



Leaders Notes February/March 2015

The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same!

A couple of simple questions, on June 6th, 1917 how many Lions Clubs were there? How many Lions members were there? How many Lions service projects were there?There were none of the above.

June 7th, 1917 who knew what "The Association of Lions Clubs" was? Were there challenges it getting the Association organized? Orientating, political issues, making a plan, the era: picture it the first 30 years of Lionism encompassed two world wars and the great depression. BIG challenges!

So how did between June 7th 1917 and Oct of 1947 had it become the world's largest service organization?..... They had a foundation. "A vision of wanting to address the betterment of their communities and the world". Working from that foundation our forefathers in Lionism were able to address their challenges and provide opportunity for serving those in need.

The world is changing and our challenges are changing but really they are rooted in the same issues. Orientating our members and our communities about who we are, politics both internally and those regulating us externally, making a plan, and the era we live in: the demographics of today's society. We still have that foundation of a vision which to work from. The vision of wanting to help those less fortunate and the betterment of our communities.

We need to keep that vision in mind in our efforts "To Strengthen The Pride". Our net membership is the largest drop we have had in many years. But we also have many new service projects and are continuing to reach out to those in need. There are many conversations about looking at ourselves in a constructive manner. I believe if we can use the positive energy created

from service and combine it with the learning from our challenges we will eventually make our Lions Family stronger. Look at the picture of the Burford Lions Friendship Arch. I am hoping this will help remind us about working in cooperation with each other and our communities. It also signifies welcoming of others into our Lions Family. If you feel good about the service you are doing extend a welcoming hand to some one that you would like to share that feeling with. You are making an impact through your service!



Our convention is early this year, March 20th-22nd. It will be held in Stratford @ The Arden Park. We are hoping to celebrate what we do as Lions and involve as many of our members as we can. Please register early. March 1st is pre-registration deadline! We look forward to seeing you there!
<http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/2015ConventionRegistration.pdf>
Please send photos of your Club at work or at play. We hope to include them as part of our celebration! dg@a15lion

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