

THE  
St. Agatha & District  
Lions Club

2009 – 10

MEMBERSHIP

PLAN

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

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## **PURPOSE**

TO acquaint the residents of St. Agatha and surrounding area of the AIMS & OBJECTS of a Lions Club.

TO show the benefits derived from becoming a Lions member.

TO impart to our members and resident's the benefits of belonging to a "SERVICE" club and assisting those less fortunate.

TO make this place and indeed the world a better place to live in.

TO bring joy to those recipients of our "SERVICE".

## **MEMBERSHIP PLAN**

This year's membership plan for the St. Agatha & District Lions Club is comprised of 4 components:

- Letter to pre-qualified prospects and prospects in general
- Advertising campaign – newspaper, brochures, annual community calendar and one on one visits.
- Personal contacts
- Events for prospects and retention.

The 2009 - 10 membership plan can only be successful if everyone buys into it, makes it their own and thinks enough of their commitment to serve, to ask and give someone else the opportunity to serve.

## **WHO WE ARE? WHAT ARE WE? WHY ARE WE? HOW DO WE?**

Lionism is an idea expressed best by our motto we serve.

A motto of which we are proud. A motto we use as our charge and measure success:

“WE SERVE”

The idea of LIONISM was begun by Melvin Jones, a man of vision, a man who was dedicated to voluntary humanitarian service. He was convinced that independent business people, professionals and other like minded individuals could make their communities and the world a better place through a joint effort he called lions clubs.

On June 7, 1917; he lit a torch that quickly was taken up by many hands.

Today Lions clubs international consists of almost 1.5 million men and women, in over 45,000 lions clubs found in over 200 different countries.

### **Lions are:**

LIONS ARE members of the world’s largest and most active service club organization.

LIONS ARE people who have decided to give something back to their communities, who are dedicated to finding people in need, and who meet those needs in an efficient but caring way.

LIONS ARE men and women who believe that by working with other dedicated Lions, they will accomplish far more for their communities than would be possible alone.

LIONS ARE also committed to solving major, worldwide health and social problems, and realize that solutions are possible when every Lions Club does its share.

LIONS ARE people who cherish the friendship and fellowship of their own Club, but also who feel a close kinship with fellow Lions in more than 200 countries and areas throughout the world.

LIONS ARE patriotic, giving allegiance to their country, while recognizing that all peoples must one day learn to live at peace.

LIONS ARE dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards in their Club – and in their personal lives.

LIONS ARE serious about their commitment to humanitarian service, but don't mind having a little fun along the way.

LIONS ARE..... or could be.....someone like you.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

The motto of every Lions Club is "WE SERVE."

Whether helping the blind or hearing impaired.....conducting drug or diabetes awareness campaigns.....providing recreational opportunities for the physically challenged.....sponsoring basic research into the causes and treatment of blindness.....providing children with sports equipment or just a place to play.....or raising the funds to make it all possible, SERVICE always comes first for a Lion.

That's why Lions Clubs International is not only the largest, but the most active service club organization in the world.

### **FELLOWSHIP:**

Fellowship, whether among local club members, or between Lions from throughout the world at the annual International Convention, is at the very heart of Lionism.

It exists not only at the club meeting, but particularly when Lions are working together to help those in need in their communities.

The friendships made in Lionism last a lifetime, because they are based on a common commitment to service.

## **LIONS PROGRAMS**

1. “LCIF”- Lions Clubs International Foundation, located in Oakbrook, IL
2. “LFC” – Lions Foundation of Canada, located in Oakville, ON  
(Trains and places Dog Guides. Also operated Dog Training & breeding facility in Breslau)
3. “CVC” – Canine Vision Canada  
(Dog Guides, Hearing Ear Dogs and Special Skill Dogs)
4. “LVBI” – Lions Volunteer Blind Industries
5. “Lions Quest”  
(Provides funding and trains Teachers to teach skills to the Youth)
6. “Memorial Forest”  
(Is a living forest to commemorate the life of a loved one or fellow Lion)
7. “CNIB Lake Joseph Centre”, located in MacTier, ON  
(Is a Holiday Resort for the blind and visually impaired guests)
8. “Camp Dorset”, located in Dorset, ON  
(Is a Holiday Resort for persons that require daily Dialysis needs)
9. “Five Oaks Summer Centre”, located near Paris, ON  
(District A-15 operates its Summer & Winter Youth Camp from here)
10. “Lions Home for the Blind/Deaf”, located in Brantford, ON  
Also known as McInnes House  
(Provides housing for Blind/Deaf Adults)
11. “Effective Speaking”  
(Speaking Competition from grades 3 to High School level)
12. “Camp Trillium”, located near Waterford, ON  
(Cancer Camp for Kids)

