8
Larrie Taylor	May 27
Ron Walker	June 5

As my list of club member birthdays is incomplete, please submit your birthdays to me.

FROM THE EDITOR

If you have any news you wish to share with the members, please email or send it to me by the 10th of each month

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MONTHLY DISTRICT GOVERNOR LEADER UPDATE

FROM

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MAHENDRA AMARASURIYA

This Lions' year could be the most important in recent memory. Worldwide membership is up more than 10,000 from the beginning of our leadership year and we are in an excellent position to record a substantial net gain over last year's total. If 2007-2008 is to be remembered that way, it will be because you made it happen! Thank you for all you have done so far.

The initiatives we have put in place as part of the Challenge to Change and those developed over the past few years are yielding spectacular results. Women's membership is the fastest-growing part of the Lions family. There are now nearly 250,000 female Lions worldwide. These women are not only bringing new energy and new perspective to our clubs; I am happy to report that they are rising steadily within the leadership of our association.

The Family Membership Program is helping to ensure the future of Lions Clubs International by bringing the Lions of tomorrow into Lions Clubs today. Family membership is now more than 108,000 and still climbing with 2,000 additional clubs reporting family members this fiscal year.

But now is not the time to let inattention cause us to give back all we have worked so hard to gain! You can help to assure our collective legacy by focusing on the [20/20 Membership Campaign Challenge](#)— my challenge to you to charter at least one new club of 20 members and show a 20-member increase in your district since the January 2008 cumulative report.

That, of course, is the minimum needed for a one-star 20/20 award. Your award could boast five stars for chartering five new clubs and recording an increase of 100 or more members. Please remember that because of the new monthly membership reporting process beginning in April the deadline for submitting completed new club charter applications is now **June 20**.

Other decisions at the board meeting and updating new club chartering necessitate some policy revisions by the international board of directors at its most recent meeting. For details please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/executive_summary.pdf

Another reason this could be the most important in recent history is the successful conclusion of [Campaign SightFirst II](#)

and our celebration in Bangkok. The campaign has reached its minimum goal of US\$150 million and headed toward the challenge goal of US\$200 million. I have asked all clubs to select one day during the week of May 11-17, 2008 as a [CSFII action day](#).

Clubs are encouraged to conduct an [additional fundraiser](#), dedicate a [Melvin Jones](#) Fellowship to the campaign or to make a club commitment to assure that we are doing all we can prevent and reverse blindness for all those who need our help. Please work closely with the CSFII leaders and with individual clubs to assure the widest possible participation in your district.

Two recent events, which gave us even more reason to celebrate also, clearly demonstrate Lions' worldwide reach through LCIF and the need for Campaign Sight-First II to achieve the greatest possible success. Past International President Jimmy Ross was joined by Ethiopian Lions and representatives of The Carter Center to administer the 10-millionth dose of Zithromax in that country's Avi Zone. Donated by Pfizer, Inc. the medicine is a key element in the SightFirst's ongoing effort to eliminate Trachoma in the most affected regions of Africa. Earlier this year Lions and The Carter Center celebrated the world's 100-millionth dose of Mectizan. That medicine donated by Merck & Co., is crucial to the effort that is well on its way to eliminating River Blindness in Central America.

Former U.S. president, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and Carter Center founder Jimmy Carter has said that Lions "have the knowledge, the means and the dedication to save the vision of millions."

Lion Carter knows Lions' commitment to sight in the same way that you do. Before becoming president of the United States he too was a district governor in Lions Clubs International.

Thank you for all you have done so far and for all you will do between now and June.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya

International President



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

What's Happening?

Wow, this is great news!

Guide Dogs Help Deliver Mail With First-Ever Canadian Braille Stamp



OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - April 21, 2008) - Canada Post will issue its first ever Canadian Braille stamp featuring Guide Dogs. The domestic-rate stamp will have the denomination in both print and in Braille. The stamp is being issued to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Montreal Association for the Blind which is also being recognized with a Commemorative Envelope.

"Canada Post is committed to providing Canadians with innovative and interesting products," says Bob Waite, Chairman of the Canadian Stamp Advisory Committee and Senior vice-president, Corporate Social Responsibility, Canada Post. "We provide vital communication links to all Canadian households and to offer a Braille stamp reinforces our commitment to meet the needs of all Canadians."

With thousands of soldiers returning from World War I blinded by poison gas, a German doctor named Gerhard Stalling explored the notion of training dogs to guide the wounded men.

His research in training methods led to the opening of his first guide dog school in Germany in 1916. The school prospered and some 600 dogs were

trained each year. Word spread and soon trained dogs were assisting people with vision loss in Britain, France, Spain, Italy, the USA, Canada and Soviet Union.

The most common breeds of guide dogs are Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers; chosen for their intelligence, size, and temperament. A calm disposition, a high level of initiation, and a strong desire to please are all characteristics expected of guide dogs.

Six to eight week old puppies head off to foster families for their training. The foster families expose the puppies to as many environments as possible while testing their response to distractions. The puppies will then spend four weeks with their future partner, and then undergo final testing before receiving their certification. Guide Dogs often retire at age ten.

Designers Stephen Boake and Andrew Perro of Toronto's Designwerke sought to keep the stamp's design simple and give prominence to the dog in order to reinforce the intimate connection to the human partner. The yellow Labrador Retriever on the stamp is a Canine Vision Dog Guide from Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. The addition of Braille created various printing challenges, as did the increase in font size of the denomination, another incorporated element to assist vision-impaired individuals. Additionally, the text on the stamp booklet and Official First Day cover were printed in a larger than usual typeface in respect for the needs of individuals with varying degrees of vision impairment.

The 52-cent stamp, available as of April 21, measures 38 mm x 27 mm (horizontal) with simulated perforations. Lowe-Martin printed 3.5 million stamps, to be sold in booklets of ten. The self-adhesive stamp will be printed using lithography in four colours on Tullis Russel paper, with Braille embossing by Montreal's Choquet Engraving Inc. They are general tagged on all sides. The Official First Day Cover will bear the cancel OTTAWA ON

