

60 YEARS



OF SERVICE

Community-minded Lions help in many ways

1961 The year started with the annual jamboree, held in conjunction with the reopening of the rebuilt Main Street...The club tried a new venture, operating a monthly newspaper bingo; the first game netted a profit of \$160; a monthly suit draw also proved profitable...A successful campaign for the CNIB brought in donations in excess of \$850... Paid \$1,675 toward the Georgetown hospital and donated \$350 to furnish a therapy room at the North Halton School for Retarded Children.

1962 The annual jamboree and car draw saw below-average returns, so the club turned to a 200 club draw as a fund-raiser...A \$25-a-plate dinner was very successful, enabling the club to pay a further \$1,000 to the hospital fund.

1963 The club hosted the annual zone golf tournament, attended by some 66 golfers; eye glasses were purchased for three local residents...A profit of \$2,000 was realized from the 200 club draw, which was donated to the hospital fund...In April, the club found time to plant trees and shrubs around the hospital...A pledge was also made to sponsor three students at United Nations seminars.

1964 The club sponsored chukwon races at the fairgrounds Sept. 12, with a net profit of \$250...The Lions annual CNIB campaign netted \$1,085...A further \$250 was presented to the hospital.

1965 The final installment of \$1,550 was paid to the hospital in September...The club donated \$300 to the Lake Joseph Holiday Centre for The Blind...A new cub pack was sponsored in Georgetown.

1966 A large parade organized by the Lions celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Little NHL in Georgetown; Attending were Georgetown's Bob Goldham, King Clancy of the Leafs, Jim Roberts of the Canadians and Ron Stewart of the Bruins; some 325 guests assembled in the arena and were treated to a banquet and awards...The club donated \$250 to the Georgetown Public Library for the purchase of history books.

1967 The club hosted a millionaire's night in the Legion Hall in October, netting \$250...A very successful Grey Cup draw netted \$1,350...A draw for a ski-doo netted \$660.

1968 Sept. 23: The club asked town council for permission to take over certain lands with the object of building a park...A draw was held in conjunction with the annual Grey Cup, netting \$1,275.

The Christmas welfare baskets, headed by Lion Walter Gray, were distributed to 44 needy families.

1969 In August, a contract was let for \$8,670 for the construction of two tennis courts...The club's first attempt at a Bavarian Beer Garden in February realized a profit of \$200...In March, the club hosted the regional effective speaking semi-finals.

1970 The third annual beer garden showed a profit of \$1,800...Lions sponsored the newly formed Georgetown Lioness Club and presented them with a new gong and gavel...A lightbulb sale was held with the assistance of the boy scouts...An all-out effort was made on behalf of Lion Fred Zorge in his campaign for District Governor; efforts were rewarded with his election at the District Convention.

1971 With Fred Zorge's election, all Lions were kept very busy with club visitations...The new Lions park on Deirex was well established, with tennis courts complete and new sod laid...T.V. bingo was inaugurated and proved to be a very popular weekly attraction, with more than 1,000 cards sold some weeks...\$4,503 was also approved that year for the purchase of a new heart machine for the hospital.

1972 The Lions park was completed in summer and a final payment of \$2,135 was made...In January, Lion Sam Arrigo and others formed a Leo



club for boys and girls, age 15 to 21, interested in community service...The first annual citizen of the year dinner and dance was held Feb. 23 with Peggy Treahy the first to be so honored.

1973 The club took 97 underprivileged children on a visit to the African Lion Safari...A color TV was presented to the senior citizens. The club also purchased a new car for the VON...The club proceeded with plans to build new changehouses for the pool and a Lions hall... Citizens of the year were the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department.

1974 Commenced work on the new pool change rooms and hall, Sept. 14; initial work consisted of demolition of the old building; projects to raise money also had to be implemented; a beer tent was set up at the international ploughing match... Several fund-raising projects got into full swing, including the old stand-bys, Grey Cup and Stanley Cup draws...A new lottery chaired by Lion Ed Hretchka was also established at \$80 per ticket and proved very popular...Reverend Peter Barrow was Georgetown's Citizen of The Year.