13. "Friendship Arch"  
(Is a Cement or Fibre glass Arch available to any club that wants one)
  14. "CDA" – Canadian Diabetes Association  
(Raises funds to promote health, for research and to help those with Diabetes)
  15. "Sight Conversation"  
(Collects used eye glasses, travels to third world countries and set up Lions eye clinic.
  16. "LEHP" – Lions Eye Health Program
  17. Habitat for Humanity
  18. Leo Club
  19. Camp Kirk
  20. Camp Huronda
  21. MacInnes House
  22. The Bob Rumble Camp
- Plus much more !!!

## **Locally – We - the St. Agatha Lions**

### **Who & What**

The Lions Club of St. Agatha has been very much a part of this community since 1983.

With a dedicated group of individuals, we have been able to perform many events and services to St Agatha and area by raising funds and contributing to such things as the St. Agatha Community Centre , the Hospital and community programs, sight, hearing, diabetes, welfare donations, senior citizens, boys & girls work, flood and disaster relief and local service projects for those in need or unable to help themselves at the time and those less fortunate.

Our club participates in youth programs such as Effective Speaking competitions, International Youth camps at Five Oaks, children's events, Peace Poster Contest, Project Pride, at Canada Day celebrations, local parades and many more such events.

The funding of all of these activities would not have been nor is it now possible without the very generous support of the residents of St. Agatha and area. Our major fund raising events include an annual Motorcycle Raffle and our annual community calendar that is distributed free to all residents. As well, other short fundraising programs take place; such as a variety show, other draws, dinners, etc.

A very active time makes for a good Lions Club and of course the fun and fellowship that goes hand in hand in providing a "SERVICE" to those in need and less fortunate than ourselves.

## **ST.AGATHA LIONS SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP** **OPPORTUNITIES**

Membership and retention are things that happen everyday and should be part of our everyday lives.

However, sometimes some of us need special opportunities to present our Lions Program.

Well, here is our roster of some special events for 2009 - 10.

September	First mailing to prospects and ad in newspaper
October	Community opportunities through ticket sales, etc.
November	Nov.3/09 Prospective members night with Guest Speakers  Member bring a member  Follow up from Sept. & Oct. events and contacts  Ad in paper/mailboxes  Invites to regular meeting
December	Dec. 12/09 Lions, spouses and guests Christmas Party with Guest Entertainers  Dec. 15/09 Christmas Parade and special day at the St. Agatha Community Centre
January	Invites to regular meeting and follow up for 2010. As Well, we will be updating and extending and implementing more ideas and plans  Another mailing to prospects and ad in paper/mailboxes

February	Euchre Night with the Club. (TBD) Variety Show with entertainers Ad in paper – door to door work to specific homes Prospective member night with Guest Speakers
March	Irish Night at Kennedy’s with the Club. Follow up mailing to prospects and ad in paper/ mailboxes
April	TBD
May	Rib Night with spouses, guests and Lions from Other Clubs
June	Invites to Strawberryfest special during the day and the day’s wrap up dinner,show and draw at Kennedy’s that evening  Invites to wrap up social

## **HOW DID YOU BECOME A LION?**

**You were asked!**

Someone thought enough of you for you to give some “service” time to make our communities a better place to live in and to help the less fortunate.

Now – it’s your turn.

“ASK SOMEONE” – “FOR SURE”

Give them the opportunity to serve!

## LIONS

### “WE SERVE”

Together

TEAMWORK WORKS!

Everyone

ONE PERSON CAN

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Achieves

A TEAM CAN MAKE

More

A MIRACLE!

“GOOD, BETTER BEST; NEVER LET  
IT REST UNTIL YOUR GOOD IS BETTER  
AND YOUR BETTER IS BEST!”

PEOPLE!!!!

WE NEED YOU!!!!!!

HELP US HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM FOR St. Agatha?

COME AND TELL US!!!

“ WE SERVE “

