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MOVE TO GROW

Movement and growth ought to be preferred over inflexibility and stagnation. The Lion's organization is no exception. Recently, Lions Clubs International has been able to celebrate growth. In September 2009, Lions Clubs International reported a second straight membership increase. As quoted from a Lions Clubs International news release, "at a time when many membership organizations are seeing a decline in members, Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, has recorded two straight years of membership increase. This is its first consecutive years of membership increase since the 1990s."

Growth is a common message for Lions with the overarching theme of the current International President, Eberhard Wirf. During the 2009-2010 Lions year, Wirf is encouraging Lions to 'move to grow'. "Lions need momentum, or movement, to grow and progress," says Wirf in the President's Theme Brochure. "Nothing that remains static moves forward. Progress grows from purposeful movement. We must continue to plant seeds of understanding and enduring community service, and cultivate a clear and consistent message of purpose. This involves effort, momentum, action and NEED TO MOVE."

While Wirf's message comes at a time when Lion's Clubs International is exhibiting growth, we must not become complacent and rely upon others to maintain the momentum. We must examine our own Northeast Eyeopener Club and apply Wirf's message at a grassroots level.

Wirf's concept 'move to grow' requires Lions to strengthen the roots of membership, service, leadership and social understanding, and extend our branches to women, spouses and young people. As I reflect on Eberhard Wirf's theme, it continually leads me to ask myself "How am I moving to grow?" I ask you to do the same.

We must realize that it begins with us, with each individual Lion. If we don't change and grow on an individual level, we cannot possibly change and grow as clubs, or internationally. Moving to grow begins with you and me. Lions is not merely something for us to attend. It is not just about our behaviour and service. Lions is about who we are as individuals and how we position ourselves towards people, service, leadership and social understanding. We each have the potential for greatness, and together we have and can build a great club, and a great international organization.

Wirf says "We must stretch – stretch in our dreams, our plans, and our actions. If we don't, we will perish". So, how are you going to stretch and 'move to grow' this year?

Written by: Christy Dalidowicz

NOTABLE QUOTE

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

~ Albert Schweitzer

Feature Article

THE FLYING DOCTORS CANADA:

Revolutionizing the Future of Humanitarianism

Canadians have time and time again exemplified the role of humanitarianism and philanthropy by our reputation for embracing diversity, displaying cultural sensitivity and promoting peace-keeping initiatives. Charitable behaviour has always been ingrained into Canadian identity; however, lending a helping hand to the needy around the world isn't as helpful as we like to believe without a sound plan that can launch self-sustaining communities. This is a reality which Dr. Benjamin Cavilla, Founder of the Flying Doctors of Canada, had become cognizant of as a medical student and dedicated a great deal of time to find a meaningful solution for.



Dr. Cavilla, was inspired to become involved in humanitarian efforts as a medical student after opting to take an international elective to El Salvador in 2004. Expecting to view unfathomable poverty and suffering, Dr. Cavilla was taken aback when amidst virtually no material means, the people of the small village he spent time in were full of great happiness and graciousness for the little they had. He came back to Canada with a new found sense of inspiration to dedicate his career to helping those people living in impoverished conditions around the world. Amongst the inspiration, however, he also had some serious concerns for the long-term impact of the current standards of healthcare in developing countries. He spent many years diligently researching the reasons behind the issues of perpetual poverty and health problems in Latin America to find a more efficient approach to establishing long-term healthy communities. "We needed to build an organization that delivered high impact solutions" commented Dr. Cavilla. Since then, he has travelled into many rural communities in several Central American countries to discover where the greatest needs of the local people lay and to learn about the culture and language. Teaming with close friends and medical school alumni, Drs. Rodrigo Onell and Daniel Kopac, the Flying Doctors of Canada launched in May of 2008 and became a registered charitable organization in April 2009.