1975 The club put in many hours building the new change rooms and hall, which were opened for the summer swimming season; total cost exceeded \$100,000 and was paid off in three years...The first \$80 lottery netted \$21,245... Citizens of the Year were members of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service.

1976 The club pledged \$15,000 for repairs to the arena... Georgetown lost one of their most loyal and dedicated members in October when Lion Dick Licata died, ending 44 years of service...The annual Grey Cup draw netted \$1,327...Connie Nieuwhof was Georgetown's Citizen of The Year.

1977 The club donated \$1,800 toward a "Resuscit-Ann" for the Volunteer Ambulance Service...The annual Stanley Cup draw netted a profit of \$1,116...\$300 was donated to sponsorship of a minor league baseball team...A mortgage-burning took place after final payment for the \$100,000 Lions hall and pool changerooms... Senior citizens were entertained at a euchre night...Saturday morning hockey breakfasts were initiated for the parents and players in the early morning minor leagues.

1978 Lion Walter Gray was Georgetown Citizen of The Year...The International bantam hockey tournament was relinquished by the Kinsmen, its sponsorship assumed by the

Lions...A campaign "Eyes for The Needy" in conjunction with McDonald's, was held during May. Purpose was to collect used eye glasses...A group of Lions and their families spent a very enjoyable week-end in May cleaning up the Earlscourt children's camp for the emotionally disturbed, near Peterborough...The annual Stanley Cup draw netted a profit of \$2,950...The first windfall dance held in June netted a profit of \$1,250.

1979 The annual Citizen of The Year dinner honored Joy and Irwin Noble for their community work...Twenty-eight visually handicapped residents of the area were entertained at a Lions dinner meeting...The popular hockey breakfast continues on Saturday mornings during the winter and although profits were small, Lions enjoyed serving the public on these very cold occasions...The club made many donations during the year: Lions International Foundation received \$100, minor hockey \$150, Meals on Wheels \$200, CARE \$200, to purchase an artificial limb for a senior citizen \$200, Leader Dog School \$500; a piano for senior citizen's home \$475, Canadian Cancer Society \$100, minor baseball \$300.

1980 Members were kept very busy on club visitations with our governor, Lion Ron Lacey of Georgetown...Our world service day in October, featured a work weekend at Lions Camp Dorset for dialysis patients. More than 100 hours were put in by our club in the building of cottages...\$250 was donated to the Georgetown branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society toward the purchase of a stair glide for a local M.S.



victim...A \$180 donation was made to the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope...The memory of Lion Dick Licata was honored in renaming the Georgetown Lions Pool, The Dick Licata Memorial Pool.

1981 This year continues to be extremely busy for all Lions as they prepare for the club's golden anniversary.

The club this year voted to spend \$4,000 toward the purchase of a new time clock in the Gordon Alcott arena. To raise this money, the Saturday morning hockey breakfast has been revived after a year's absence, with excellent public response.

Planted 25 Silver Maple trees in Joseph Gibbons Lions Park.
Donated \$766 to the Eighth Georgetown Cubs and Scouts plus camping equipment.
Entertained 16 guests from the C.N.I.B. at a Christmas dinner.

Made two work weekend visits to Dialysis Camp Dorset and ran the Annual Saturday Morning Hockey Breakfast Program at the Lions Hall.

1982 - Lion Fred Zorge was honoured with a Life Membership in the Georgetown Lions Club at a dinner in his honour, March 2, 1982.

Purchased a special sight apparatus for a ten year old girl whose sight was impaired. Ran the Annual Bantam Hockey Tournament.

Entertained 88 senior citizens at a Georgetown Little Theatre Production of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde at the Cultural Center.



1983 - The club donated \$10,000 to Dialysis Camp Dorset to build and furnish an efficiency unit at the camp.

