

Lions Clubs International

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“ In A World of Service”

District Governor Dr. Dan Ayim

2012-2013

Hello fellow Lions,

Spring is here but our Lions year is far from over. Many clubs participate in roadside cleanup, tree planting and other environmental projects at this time of year.

Upcoming events include the Lions Foundation Walk for Dog Guides. The official Canadian walk date is Sunday, May 26th; however a few Clubs hold their Walks on different dates. Lions from St. Jacobs, Waterloo and Kitchener Clubs are busy organizing their Walk which will be held on Saturday, May 25th.

LFC Chairperson Lion Charlene Teasdale's campaign for Pennies for Puppies is still ongoing, so remember to collect those pennies. We attended the A-12 convention last weekend, and their LFC Chairperson had made a chart to track the pennies collected from each Club in their District. The Clubs brought bags full of pennies and they had a scale to weight them and calculate the dollar value. Their goal was to collect enough pennies to sponsor a Dog Guide from their District.

The Breslau Memorial Tree Dedication is scheduled for June 8th; and two work parties will be held - on May 22nd to repair the markers, and on June 5th for tidying up the main grounds. With well over 1700 trees in our forest, many hands are needed.

The Five Oaks Youth Camp cleanup weekend is slated for May 24th and 25th. You can sleep over Friday night at the camp if you wish. RSVP to PCC Dave Rumble.

Lion Steve Woolman has indicated that a spring cleanup weekend would be appreciated on June 15th weekend at Camp Dorset, one week before the Camp season begins. You can deliver the Canadian Tire money your Club has saved to be used for equipment and supplies at the Camp.

Volunteering your time and hands is truly valuable to all these projects; but we know it is also a lot of fun to work alongside your fellow Lions from other Clubs and catch up on their news.

Leadership Day for all Lions and Club Officers will take place on June 23rd, 9 to 2, at Wilmot Rec Center, Baden just off Hwy 7/8. This day is a must for all Lions taking on a new position for the coming year and very worthwhile to attend as our District GLT team always provides interesting sessions on other topics.

Great news! Lion Bob Rutter is feeling better, and is optimistic he will be able to continue as District Bulletin Editor for the remainder of this Lions year. We send calm and peaceful thoughts and our prayers for healing for all Lions and family who are battling illness and difficulties at this time, in particular Lion Ian Robb who gave 110% on host committee to make our convention such a special time.

Thanks for all you do in our "World of Service"

Nancy

Lion Nancy Ransom

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Note re photos in last Bulletin of the 1964 Int'l Convention –

I received an email from MDA Historian, Lion Ray Charbonneau, regarding the guest being chauffeured by Lion Bill Mirlees in the 1964 Int'l Convention Parade. Harold P. Nutter, from Oaklin, New Jersey was the International President from 1951-1952. We believe he is the person in the photo.

DISTRICT A-15 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL - UKRAINIAN in 2013

A successful International festival was held on March 2, 2013 at the United Kingdom Club of Cambridge. Well over 110 Lions with their friends, and children attended the festival. It was a true family affair. There was something for everyone to enjoy and relax.

The Ukrainian food was toothsome and traditional folk dances were absolutely magnificent.

- submitted by Lion Ajit Manku

Cultural and Community Activities



Lion Ajit Manku, who has been our District Chairperson and has organized the dinner for the past few years, was commended by Vanessa Avila, the Program Development Co-ordinator at Lions Clubs International; and she invited him to join in a conference call to discuss developing new material for culture and community - "Hi Ajit, I am very appreciative of the initiative that you have taken in your district. I am going to highlight your project in our seminar presentation at the Int'l convention in Hamburg, Germany. Please tell DG Denis Vinette to be sure to attend our seminar, it is entitled "Building Strong Communities: the Importance of Arts and Culture". Way to go, Lion Ajit!

PARADISE & DISTRICT LIONS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

On February 28th, the Paradise & District Lions celebrated their 40th Anniversary. Charter Lions John Pfaffinger, Ed Gerstenkorn and Harvey Kuntz were in attendance along with our group, mates and friends. We had a dinner followed by entertainment by the Water Boys from the local university along with a story teller from Baden.
- submitted by Lions Annette Kuhn and Ted Rypma.



