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Lion Wolfgang wins 100% Excellence

District Governor Karen McNeight presents Lion Wolfgang Boelke with the 100% President's Excellence Award during a meeting of the Ariss and District Lions Club Jan. 4.

Three new members inducted into club



PDG Nancy Ransom officiates as Doug Robb lights the Lions Candle during an induction ceremony for three new members - Wayne Keefe, left, and Dorothy Krusky, right, peaking out from behind Doug. See also page 2.

Two Melvin Jones Awards Lions Don Cohen and Khalid Kokhar

Lions Clubs International has again honored Royal City Lions Club by awarding two more members with its highest award, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, for selfless dedication to community betterment.

"The Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes tireless dedication to making our community a better place in which to live and watch our children grow up," Lion Chief Bill Hocken said.

Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship

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Lion Chief Bill Hocken presents Lion Khalid Kokhar with the Melvin Jones Award at the dinner meeting held Jan. 13 at the Islamic Centre of Cambridge. Ken Dardano, executive director of United Way of Guelph and Wellington spoke at the meeting.

Donate \$1,000 for Haiti relief

Within hours of receiving a plea from Lions Clubs International Foundation chairperson Al Brandel for local clubs to support recovery efforts in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, Royal City Lions approved a \$1,000 donation Jan. 13.

Much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince was destroyed Jan. 12. It's estimated that 3 million people have been affected by the earthquake.

Money from R. C. Lions will be forwarded to the Salvation Army which allows the donation to qualify for a matching grant from the federal government.

LCIF responded immediately with a donation of a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for immediate disaster relief efforts.



Lion Don Cohen accepts his Melvin Jones plaque from Lion Chief Bill Hocken at the Christmas dinner meeting Dec. 9.

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High spirits at holiday dinner

Royal City Lions Club celebrates in style



Lion Doug Robb enjoys the holiday dinner.

A lovely turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served at the December meeting. The buffet style meal was only the start of an evening of fun that ended with an exchange of presents.

Normal business was suspended for the evening with the exception of the awarding of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Don Cohen.

Also on the agenda was the induction of three new members, Wayne Keefe, Douglas Robb and Dorothy Krusky. A surprise

initiation was given to Lenny Jones. The evening ended with a commitment by the Royal City Lions to offer a Christmas hamper of food and gifts to a family in need. The family, selected through Family and Children's Services.



Lions Dorothy Krusky and Wolfgang Boelke give Santa their Christmas lists at the Belwood L.C. Breakfast with Santa.



Lion Don Cohen exchange gifts with Lion Wolfgang Boelke as Lion Garry Ransom, of Guelph L.C., looks on.

Helping out at Christmas



Lions Keith S and Bill Keough, shown at Stone Road Mall on Dec. 19, were among several R. C. Lions who helped with the



Lions Heather Fitzsimmons, Bob Sherwood and Dorothy Krusky at Stone Road Mall helping with the Salvation Army's Christmas

Storm Tickets Available

There are still tickets available for Storm games. Contact Lion Bob Keleher to purchase them. They are a really good deal at \$12 each, a savings of \$7 from the price at the door. That makes a good selling point, too. The games remaining:

- January 22 Saginaw, 26 tickets;
- February 12 Sarnia, 26 tickets.

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First Club Executive Installed District Governor Karen McNeight officiates

Submitted by Lion Mike Schepers

Ariss and District Lion's Club (ADLC) has made some real headway. We are working at arranging our first fundraiser and hammering out the details of what charity or community support initiative that we are going to participate in. In fact, should there have been another week to make this letter an announcement would likely have been made. As it is we cannot let the CAT out of the bag. What, How and Where are all questions we are confident that we will answer.

Our group has grown and a membership committee has been formed to further add members. It is probably understood by anyone in Lions when we talk about how each committee formed and each fundraiser discussed has necessitated the need for a Policy and Procedure manual. The fact that there is a need for the latter committee or manual is a sign of growth and progress.

