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# Lions Clubs International District A-15

News Bulletin

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## Thank You A-15 Lions



**You have surpassed expectations  
and risen to the challenge.**



**Our Centennial Service Challenge  
Campaigns was to serve over one  
hundred million people before July**

**1st, 2017. Congratulations, a job well done!**

**You accomplished this in the areas of  
Youth Engagement, Environmental  
Protection, Vision Sharing and Hunger  
Relief.**



**There are awards forwarded to the Clubs that have  
reported their service accomplishments however I  
believe awards will not replace the type of  
satisfaction that we receive from knowing that we  
have “Made a Difference” in someone's life. Way to  
go .. Let's keep the momentum into the next  
hundred years of Lionism.**

**See you at the convention to  
“Celebrate Your Service”**

**District Governor Wayne**

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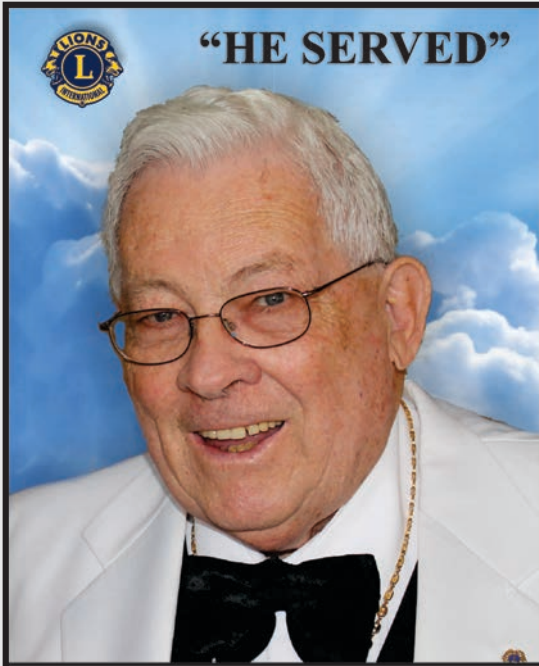
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**LION BRUCE MURRAY**

**P**ast International Director Bruce E. Murray passed away peacefully at Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the age of 84. Past Director Murray, a member of St. Marys Lions Club (A15), served a two-year term as a Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs after his election at the Association's 64th Convention held in Phoenix, Arizona in 1981.

A Lion since 1965, Past Director Murray held numerous positions in Lions, including Club President, Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor and District Governor. He was Vice Chair of Multiple District 'A'

Council of Governors and Promotional Chair for MD "A".

Bruce received seven Extension Awards, the 100% District Governor Award, fourteen District Governor's Appreciation Awards, five International President's Awards and was a Key Member. He was a recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour the Association gives to its members.

Past Director Murray founded Canada's first International Youth Exchange Camp and served for six years as its Director. He is a founder of the Lions Foundation of Canada and until recently served as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Lions Quest Canada.

He is survived by his wife Lion Janis and their family. At the start of this Lions year, Bruce and Janis had transferred membership to The West Coast Lions Club. He remained an Associate Member to the club he had supported for 51 years, the St Marys Lion Club

Memorial Donations would be appreciated to the Lions Foundation of Canada or Lions Quest Canada.





## ST. MARY'S LIONS

**Bruce Murray 1933 - 2017**



### **“A Local Tribute to a Great Lion”**

Bruce Murray of Grand Bend and formerly of St. Marys passed away April 5, 2017. He left a large imprint in our town, purchasing M&M Variety- (Murray & McClelland) where customers were greeted by a friendly Mynah Bird.

Later he ran a restaurant called the Broken Spoke in the late 60's and went on to auctioneering and later the Insurance Business.

A Lions club member since 1965, his accomplishments in Lionism are reported on page #2 of this newsletter.

