



Lions Clubs International

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

History of Lions Clubs International

- ▶ When was Lions founded?
 - ▶ June 7, 1917
- ▶ Who was the founder of Lions?
 - ▶ Melvin Jones
- ▶ Where was the first Lions Club
 - ▶ Chicago, IL, USA
- ▶ When and where did the first international club join Lions?
 - ▶ 1920 in Windsor, ON

Helen Keller

- ▶ At the 1925 Convention, Helen Keller asked the Lions to be "Knights of the Blind".



Lions Today

- ▶ **Largest service club organization in the world**
- ▶ Over 200 countries and geographical areas
- ▶ 47,000 clubs
- ▶ Almost 1.4 million members worldwide

Lions Emblems Over the Years



1918



1920



up to 2008



Current

What does the Emblem mean?

- ▶ L stands for Law-Liberty-
Love-Loyalty-Life-Lions
- ▶ Two lions; one facing the
past and one to the future

Colours

- ▶ Purple stands for loyalty to country, to friends, to oneself and to the integrity of mind and heart.

Colours

- ▶ Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality of judgement, purity of life and generosity in mind, heart, and purpose towards his fellow man.

What does Lions stand for?

- ▶ **Liberty**
- ▶ **Intelligence**
- ▶ **Our**
- ▶ **Nation's**
- ▶ **Safety**

WE SERVE

- ▶ The International motto was chosen in 1954. The winner of the contest was Lion Bob Stevenson of the Fonthill Lions Club

Lions Purposes and Code of Ethics

- ▶ The Lions Purposes and Code of Ethics are the compass by which decisions are made at the club, district and International levels.

Lions Purposes - 1

- ▶ **To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- ▶ **To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- ▶ **To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- ▶ **To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- ▶ **To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

Lions Purposes - 2

- ▶ **To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- ▶ **To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- ▶ **To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.


Lions Code of Ethics - 1

- ▶ **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- ▶ **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- ▶ **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- ▶ **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

Lions Code of Ethics - 2

- ▶ **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- ▶ **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- ▶ **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- ▶ **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.


Global Causes

 **Diabetes**

 **Vision**

 **Hunger**

 **Environment**

 **Childhood Cancer**

Our District

DISTRICT A4

District Governor's Team



District Governor:
Lion Jean Lauzière



1st Vice DG: Lion
Renee Devenny



2nd Vice DG: Lion
Susan Tunnicliffe

Clubs in District A4 Region 13

Zone 13 North

- ▶ AYLMER
- ▶ BARRHAVEN
- ▶ BUCKINGHAM
- ▶ CANTLEY
- ▶ LOW & DISTRICT
- ▶ OTTAWA VANIER

Zone 13 South

- ▶ CLARENCE CREEK
- ▶ CUMBERLAND
- ▶ GLOUCESTER
- ▶ GLOUCESTER NORTH
- ▶ NAVAN
- ▶ ORLEANS

Clubs in District A4 Region 22

Zone 22 West

- ▶ BEACHBURG
- ▶ CHALK RIVER & AREA
- ▶ CHAPEAU & DISTRICT
- ▶ KILLALOE & AREA
- ▶ MADAWASKA VALLEY
- ▶ PALMER RAPIDS & AREA
- ▶ PEMBROKE-PETAWAWA

Zone 22 East

- ▶ ARNPRIOR
- ▶ BRYSON
- ▶ CALABOGIE
- ▶ DOUGLAS
- ▶ PONTIAC
- ▶ QUYON
- ▶ RENFREW
- ▶ SHAWVILLE

Clubs in District A4 Region 30

Zone 30 West

- ▶ ALMONTE
- ▶ CARLETON PLACE
- ▶ KANATA HAZELDEAN
- ▶ KEMPTVILLE
- ▶ MERRICKVILLE
- ▶ PERTH
- ▶ RICHMOND DISTRICT
- ▶ SMITHS FALLS
- ▶ STITTSVILLE DISTRICT

Zone 30 South

- ▶ 1000 ISLANDS DISTRICT
- ▶ ATHENS
- ▶ BROCKVILLE
- ▶ ELGIN
- ▶ GANANOQUE
- ▶ PRESCOTT & DISTRICT
- ▶ SEELEY'S BAY & DISTRICT
- ▶ WESTPORT

Clubs in District A4 Region 41

Zone 41 North

- ▶ GREELY
- ▶ LEFAIVRE
- ▶ METCALFE DISTRICT
- ▶ MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP & DISTRICT
- ▶ PLANTAGENET
- ▶ RUSSELL
- ▶ VANKLEEK HILL & DISTRICT
- ▶ WINCHESTER

Zone 41 South

- ▶ ALEXANDRIA
- ▶ CHESTERVILLE & DISTRICT
- ▶ CORNWALL
- ▶ CORNWALL TOWNSHIP
- ▶ FINCH DISTRICT
- ▶ Ingleside/Long Sault Lost Villages
- ▶ IROQUOIS-MATILDA
- ▶ MAXVILLE & DISTRICT
- ▶ MORRISBURG & DISTRICT