There is some news that HAS happened that ADLC can share and outline. It is saved to the last because we wanted to show that there is progress made. What our big news is the support given to us that has made it possible to move this club forward. This support is not planned tomorrow as a possibility but has been there all along and has not shown any signs of waning. This is more difficult to report than figures on fund raising activities or membership drives. The Guelph Royal City Lions Club (GRCLC) has been an incredible help to our club. Wolfgang Boelke has been a part of

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Charter members of the Ariss and District Lions Club, shown with District Governor Karen McNeight, right, are from left: Lions Paul Mitchell, Bruce Kurtz, George Robinson, Brian Kurtz, Larry Wainwright, Jim Davis and DG Karen. Front is Lion Michael Schepers

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- President - Lion Brian Kurtz
- Secretary - Lion Michael Schepers
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- Lion Tamer & Tail Twister - Lion Jim Davis
- Bulletin Editor Lion Bob Rutter
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Lion Jim Davis (left) displays the livery he was given by DG Karen McNeight to act as Lion Tamer and Tail Twister.

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Two Lions win awards

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was created in 1973. There are now more than 280,000 Lions from 46,000 Clubs in 205 countries who have been honored.

Lion Don Cohen, a charter member of the club, and Lion Khalid Khokar, who joined in 1990, were presented with their awards at separate ceremonies by Lion Chief Bill. The two awards bring to four Melvin Jones Awards made to club members in the past five months.

"There's an old saying, 'If you want something done, ask a busy man'," he said. "Don Cohen has been for more than 20 years that "busy man". As long as I've known him, he always seems to be doing something with his family, his profession (Dentistry), his Synagogue, or the Storm Hockey team.

"Even so, whenever I've needed someone to work or find sponsors Don was there. Our meetings are always just a bit more interesting and enjoyable when Don was there.

"Don's reason for being a Lion has never had anything to do with being recognized for his service – he embodies the Lions' motto "We Serve".

One could not ask for a better role model than Lion Khalid, Lion Bill said.

"To say Khalid is a busy man, is an understatement. While most of his colleagues from those days at Erin District High School quietly moved into retirement, Khalid became a vice-principal at Guelph Collegiate and Vocational Institute, then semi-retired to become the founding principal of the Islamic School of Cambridge and now is the Superintendent of four Islamic schools in Central Ontario. He is also vice-president of the Guelph and Wellington United Way.

"What is amazing, considering his commitment to his family and his workload, is that he still finds time for Lions. Khalid has taken on the Lions' motto "We Serve" as his personal goal in life."

Royal City Lions Club, founded in 1997, raises up to \$20,000 each year for local community projects.

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PDG Larry Wainwright joins Ariss

A special ceremony was held Jan. 18 to induct Lion Larry Wainwright into the Ariss L. C. The ceremony reconfirmed and recognized the spirit of volunteerism the Past District Governor continues to display after 33 years a Lion.

Lion Larry first joined the Fergus L. C. where he held all executive roles within the club. Lion Larry I know that you are looking toward a rewarding and gratifying life as an

Ariss Lion, with numerous, and varied, experiences before you, and scores of friends waiting to be met, and fun to be had, in Ariss and the surrounding community," District Governor Karen McNeight said in a statement read at the meeting.

Ariss club outlook

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ADLC and has not only given direction but has given a quiet encouragement simply by his devotion to what he does.

This Thank You goes out also to the many guests from other clubs that have come to join us. This too has been an incredible encouragement. They have all brought a bit of fun and everyone without exception has been a joy to talk with. That our biggest news is a thank you to what was given us is a reminder of what Lions is all about. It is hoped that our next newsletter and our tenth anniversary finds our own accomplishments pale when compared to what others Lions and our community have done for us.



PDG Larry Wainwright and Lion Wolfgang Boelke with the certificate of membership Lion Larry received on joining the Ariss L. C.

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Islamic Centre hosts Lions United Way Director describes agency services

A dinner meeting held at the Islamic Centre of Cambridge was made special by the awarding of a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Khalid Khokar who had invited the club to the facility.

Lion Khalid, who helped form the Islamic school attached to the Centre and now acts as superintendent of four Islamic



Lion Khalid Khokha explains the prayer clocks in the mosque of the Islamic Centre of Cambridge. The clocks show the precise times for prayers during each day. R. C. Lions and guests toured the mosque during a visit to the Centre.

groups and organizations in Guelph and Wellington that have been identified for assistance from United Way.

