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Fellow Lions,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that our District has finalized a location for our District A4 Memorial Forest. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed this summer with the Innovative Community Support Services otherwise known as ICSS. A committee was formed to manage the Memorial Forest with the District being represented by PDG's Andy Etherington, Al Page, John Chilvers and Linda James. ICSS is represented by Jaynee Champagne, Executive Director and Rebecca Chamberlain, Manager of the Adult Community Participation. PDG Andy Etherington and Rebecca Chamberlain will be the Co-chairs of the Memorial Forest Committee.

Innovative Community Support Services (ICSS) is a non-profit charitable organization that is committed to creating and providing families & individuals with innovative, high quality and cost effective community based programs and services that promote a strong sense of well being while making a positive contribution to our culturally diversified community in Eastern Ontario. ICSS is a registered charity (#87814 2413 RR0001) and was incorporated in June 2001; ICSS is a transfer payment agency through the Ministry of Community and Social Services. They operate eleven group homes and community programs for individuals with a developmental disability including their Sow & Grow Farm located at 9478 Russell Road, Navan, Ontario. Approximately five (5) acres of the farm has been designated for the District A4 Lions Memorial Forest and additional land is available if needed.

We are very pleased to also announce that Dr. Roman Popadiouk from Friends of the Experimental Farm has agreed to assist on with the Memorial Forest. Dr. Popadiouk has several degrees in Forestry and has worked for the Ontario Government on many of their projects as well as projects at the Experimental Farm. He has given us some great advice and has also offered to assist us in the placements of trees in the Memorial Forest.

Lion Clubs or Members and ICSS Clients or Member will be able to purchase a tree which will be planted in the Memorial Forest. Requests from Lions and ICSS supporters will also be accepted. The cost for a tree will be \$175.00 which will cover the cost of the tree, plague and maintenance of the grounds. The forest will be divided into two sections. One area will consist of fruit trees which will include apples, pears, apricot and cherries.

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It is hoped that in the future the clients of ICSS will be able to harvest the fruits from the trees as part of the daily visit to the farm. The other sections will be ornamental trees such as White Pine, European Spruce, Ginkgo, White Willow, Silver Maple, Black Walnut, European Larch to name a few. You will be able to choose between a fruit tree or an ornamental tree. We are planning our first Memorial for June 2016.

We are developing our Pamphlet and Registration Form to order a tree. As Lions do not have a charitable tax number the purchase of trees will be done through ICSS. Each tree purchaser will receive an income tax receipt from ICSS for the full amount. The Memorial Forest Committee will review and approve all applications. All Clubs, Lions, Lioness, Lionettes and Leos within District A4 as well as ICSS Members, Clients and Supporters are encouraged to consider a tree at the Lions Memorial Forest. More information on the District A4 Memorial Forest will be made available in the next few months.

Yours in Lionism,

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