(pictured above) Charter Lions with their wives, Ed and Anita Gerstenkorn, Harvey and Diane Kuntz, and John and Lion Janet Pfaffinger. (below) entertainment by the Water Boys (UW students).



PARADISE LIONS EASTER EGG HUNT

On March 30th, the Paradise & District Lions held a very successful Easter Egg Hunt in which approximately 80 children participated. Chatting with the Easter Bunny (below left) is Lion Ted Rypma's grandson Sebastian from New Dundee. Our newest Lion Mark Koenig (below right) is leading the Easter Bunny (aka Amy) into the St. Clements Lions Park for the Hunt.

- submitted by Lion Annette Kuhn.



PARIS LIONS MAPLE FESTIVAL

On a chilly April 13th morning, the Paris Lions cooked up a sumptuous pancake breakfast for those who braved the weather to attend the 2nd annual Maple Syrup festival. Large numbers turned out to dine in spite of the wet, windy conditions that morning.



EFFECTIVE SPEAKING 2013 DISTRICT FINALS

Effective Speaking, District Finals, were hosted by the St George Lions Club on March 2, 2013 at the St George Public School. The event went like clockwork, under the capable supervision of chair, Ernie Kaethler. The school principal was enthusiastic and cooperative and assisted in every aspect of the day's proceedings. Lions from District A15 were on hand to assist. Lunch of pizza from one of two 'best' pizza places in town, was scrumptious – indeed it lived up to expectations.

From the morning Java to the snacks and beverages...all engineered with precision and superbly orchestrated. There were French competitors in every category except the Seniors.

The speeches were par-excellent! The youth did us proud! They exhibited such leadership potential that we know they will be capable leaders in the future. Congratulations, contestants!



To get an quick photo summary of this contest setting and highlights, just click:

<http://breslau-lions.blogspot.ca/>

The LIST below contains all entries by speech categories - with Club sponsorship, & clearly indicating winner rankings - 1st, 2nd & 3rd placements.

Non-winners listed are NOT in any significant order --- they were all WONDERFUL !

Pre-Competitive English

1st ... Brock KurtzFavero, Guelph LC
 2nd... Taylor Muschamp, Breslau
 3rd ... Sarah VanDoodewaard, Sheffield
 Abby Sostar, Belwood
 Jillian Francis, Guelph
 Angus Bullock, Belwood



(pre-competitive above) (juniors right)

French

1st... Ashok Pandey, K-W Comm'ty Spirit
 2nd.. Bruce Hackner, Guelph
 3rd... Elsa Patterson, Belwood
 Ellie Stewart, Guelph
 Sadaf Farsi, Guelph



Junior English

1st ... Sarah Chaytor, Guelph
 2nd.. Noah Hart, Sheffield
 3rd... Caleb Young, Belwood
 Erin Horton, Belwood
 Alex Jamieson, Guelph
 Anna Kozbor, St. George
 Sophia Halyk, St. George
 Skylar Healey, St. George

Arjun Pandey, K-W Community Spirit
 Yolanda Scarlato, Breslau
 Jacob Van Boekel, Hickson
 Shelby Hehn, Hickson

French

1st... Tarryn Swanek, Guelph
 2nd... Jensen Pletch, Belwood
 3rd... Olivia Hackner, Guelph
 Noelle Starling, Belwood



Intermediate English (right)

1st Laura Bender, Fergus
 2nd ... Daniel VanderHout, Sheffield

French (above) 1st Avinash Pandey, K-W Comm'ty Spirit

Senior English (right)

1st ... Maggie LaRonde, Breslau
 2nd ... Francis Olaer, Guelph
 3rd ... Tara Jamieson, Breslau

***In Lions Service for Youth,
 Ernie Kaethler,
 A-15 Effective Speaking Chair***



On March 27th 2013,
Milverton Lions pledged \$15,000.00 to the
Knollcrest Lodge "Raise The Roof"
fundraising campaign.

This project when completed
will provide new main entrance doors,
a covered entry and other upgrades to
this outstanding long-term care residence.



Milverton Lions President Ken Goebel and Knollcrest Administrator Susan Rae

A-15 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



Landscape photo of a fast moving stream. by Lion Naomi Freiburger of the Woolwich Community Lions Club.