“Nearly one in ten children in Canada live in poverty,” Mr. Dardano said. It is one reason United Way last year identified a need to address poverty and to seek strategies to assist families in need.

A task force composed of stakeholders that are touched by the effects of poverty was formed last year to determine strategies to address difficulties in such areas as health, food distribution, transportation and housing.

The task force includes several members who are considered impoverished, representatives of the Guelph District Labour Council, social justice advocates and groups working with the poor.



Ken Dardano

One success, which United Way hopes to build upon, is a breakfast program costing \$42,000 a year that feeds about 10,000 elementary school children each day before classes.

The goal, Mr. Dardano said, is to set action plans into motion by sometime later this year.

Here's Johnny for 2nd VDG

John Rothwell, of Hillsburgh Lions Club, believes the heart of Lionism is the local club and its members.

“Lions isn't the international,” the candidate for 2nd Vice District Governor told R.C. Lions, “it's the clubs and what they do.”

He encouraged Lions to take advantage of the provincial education credit requirement of 40 hours of volunteer activity for high school students to graduate, saying it can serve two purposes.

“Get them to have fun and to get to know Lions,” Mr. Rothwell said. “They may not join you out of high school but when they are 35 and looking for something to join, they'll remember the Lions.”

The election will be held at the District 1-15 convention in Stratford April 16 to 18.




John Rothwell

schools in the region, gave Lions and their guests a tour of the facility and the adjacent mosque following a sumptuous dinner.

The regular business meeting was also highlighted by a presentation by Ken Dardano, executive director of the United Way of Guelph and Wellington. Mr. Dardano, invited by Lion Khalid who is vice-president of the United Way board of directors, spoke of the agency's successful fundraising campaign during 2009 and where it hopes to go in the future.

United Way raised \$2.66 million, a record unequalled in the agency's more than 70 years of operation, he said. More than 80 per cent of the funds raised will go to the 84

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Monthly Music Jamboree. Belwood Hall.
- Cabinet Meeting** - Sat., Jan. 30th (11:30)
at Drumbo
- Rally Time** - Kennedy's in St. Agatha
- Zone Meeting** - Feb. 17th at Rockwood
- Texas Hold'em Poker Night**
February 20, 2010 Hillsburgh Arena
- Candidates Night for 51E/51W** - March
9th at Fergus
- Variety Show** - March 20th at Shelldale
Centre
- A-15 Convention** - April 16 - 18 at
Stratford
- Elora Lions Fireworks**
Saturday, May 29, 2010 @ Grand River
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Items Of Note

Lion Bob Rutter, editor of the Royal City Lions Club Roar, has been made an ex officio member of the Ariss and District Lions Club. At the Ariss club's meeting Jan. 4 at which officers were installed, District A-15 Governor Karen McNeight installed Lion Bob as newsletter editor of the Ariss club.



Lion Bob Rutter

It is a responsibility, she said, that is important to the club, its membership and to the community it serves. DG Karen offered incentive to do a good job by offering the right equipment to do the job.

Lion Bob, in photo at right, is seen with the "tools" required, a "light" to see the path for the club and a "microphone" to tell the world of the good things Lions and the Ariss club in particular are involved with.



Lenny Says

The conventional view serves to protect us from the painful job of thinking.

-- John Kenneth Galbraith



Lion Ed Hollett presents Lenny Jones for induction into the R. C. Lions Club during a ceremony conducted by PDG Nancy Ransom Dec. 9.

Surprising induction! 'Lenny Jones' joins Lions

Lenny Jones was a surprise, last-minute, inductee at a ceremony to enroll three new members, Doug Robb, Wayne Keefe and Dorothy Krusky, held at the Christmas dinner meeting.

Sponsored by Lion Ed Hollett, Lenny's arrival came midway through the ceremony officiated by PDG Nancy Ransom.

Lenny has been active since Thanksgiving when he first arrived in Guelph. He's already earned himself a spot in the newsletter as R.C.L.C.'s motivational columnist.

Born Oct. 24, 2007, in Merthyt Tydsil, Wales, Lenny is rumored to be related to another Jones – not Melvin – but Tom Jones, a noted and well-known singer. (Aren't all Welshmen great singers?)



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