As one mentored by PID Bruce, Past District Governor Karen McNeight tells a the story in her own words: *I first saw Bruce in the summer of 1990, and witnessed him as the Auctioneer, and remember marvelling at his ability to crack a joke midway through the bidding wars, and then carry on, only to throw out another quip at a friend's expense a moment later, and then carry on. He wasn't just an Auctioneer, he was an Entertainer, and he was enjoying every minute.*

*Little did I know then, that 10 years later I would have the privilege of becoming his friend through something called Lions, and that, he, together with his longtime friend Jim Loucks, would walk me through a Lion's journey on my way to be Governor, during which time I would become well acquainted with the preface; "You need to know that..." at the beginning of almost every conversation. I learned that he was a force to be reckoned with as he quite literally cleared the path so that the St. Marys Lions Club could have another Governor. Our Club was lucky that way, for as a result of his position as International Director, he bragged about our Club, and about our Town, everywhere he went in the world. He was our Ambassador never failing to bring home an idea for a new project or activity.*

*He could see what was possible, and I think it often frustrated him when we couldn't envision what he could see. But we did grab hold of one project he brought home, and have been doing it for over twelve years now. That project was the placing of flags at downtown businesses on holidays and special occasions or events in an effort to be proudly patriotic, similar to our American neighbour. And this past weekend the downtown businesses are all flying our bright, new, red and white Canadian Fags in honour of Vimy Ridge. I would like to think that they were waving for Bruce as well. I know he'd be proud of us for braving the wet, cold, snow of Thursday night to put them up.*

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## Bruce Murray cont.....

*Downtown St. Marys looks very impressive and patriotic and if you have time you should drive down the hill and into Town and maybe see a glimpse of Bruce's vision. Bruce was always trying to inspire our Club to go big and be fearless, because he himself was big and fearless. He lived life with such intensity. He was passionate about Lions, he was passionate about Family, he was passionate about making a difference. His age didn't lesson that, his body might have failed him, but his brain was still on the edge of a new dream. If he believed in you, you were the luckiest person in the world, and you suddenly wanted to be the best you could be. You wanted to make him proud.*



*It wasn't that Bruce was a soft, gentle soul, although he had his moments, Bruce in fact, could be bold, sometimes he was brash, and at times even a little overbearing. But he lived intensely. He was fiery and emotional. He loved deeply, but he could be wounded deeply too. He could inspire you, and he could incense you. But as much as he pushed you, he pushed himself. He never seemed to stop trying to prove himself.*

*He was just such a large, distinguished, presence. He commanded attention; and I will miss him. I will miss looking across the Lions table and catching that twinkle in his eye, and bursting into laughter at something we both found amusing. I will miss his ability to make me want to be better, to do better, and to be all I can be. I want to thank Janis and his family for sharing Bruce with the St. Marys Lions Club, and with the world of Lions, really. We are grateful, and Lions are bigger and better for it.*

*And finally, for my own part, I believe Bruce was able to stand before God early Wednesday morning and say;*

*"I don't have a single drop of talent left, I used everything you gave me." I guess Bruce has left us with one more thing to aspire to!*





42<sup>nd</sup> YEAR

DISTRICT A-15

1975-2017

BRUCE MURRAY LIONS INTERNATIONAL



**YOUTH CAMP**



ONTARIO - CANADA - JULY 21st - AUGUST 1st

**UPDATE APRIL 21ST.....**

## Lions of A-15

We are not ready to hit the panic button yet but we do have a major concern.....

We have over twenty Youth coming to camp and to date we only have hosting committment for two of them.

They are arriving on July 8th, will come to camp on the 22nd and return to their host families on August 1st before flying home on the 5th.

If you could take this to your club and let us know if some of your members would host that would be most appreciated.

Please contact us by email, phone or text.

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## Galt-Cambridge Lions Honour Lion Don Gamble

**T**he Lions Club of Galt-Cambridge have renamed their hall in honour of Lion Don who has quite a history in Lionism. He moved from Granby, Quebec thirty-five years ago and transferred to the Galt-Cambridge Lions. They had just moved into their new home on Ainslie Street. Lion Don was elected 3rd Vice in 1983-84 and Treasurer in 1984-85. He held that position until 1995-96. After being involved in several other club activities he returned as Treasurer in 2007-08, working in that office and that of Assistant Treasurer to the end of 2015-16. Coincidentally Don turned ninety-one years young on March 5th of this year. His career in Lions started with the Granby Lions in 1952, he was District Governor in District A8 in Quebec in 1964-65.