News from the Environmental Chair

Spring is here and I can't wait to get into my garden. I've already bought my vegetable seeds and I'm awaiting the warm weather... Aren't we all.

I was very pleased to get such a wonderful response on this year's Environmental Photo contest. There were so many wonderful photos, didn't you find it was hard to pick a favorite at the voting table at our District Convention. Our winner was Lion Naomi Freiburger of the Woolwich Community Lions Club with a Landscape photo of a fast moving stream.

A date we should keep in mind is Earth Day which is April 22nd. Plan to do roadside, park and playground cleanups. Make it a contest of whoever finds the weirdest item gets a prize.

It's also almost time to plant a tree. Here's some trivia I found...

Forests are sometimes called "the lungs of the earth" because they take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen.

However forests are being destroyed every day. For an example, it takes 75,000 trees to produce a single run of the Sunday New York Times.

other dates to volunteer for are;

Wed. May 22nd from 1pm to 4pm at the Breslau Memorial Forest to replace damaged plaques and plaque stands. Additional help from 8 Lions would be appreciated.

Wed. June 5th from 12pm to dark at the Breslau Memorial Forest to move mulch onto trail-ways, cleanup flower beds, trimming trees & hedges. I need as many people as I can get because this is a big job. Please bring your garden tools and we are in need of your ATV's & Small trailers to help move the mulch.

Green thumbs up to everyone.

Lion Linda Vinette, Environmental Chair

DARE TO DREAM IN 2013 CONVENTION HILITES



(above) District Governor Dr. Dan Ayim, his lovely wife Afua, with their family at the Convention.
(below) PID Bruce Murray and Lion Janis, Convention Guests - International Director Marvin Chambers and Lion Lynne of Fillmore, Saskatchewan, Lion Carole and PID Art Woods.



DARE TO DREAM IN 2013 CONVENTION HILITES

Bulletin Contest Winners 2013



Champion –

Editor Lion Brian Voigt,
“Thamesford Pride”
Thamesford Lions Club

Honorable Mention –

Editor Lion Christine Peynado,
“Highlights of the Highlands”
Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

Honorable Mention –

Editor Lion Marianne Ferguson,
“Lair Blaire”
St Mary’s Lions Club

(plaques accepted by ZC Paul Anstett, Lion Marg Deboer and PDG Karen McNeight on behalf of the winners)

(below) PDG Nancy Ransom presented LFC Chair ZC Charlene Teasdale with a full jar of **Pennies for Puppies**. It was later revealed that the jar held \$39 worth of change.



Governor’s Banquet – Governor Dan assisted by ID Marvin Chambers, presented -
PDG Karen McNeight with the International President’s Medal for her outstanding service to Lionism and our District.

International President’s Certificates of Appreciation to RC9 Vaughan Braby and Lion Bill Weiler.
(we hope to receive photos of these and other hilites of the Convention to include in the next issue of the A-15 Bulletin).

WATERLOO LIONS CELEBRATE 75 YEARS



Lions and friends gathered to enjoy a sumptuous dinner, as the Waterloo Lions Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary at Kennedy's Tavern on April 11, 2013. To commemorate the occasion, all members received a Lions Foundation of Canada Life Membership, making it a 100% Club with LFC Membership.

With the assistance of Governor Dan Ayim and Guest PID Terry Graham, Lion Chief Rob Montgomery presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to two very deserving Lions – (below) (left) Lion Bill Weiler, and (right) Lion Wendy Voigt.



.....WATERLOO LIONS CELEBRATE 75 YEARS

The Waterloo Lions were the sponsors of the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club when they chartered in 1997. In honour of the occasion, the Community Spirit Lions presented Lion Ross Otto with a Lions Quest Fellowship. Lion Ross has always been very involved for many years with our community and Lions projects and lately especially in assisting with the children's eye screening in the local schools. (pictured below right– President Janet Dawson Brock and Lion Marianne Steadman making the presentation to Lion Ross on behalf of their Club).

(below left to right- head table –
Governor Dan Ayim, special guests
Lion Jean and PID Terry Graham,
Lion Chief Rob Montgomery and Lion Ann)



Lion Ron Berhendt, the owner of Code Yellow Towing painted his truck pink in support of Grand River Cancer Center. His truck the Twinkle of Hope, a symbol of support for cancer research, was on hand to greet the guests as they arrived at the celebration.