The club donated \$1,300 to the Georgetown Library for large print books.

Started used eyeglass collection for cleaning, grading and packaging for distribution to Third World Countries.

1984 - Purchased benches to be installed on the hills on Guelph St. and Main St. for the use of senior citizens.

Donated \$500 to a Georgetown family who lost their home in a fire.

Donated \$360 to the Georgetown Library for their sign language program.

Pledged \$30,000 to the Bennett Health Care Centre.

Purchased a \$1,700 slide for the Dick Licata Pool.

Donated \$2,500 to Canadian Lions Foundation.

1985 - Donated \$600.00 to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Georgetown Girls Pipe Band were given \$1,500 toward their trip to Scotland.

The Annual Hockey Breakfast had a net profit of \$1,385.

The Chronic Skin Disease Foundation, spearheaded by Lion Tony Degabriel was given \$200 toward charter expenses.

Sponsored a local blind/deaf boy to a vacation at Lake Joseph.

Raised \$37,975 through fund raising projects and had total expenditures of \$42,807.

1986 - Provided clean-up services for local senior citizens for Lions World Service Day.

Conducted a commercial fund raising campaign for the C.N.I.B.

Donated \$2,800 to Canine Vision Canada at their official opening on Nov. 12, 1985.

Purchased three talking book players for the Library.

\$784 raised during Drug Awareness Week was donated to Georgetown Drug Abuse Committee.

A further \$2,000 was donated to The Chronic Disease Foundation.

The Hockey Breakfast net profit for the year was \$1,340.

1987 - The club donated \$5,000 to build a walkway at Camp Dorset. Most of the construction was done by

Georgetown Lions.

The club took over sponsorship of -The Crazy Boat Race which raises more than \$10,000 annually for Cystic Fibrosis.

Donated \$2,000 to the Georgetown Drug Abuse Committee.

Donated \$7,000 toward the purchase of the Halton Hills Activan.

1988 - Donated \$8,986 to Multiple Sclerosis raised through the Crazy Boat Race. \$1,700 was donated to the Downs Syndrome Association for the education of a child.

Donated \$1,000 to the Georgetown Open Door program.

Club members and wives visited Canine Vision Canada and presented a cheque for \$2,500.

The club under Chairman Fred Zorge, sponsored the District Convention in Mississauga. Donated \$2,000 to the Chronic Skin Disease Foundation and helped with their Annual Golf Tournament.

Donated \$1,000 to Halton Homecare for the Physically Handicapped for installation of a chairlift in a van.

1989 - The club funded \$1,500 for a chairlift installed in the home of a Georgetown family whose son was paralyzed in a motorcycle accident.

Twenty five club members were presented with Life Memberships in Lions Canadian Foundation through a \$2,500 donation on their behalf.

Donated \$300 to Georgetown's new Precision Skating Club.

Donated \$323 to Georgetown Browns for purchase of tents.

1990 - The club donated \$1,200 to the C.N.I.B. for the purchase of a Visitation Rehabilitation Kit.

The Georgetown Agricultural Society were given \$20,000 towards the erection of a new exhibit building at the Fair Grounds.

Donated \$3,000 to the Recreation Department for installation of lights at the Ball Field Batting Cage.

Provided financial assistance, \$500 each, for two Georgetown High School girls selected for a world tour with the Up With People Organization.



It is impossible to list all of the projects that Georgetown Lions have been involved in during this past sixty years. To do so would more than fill this newspaper. A few of the ongoing projects are listed below.

- Santa Clause Parade - Sixty Years

- Minor Hockey - Sponsor a team annually

- Minor Baseball - Sponsor a team annually

- Minor Soccer - Sponsor a team annually

- Citizen of Year Dinner - Annually

- High School Effective Speaking - Annually

- Work Weekends at Camp Dorset - Twice per year

- Pioneer Days Pancake Breakfast - Annually

- Fall Fair Booth - Annually

- Bi-Weekly Bingos.