For years Bingo was a major fund-raiser for the club and Lion Don was involved with all phases. While involved it was a weekly and/or a bi-weekly commitment every year. A great deal of City Hall contacts were established to assist in making the process flow smoothly along with organizing the bingo teams. Substantial funds were raised to benefit community organizations. There were many other Lions events going on and Don has always done his best to participate in them. He was involved in the early days of the Lions Eye Screening Program, responsible for assembling teams to cover visits to schools for testing, the program now includes hearing as well. Many hours were accumulated because of Don's efforts and of course those of the club members.

Lion Don has been Host Chair of four District A-15 Conventions. He was District A-15 Treasurer for a year as well. He has attended almost all A-15 Conventions since 1985, a minimum of twenty-two MD-A Conventions and eight International Conventions also.



Lions Charlotte & Don Gamble  
with Lion President Gary Bell

Over the years, sixty-five of them, Don's wife, Lion Charlotte has been the consummate supporter, assisting with the reams of paper work. . A true "Partner in Service." Looking after the registration details for four A-15 District Conventions. She worked over one hundred of the club bingos and has participated in fifteen Cancer Relays for Life that raised upwards of \$30,000.00.

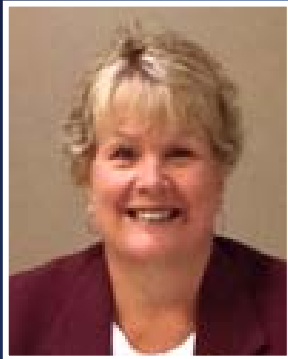
Lion Don can't believe he is receiving this honour, he states "It would not be possible if was not for all the work that the members of the Galt Cambridge Lions Club have done over the years. They are all members of a great team that make it possible for us to serve our community and human kind, living the Lions Motto.

" "WE SERVE".





*On the Road  
of Service!*



***We'll Go Far,  
Vote Yes for Char!***

**PLEASE  
SUPPORT  
CHAR**

A15 District  
Governor  
2017-2018

## **“ENTHUSIASM, DEDICATION & TEAM WORK”**

Lions, Lioness and LEO's of District A15:

It has been an honour & a pleasure to serve on your District A15 Cabinet these past few years. I have come to know many of you better and I value your friendship & service to your communities as well as globally.

I feel that leadership is another form of Service but this service is to my Lions family in A15. This journey through Lions leadership has been very rewarding & I love nothing more than to help other Lions. I believe in all of you and I ask that you believe in me when I say that my District Governor Team will work hard to ensure this great District and those who serve within can look forward to the next century of service with optimism and dedication!

Thank you for your support and I ask you vote "YES" on your ballot for me to serve along side of you as A15 District Governor 2017-2018....the power of "WE"! - Lion Char Dwyer, VDG1



# **District A-15 Convention 2017**



## **Celebrate Service**

**Commercial Exhibits, Awards and Demonstrations,  
Draw, Hospitality and Entertainment**



**Friday, May 5th to Sunday May 7th, 2017 at Elmira Lions Hall**

**Accommodations at Courtyard Marriott, St. Jacobs**

**[convhost@a15lions.org](mailto:convhost@a15lions.org)**



**Hosted by Lions Club of Elmira  
& Woolwich Community Lions**

### **CLUB CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT**

**Many District clubs have been busy working on  
Centennial Projects to celebrate 100 years of  
service and to showcase Lionism in their communities.**

**Each Club has the opportunity to share their accomplishments  
and to celebrate all the exciting things that have been happening  
throughout the District.**

**We are encouraging clubs who are involved to bring a presentation  
unique to their project and share it with the District.**

**An outside area, eas of the Hospitality Tent has been set aside  
to facilitate these exhibits. Limited tent space is available if required.**

**District Governor Wayne**





## 2017 District "A"-15 Convention

### ***"Celebrate Service"***

#### ***Important Notes***

1. Cancellation **MUST** be made in writing or by e-mail. Cancellations after April 3, 2017 will be subject to a \$20.00 handling fee.

2. No refunds after April 18, 2017.

3. All requests for rooms must be paid in full.

#### ***Hotel Name/Location***

Courtyard Waterloo St. Jacobs  
50 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo, ON N2V 2J9  
Phone: (519) 884-9295



4. Additional charges charged to room are to be paid at desk upon checkout.

5. Late checkout - Sunday - 12 Noon at the latest.

6. Non-Serviced RV parking available.

7. Hospitality areas for candidates are available (Cost is \$150.00) -Full payment to accompany this form.

8, Registration badges are required at ALL functions and meals.