District Structure

▶ **Region 13**

- ▶ North
- ▶ South

▶ **Region 22**

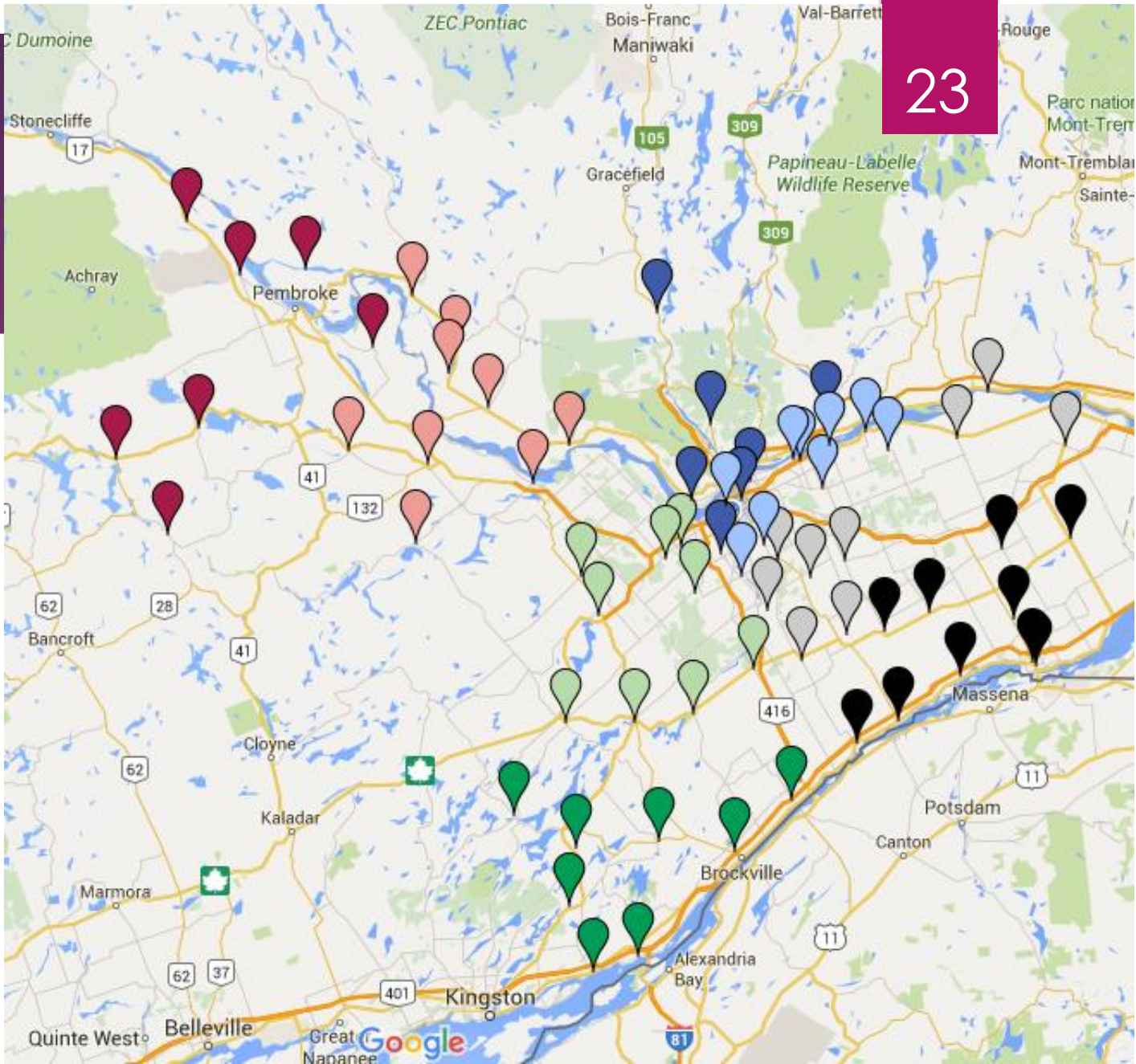
- ▶ East
- ▶ West

▶ **Region 30**

- ▶ South
- ▶ West

▶ **Region 41**

- ▶ North
- ▶ South



A Few Lions Highlights

Around the World

- ▶ Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Canada

- ▶ Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC)

In Our Communities

- ▶ An individual Lions club makes the greatest difference in their community.
- ▶ The possibilities are limitless
- ▶ When we make a difference together, we impact the world.

I don't understand???

You have two primary resources within your club to approach if you don't understand: your sponsor and the membership chair.

Your Sponsor & Membership Chair

Part of their job is to help you understand your club and the world of Lions.

Don't be afraid to ask them for help or to ask questions in meetings.

You've become a Lion. Now what?

Join a
club
project

Start a
new club
project

Take your
sponsor
out for
coffee
and learn

Look
online for
training

Check
out
MyLion

“ Lions have served the world with honour, dignity and respect for over 100 years making a difference around the world and in our communities. ”

“

Thank you for becoming a Lion!!!

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