

# District A-16 Governor's Newsletter

March 2023

## *A message from District Governor Carolyn Stephenson*

A few months ago, we were celebrating Christmas and now here we are suggesting that Spring is in the air. Although we are still shoveling the snow, we can see signs that Spring really is in the air. The evenings are longer and brighter, we are turning back the clock (March 12 th ) and we are thinking about convention. Permit me to get back to our convention in a minute.

All our club visits are just about complete. This year I involved the First and Second Vice District Governors in doing some club visits; first to give them an opportunity to get to know some clubs and their members and secondly to give them a feel as to what these visits are like. On the plus side, the members also got the opportunity to meet them and know who they are especially as they consider assuming leadership roles. Having said that, approximately 95% of all club visits have been completed. We will have achieved 100% by the end of April. I have also been very happy to see (on Facebook) and hear of the many service projects that have been undertaken. Thank you for all your hard work and contributions to service. I have had the pleasure of inducting many members as I visit clubs which can only increase the health of our organization.

Thank you for the donations you have made to our Governor's Project "Building Diabetes Awareness" – which at this point is at approximately \$12,000 and does not include donations that have been remitted directly to Camp Huronda.

Plans for our district convention to be held at the Waterfront Holiday Inn in Peterborough from April 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, is well underway. I can't wait to see most, if not all of you there. Our international guest speaker is Past International Director, **Jeffery R. Gans** of Collingswood, New Jersey, USA. This convention is gearing up to be amazing, fun, and entertaining. The Planning Team has been busy arranging various dynamic speakers and entertainers and so I would encourage you if you have not yet registered to attend that you do so at your earliest convenience.

This convention will also give you an opportunity to elect your 2023-2024 district officers. Clubs are eligible to vote (delegates) if members and clubs are in good standing and all



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outstanding dues have been paid. Similarly, clubs are looking to elect their club officers for the night

new lions' year. Please continue to encourage members to step up into leadership roles. Look around for candidates with identifiable skills and use the tips shared with you at the Succession Planning workshop and at the last round of Leadership Joint Zone Meetings, to fill these roles as there is some hesitancy on the part of members due to time, work/family balance and energy to commit but necessary for the health and vitality of the organization. There are still vacancies existing in the district and in the regions that need to be filled. We need your help in filling these roles.

I know you have heard me mention on many occasions, the need to empower our LCIF to do what they do best on our behalf by donating, especially as the need is so great right now. Just look at what is happening in Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey. It is also worth considering that to qualify for the *Club Excellence Award* you must have donated to LCIF. By contributing now, you will have satisfied the opportunity to fulfill both requirements. **THANK YOU** for your thoughtfulness in giving.

So....a great **BIG** shout out to all of you for the support you have shown your district leadership team. Thank you for continuing to find ways to meet and address the humanitarian needs of your communities.

Past International President *Douglas Alexander* said, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living in this world". Our current International President *Brian Sheehan* challenges us to think outside the box – to be creative and you will see "*Together we can do amazing things*".

Thank you.

**DG Carolyn Stephenson**



# From our District Hunger Chair

*A-16 Clubs are actively supporting this Global Cause*



I recently received many reports from Clubs across A-16 doing a lot of good deeds support the Global Cause of Fighting Hunger. Here are the displays of a sample of actions from Stouffville Lions, Bobcaygeon Lions, Newmarket Lions, King City Lions, and Markham Elite Lions.

*How many Clubs and Lions members do you recognize doing Hunger Service in their communities?*





*With thanks from Lioness Lion Pat Aitken  
District Hunger Chairperson*



# Markham Elite Lions Club

## *A Winter Drive – Share and Care*

Markham Elite Lions Club organized a WINTER DRIVE consisting of warm clothes, blankets, socks, gloves and personal items and donated to Share and Care organizations for distribution to the underprivileged and marginalized brothers and sisters of our community. We were able to positively affect and bring smiles to 70 plus families through this service project.

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