**Pre-Registration Deadline April 3, 2017**

**Make Cheques Payable to:**

**District A-15 Convention, P.O.Box 92, Elmira, ON, N3B 2Z5**

**For Additonal Information, Contact Covention Co-Hosts**

**Lions Club of Elmira  
PID Lion Art Woods  
519-669-8091**

**email: [convhost@a15lions.org](mailto:convhost@a15lions.org)**



**Woolwich Community Lions  
ZC 51-W Lion Linda Litt  
519-669-5544**

**email: [convhost@a15lions.org](mailto:convhost@a15lions.org)**







# 2017 District A15 Convention

## "Celebrate Service"

May 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Hosted by:

Lions Club of Elmira and The Woolwich Community Lions Club



<input type="checkbox"/> New Member Since April 2016	<b>PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2017</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> "A"-15 Convention First Timer	
District:	
Club:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Leo	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Partner/Guest
Highest Office <input type="checkbox"/> Past <input type="checkbox"/> Present	Highest Office <input type="checkbox"/> Past <input type="checkbox"/> Present
Name	Name
Name on Badge	Name on Badge
Address	Address
City _____ Postal Code _____	City _____ Postal Code _____
Phone # (       )	Phone # (       )
E-Mail	E-Mail

Part "A"	Item / Function	Cost Each	Quantity	Amount
	Lion / Lioness Registration	\$17.00		\$
	Partner / Guest Registration	\$15.00		\$
	Leo Registration	\$0		\$
	Convention Pin	\$5.00		\$
	Raffle Tickets 1 <sup>st</sup> prize - Pellet BBQ 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize - Hand Made Quilt 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize - Weekend Getaway	\$5.00		\$
	Saturday May 6 <sup>th</sup> – CONVENTION LUNCHEON	No Charge		By Donation
	Saturday May 6 <sup>th</sup> – CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER (Formal Attire NOT Required)	\$38.00		\$
Special Requests: (Please give details)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian / Special Meal:				
				<b>Subtotal "A"</b>
				\$

Part “B”

Room Type	Cost Each	Nights (Required)	Amount
Queen / Double / King	Per Night <b>\$145.00</b> (including Taxes) Includes 2 Full Breakfasts	Friday_____ - Saturday_____	\$
A minimum of One paid convention registration MUST accompany each room request.			
Complimentary Shuttle Service between the Hotel and Lions Hall. (No Cost)		<input type="checkbox"/> Req'd?	<b>Total “A” &amp; “B”</b>
			\$

### Committee Use ONLY

Date Received	Number of Persons	Confirmation Sent	Room Number

**Please see Reverse Side for Additional Information and Important Notes**





## EXETER LIONS



# 28TH ANNUAL CONSERVATION DINNER



**Keynote Speaker Iceculture  
Founder Julian Bayley**

**T**he dinner, a gala charitable auction fund-raiser of the Exeter Lions Club and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation included live & silent auctions, raffles and an ice sculpture toast to Canada's 150th anniversary courtesy of Iceculture Inc. of Hensall, the feature artist

at the 28th Dinner held on April 6, 2017 at South Huron Recreation Centre in Exeter. Featured was a fourteen foot wide ice sculpture with a Canadian 150th anniversary theme, from IceCulture Inc. Auction items included a VIA Rail Canada Round Trip London to Halifax for two courtesy of VIA Rail and feature packages from Iceculture in Hensall and Chill Ice House in Toronto. Four hundred people attended another sold-out show, and organizers estimate close to \$60,000 was raised for community conservation projects.

South Huron District High School students sang O Canada. Ben Lobb, MPP for Huron-Bruce, was one of four volunteer auctioneers at the charity event and also made a toast to Canada to begin the evening. The guests toasted the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation with Ontario wine, from Dark Horse Estate Winery Inc., in shot glasses made of ice, courtesy of Iceculture. Exeter Lions Club President Craig Hebert noted that Lions Clubs International is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2017. The Exeter Lions Club is celebrating its 80th anniversary of community service..

