

December 29, 2018

Dear Lions,

Recently, Lion Kyle Boutilier, our International Leo Lion Board Liaison, raised his concern that the demographic of Lions Clubs across Canada are very skewed and that there is a distinct lack of representation of young Lions. He additionally brought up the issues with Leos continuing their Lionism involvement.

As Service Chair of the newly formed West London Lions Club, Kyle and I set forward a plan to create an event that would tackle both of these issues. With the help of the other members of the West London Lions Club and Lions mentors across Canada, we came up with the idea to start the Canadian Young Lions Retreat - the first of its kind in the Lions world. Our target audience are Leos/Young Lions in the 16-30 age bracket.

This event will be chaired by myself, with Kyle having an advisory role. We have organized a committee composed of young Lions and Leos to help organize and run this event. We are looking to host the retreat March 22 - 24, 2019 in Woodstock, Ontario. Starting Friday evening, attendees from all over Canada will have the opportunity to hear from dynamic speakers about leadership development and the exciting opportunities available for youth within the Lions organization. We will also be hosting a half-day service project.

We are reaching out to you to help us make this event a success in two main areas:

a) Firstly, by asking you for a donation of \$500.00 for this first Canadian wide event, (we have also applied for a Leo Leadership grant). Cheques can be made out to the West London Lions Club Activity and sent to 305-974 Western Rd, London, ON N6G 1G4. If your club donates more than \$500, your club will be recognized as a founding sponsor of this event.

b) Secondly, by contacting the young Lions and Leos in your area to encourage them to attend this event.

We hope this event will help unite young Lions and Leos from all across Canada, by offering personal development and therefore empowering them to return to their communities to start new Lions Clubs, increase young Lion representation in our existing clubs, successfully assist in the Leo to Lion transition, and ultimately grow our membership!

Please also feel free to forward this information to other Lions who may be able to connect with young Lions and Leos. Let's make this first Canadian Young Lions Retreat a huge success, so it can become an annual event moving forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via the emails provided with our bios.

We are very thankful for any and all help you are able to give to us!

Sincerely,



Nikhil Patil, Chair of the 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Young Lions Retreat



Kyle Boutilier, International Board Appointee - Leo-Lion Board Liaison

# Canada Young Lions Retreat Agenda

## Friday March 22, 2019

6:00 pm to 9:00pm	Arrival
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies Keynote Speaker Dinner
10:00 pm to 12:00 am	Social/Networking Session

## Saturday March 23, 2019

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am to 11:30 am	Leadership Workshop: Cary Green Advocacy Workshop: Steve Lee
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Transportation
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch (at Service Project)
1:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Service Project
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Transportation
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm	Dinner
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm	Debrief/Focus Group (led by LCI staff and Kyle Boutilier)
10:00 pm to 12:00 am	Social/Networking Session

## Sunday March 24, 2019

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Youth Opportunities in Lions Workshop
10:30 am to 12:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies (with Tom Gordon) Lunch Departures