(below – Lions Rob Montgomery, Ron Berhendt and Bill Weiler)



BLANKETS TO ARGUS HOUSE FROM THE CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS CLUB



On March 5, Lions Marg and Pat visited Argus House for Girls in Cambridge. We were greeted with warmth and gratitude for what our club does for the shelter. A brief tour was enjoyed through the main downstairs area. The staff is very friendly and dedicated to the youth.

We delivered 10 blankets that our club makes as one of our annual service projects. Squares are knitted by members and friends and sewn together to make beautiful colorful blankets. We also donated 10 blankets last year to Argus

House for the boys. There are 10 beds at each location, and the blankets are offered to the youth when they leave the shelter. As well as blankets, our club makes a monetary donation at Christmas to each of these shelters. This is used towards their Christmas Dinners or to buy personal gifts for the residents there at this time. These gifts are very much appreciated and help bring happiness for these less fortunate youth.

Argus Residence for Young People provides emergency shelter to youth, between the ages of 16-24, experiencing homelessness, in the community. There is a shelter for boys and one for girls in a separate section of Cambridge. Their addresses are not published to protect their privacy.

In addition to food, shelter and 24-hour staff support, Argus offers a voluntary life-skills acquisition program the goal of which is to mobilize young people experiencing homelessness toward healthy and viable community integration. Argus will accept youth in crisis from anywhere surrounding the Waterloo Region on a 24 hour basis.

Below Lions Marg and Pat hold up one of our blankets with Holli (Program Manager) at Argus House. We are proud to uphold the Lions Motto of "We Serve".

-Submitted by Lion Marg



A-15 Youth Exchange and Bruce Murray International Youth Camp Ontario Canada

April 2013

Dear Lion Chief and Lions:

Once again it is time for our annual appeal to the Lions Clubs of the greatest district in Lionism. "A"-15. The Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Exchange and Camp Program is ramping up. The exchange and camp program will take place from arrival date of June 29th with hosting for two weeks and then attendance at camp from July 13th to July 23rd. The youth will return home on July 27th. As of this writing we have accepted applications from 19 International Youth and are receiving more on a weekly basis. Our goal is to accept a maximum of 24 youth from around the world and with your assistance we will achieve that goal.

As always we need your assistance to operate the camp in the manner that A-15 is used to. We require your financial assistance in order to operate the program, **we require your physical assistance on the weekend of May 24th and 25th to help with spring clean-up.** If you are able to make it on Friday evening and wish to stay over for Saturday we need to know this in advance, arrangements need to be made with Five Oaks. Please R.S.V.P. approximate numbers to pccdrumble@yahoo.ca **Please note the date change for the clean-up. At convention it was announced as the 18th and 19th and these dates needed to be changed.** There is a lot to accomplish, bring your rakes, shovels, chain saws, gloves and enthusiasm. If there is anyone who can work with aluminum eves trough it would be appreciated. We need to put a small amount over the main entrance door and the kitchen door. We also need to find shingle experts in order to re-roof the Hermitage House and a portion of the dinning centre. If you know of anyone please contact us or simply make arrangements with them to be there on the 25th of May.

We need host Lions Clubs and we need host Families. Some have already committed to be a part of the program however we still need several more. We also need your support with the supplying of meals for the camp program. Some clubs have volunteered already however we still need lots more help. Meals are booked on a first come first served basis. If you would like to supply a **meal** for the camp please contact **Lion Ted or Lion Darlene Bickell at 519-442-7002 or via email at ycmeal@a15lions.org**

Please remember the **Bruce Murray Fellowship**. A financial donation of \$400.00 in one lump sum or over a period of time will permit you to apply for a Fellowship that will honour a member of your own club, a host family or even a citizen of your community. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please forward your donation to Cabinet Treasurer Lion Peter Oswald, 4 Tristan Court, DUNDAS, ON L9H 7G7 **Please do not send your donation to us.**

Thanking you for your participation in advance, we remain,
Yours in Lionism,

Dave and Mary Rumble
"A"-15 Youth Camp Directors.

RECYCLING AT IT'S BEST.....

- for some of those treasures

found during road cleanup.

- excerpt from an email forwarded by Lion Shirley Ruller.