The Conservation Dinner has raised over \$1.1 million over its twenty-eight year history for projects in the watershed community since 1990.

L-R Julian Bayley, founder of Iceculture; Bob Radtke, Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation; Craig Hebert, President Exeter Lions Club; Janet Clarke and Mary Ryan-Allen, Co-Chairs of Dinner Committee; Burkhard Metzger, Chair, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer.







## LIONS CLUB OF KITCHENER

**P**roud olympian and accomplished athlete and volunteer, Mandy Bujold will be recognized as the 60th K-W Citizen of the Year.

"What an incredible privilege to be the recipient of such a long-standing and respected award," shares Mandy. "This community has supported me throughout my career, I can't think of a better honour."



Known for courage, strength and determination, she is a model for exceptional citizenship by volunteering for the KW Art Gallery and "Screw Cancer" initiative and an advocate for Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program and as a member of the Canada Games 2021 Committee with its bid to host the Games in K-W.

As one of the most decorated female boxers in Canada, Mandy has won ten National Championships and is the first female boxer to win two gold medals at the Pan-Am Games. Representing Canada and her hometown of K-W at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil, Mandy's incredible determination was demonstrated when she competed despite battling a virus that resulted in hospitalization.

Last year she received the Woman of the Year, Sports and Recreation Award through Oktoberfest and was nominated for a WowtheWorld – Waterloo Region award. She has been named Waterloo Region's Athlete of the Year twice. She is an ambassador for Fast and Female – a not-for-profit organization dedicated to empowering young women through sport.

"Mandy has accomplished so much we are pleased to recognize her accomplishments," shares Dr. Jack Bishop, Citizen of the Year Committee Chair. "Once again, the Lions Club of Kitchener is pleased to pay tribute to this outstanding community champion."

In 1957, the first KW Citizen of the Year Award was presented. Identifying a resident from the K-W area to receive this honour. It was carried out by the Twin City Jaycees for another 49 years. In 2007 the Lions Club of Kitchener continued the tradition.

The banquet date for the 2016 Citizen of the Year is MAY 18th, 2017. Tickets are \$95 (HST included), Time and Location: 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn, Kitchener. Further inquiries: Dr. Jack Bishop at 519-575-6184 or email: [drjdbishop@hotmail.com](mailto:drjdbishop@hotmail.com)





## MD"A" Convention 2017

Kitchener – May 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>

After some 23 years, the MD"A" Convention returns to Kitchener where a loud **"Willkommen"** will greet you as we celebrate our organization's 100 years of service.

Our host hotel is the Crown Plaza which is situated right in the heart of the city. You will note some slight changes this year as we are starting the transition to the Ad Hoc Committee's "2 Day Convention" recommendation which was approved by MD"A" Council in 2016.

The annual Stew O'Brien Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the lovely tree-lined 18 hole Rockway Golf Course. This facility is just 7 minutes from the hotel with a tee-off time at 10:00 am.

The Host Committee luncheon on Friday will have Mr. Neil Aitchison giving us some words of inspiration. He is a former broadcaster and a theatre performer who will surely enlighten you. The opening ceremonies, with the help of the KW Oktoberfest Convention Committee, will be held on Friday at 5:30 pm followed by a social and dinner. Our Convention/International Banquet is scheduled for 1 pm on Saturday afternoon. LCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Naresh Aggarwal and his spouse Navita will be our guests. Most are pleased that there will be no need for tuxedos at the Banquet but we ask that you dress appropriately.

We are hoping to address the issue of "too much running around and being hurried" by allowing more free time so we may rekindle old friendships and make new ones. To offset the often heard "there is nothing for us to do", we will be offering a session on Internet Child Exploitation, presented by Waterloo Regional Police. Also, there will be a session where Lions, who wish to participate, take the place of teachers and experience an actual but condensed Lions Quest training program. Both sessions will no doubt be of interest and provide a wealth of information. As well, we will have several other sessions, a tribute to PIP Harry Newman, Free Opportunity and Vision Screening.