The Flying Doctors of Canada are managed and led by a small group of young doctors and executed by a large group of hard-working volunteers from all walks of life. Following a multi-tiered and step-wise approach, they deliver medical aid, educational seminars and infrastructure development projects which all work toward creating long-term sustainable communities. With the vision the Board of Directors saw for the Flying Doctors of Canada, they realized that in order to cultivate higher quality health conditions in developing nations, they would have to do something different. Along with general volunteers, the Flying Doctors of Canada run a program called the Doctors of Tomorrow where five pre-medical students each from the University of Alberta, the University of Lethbridge and the University of Calgary are chosen to accompany the annual missions and observe directly alongside the doctors within the clinics. This is a unique opportunity which allows students to examine the diagnosis and treatment process including the establishment of the patient-physician relationship all within the setting of a rural foreign clinic. All of this is in hopes to spawn a generation eager to put forth and engage in new ideas to propel humanitarian efforts forward and which may carry on the evolution of humanitarianism we are seeing today. This is what Dr. Cavilla calls a "Made in Canada" approach!

The Flying Doctors of Canada find innovative ways to implement sustainable solutions to poverty-related health issues in the face of established social structures, religious practises and political barriers. With the hard work of a few dedicated doctors and a team of motivated students and volunteers, the Flying Doctors of Canada have not only been pioneers in establishing a distinctive educational opportunity to pre-medical undergraduate students, but created a progressive groundwork which supports long-lasting healthy communities. What started off as a desire to make a difference to the less fortunate of the world, this group has developed into a fully operational registered charity which has reached many individuals living in impoverished rural areas of Central America.

Written by: Beverly Spencer

Member Spotlight

SANDRA GOODRICH



When and where were you born?

March 4, 1956 at the Calgary General Hospital

Do you have any children? Names? Ages?

Sandy (Ken), Ray (Eron), Lindsey (Bryan), and Carol (Chrissy)
Grandchildren: Melissa, Brady, Cassie, Nick, Mason, Tanner, Kiara and Jeremy

Do you have any pets?

No Pets. The grandchildren have enough pets to share.

What is your favourite food?

Turkey and trimmings

What was the last book you read?

James Patterson 7th Heaven

If you were an animal, what would you want to be? Why?

Leopard: Graceful and Elegant

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Martin Luther King for the vision he had of a better world

What was your first job?

Accounting Department for the Calgary Real Estate Board

If time, talent, and money were no obstacle, what would be your dream job?

Party Planner, Greeting Card Maker

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Looking after my Dad with Alzheimer's and my Mom with a Brain Injury and my grandchildren, teaching them to volunteer, to give and helping those in need.

What brought you to Lions? What keeps you here?

Sharing the commitment to make a better life for those in need, paying it forward

Important Dates and Information

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

December 1st

Harold Stringer

January 4th

Carmelita Monroy

December 5th

Joyce Schmidler

January 6th

Eva Willett

December 10th

Yves Pau Duclos

January 8th

Patricia Stevenson

December 12th

Brian Stevenson

January 13th

Hazel Hiebert

December 13th

Ollie Borgedahl

January 16th

Bill Hanchuck

December 17th

Fred Moore

January 28th

Jack Isaman

December 20th

Mary Brebner

December 23rd

Rebecca Snukal

December 24th

Kieran Kettlys

December 29th

Jerry Koroscil

ANNIVERSARIES

December 5th

Bill and Donna Baux

January 11th

Brian and Judi Glenn

December 16th

John and Eileen Watson

January 24th

Jack and Denise Isaman

December 18th

Janet and John Sebo

December 31st

Matt and Christy Dalidowicz

FANNING CENTRE SCHEDULES

BINGOS

December 5th

Team Three

December 12th

Team Four

December 19th

Team One

December 26th

No Bingo

January 2nd

Team Two

January 9th

Team Three

January 16th

No Bingo

January 23rd

Team Four

January 30th

Team One

BAR

December 12th

Carol and Bruce Carr

December 26th

No Bar

January 1st

No Bar

January 9th

John Watson and Gary Mohl

January 23rd

Tracey Devine

DISTRICT 37-O CABINET

District Governor	Fred Walters
1st Vice DG	John Goodrich
2nd Vice DG	Sonny Warrack
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Treasurer	Dexter Bragas
PDG	Christina Pond

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