After the Oktoberfest-styled dinner on Friday night we are planning to have one of the local "Oompah-pah" bands to entertain you. On Saturday, Council Chair Stew's pick is the young and talented Matt Weidinger band. On behalf of the Lions Club of Kitchener we look forward to your arrival and trust that you will enjoy *the spirit of Gemuetlichkeit!*

OJ  
Lion O.J. Wilura, PDG  
2017 MD"A" Host Committee





**2017 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 'A' CONVENTION**  
***"Willkommen"***  
***Celebrating 100 Years of Service***

May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Hosted by the Lions Club of Kitchener

A. District \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Highest Office \_\_\_\_\_ Past ☐ Present ☐  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

B. District \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Partner in Service ☐ Highest Office \_\_\_\_\_ Past ☐ Present ☐  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note**

1. Everyone including guests must be registered to attend functions and meals
2. Cancellation must be made in writing or by email. Cancellations after **April 10, 2017** will be subject to a \$20 handling fee.
3. No refunds after **April 25, 2017**



Function Tickets	Cost Per Person	A	B	Total
Thursday Night DG/DGE/PDG Dinner	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Friday Inclusive	\$65.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Friday Night Oktoberfest Dinner *	\$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Saturday Inclusive	\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Saturday Convention Banquet *	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Saturday Opportunity for Youth Dinner	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____
Total for Function Tickets				\$_____

Last date for ticket orders will be **Thursday, May 04, 2017**

**PLEASE ADVISE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: Diabetic, Vegetarian, Gluten Free or Specify**

For A \_\_\_\_\_ For B: \_\_\_\_\_

*Friday Inclusive includes breakfast morning coffee, lunch and afternoon coffee with snacks*

*Saturday Inclusive: breakfast, morning coffee and Convention Banquet being held at 12:30 pm*

*\* You may obtain a Friday Night Dinner and/or Saturday Banquet ticket only but must be registered*

Registration Fee of \$25.00 for A - \$_____	Pin Trader Table - \$25.00 \$_____
Registration Fee of \$25.00 for B - \$_____	Vendor Table - \$25.00 \$_____
Vender/Pin Trader fee of \$25.00 - \$_____	Convention Pin - \$ 7.00 \$_____
<b>Fees plus Function tickets = \$_____</b>	
<b>Sunday Registration fee is \$10.00 cash on arrival.</b>	<b>No Registration Fee for LEO Members</b>

<b>Payment Method</b>	Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	Master Card <input type="checkbox"/>
By Credit Card: Name: _____	Card #: _____		
Expiry date: _____	CVS#: _____		
NB: C/C payments will show as: LCK Monex Account			
<b>Cheques payable to: MDA Convention 2017</b>			
<b>Mail Registration form to:</b>			
<b>Lions Club of Kitchener</b>			
<b>P.O. Box 1001, Station "C"</b>			
<b>Kitchener, ON N2G 4E3</b>			
<b>Queries: Convention Chair: OJ Wilura: 519-748-4304 or by email: ojwilura@gmail.com</b>			
<b>Registration Chair: Ron Ross: 519-886-0553 or by email: 1937lcktreasurer@gmail.com</b>			
<b>NOTE</b>			
<b>Hotel Reservation made by the member. Room rates are \$127.00 plus tax and includes parking</b>			
<b>Crowne Plaza Hotel, 105 King St., Kitchener N2G 2K8 - 1-800-483-7812 and use code "MDC"</b>			



**Lions Clubs International - Multiple District "A" Convention**  
***"Willkommen"***

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lion Stew O'Brien Golf Tournament**  
**Thursday, May 11, 2017**

**Rockway Golf Course**

625 Rockway Dr., Kitchener, ON N2G 3B5  
(7 minutes from the hotel)

Cost: \$ 65.00 for Golf and Cart

Staggered Shotgun start at 10:00 am

Prizes awarded for Longest Drive & Closest to the Pin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District A \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club of: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to **Cheques payable to: MDA Convention 2017**

**Payment Method**

Cheque

Visa

Master Card

By Credit Card:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVS#:(3 digits on rear of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NB: C/C payments will show as: LCK Monex Account

**Mail Registration form and payment to:**

**Lions Club of Kitchener**  
**2017 Convention Committee**  
**P.O. Box 1001, Station "C"**  
**Kitchener, ON**  
**N2G 4E3**

NB: If you wish to enter a foursome, we suggest you forward all forms at the same time.



# MD "A" OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH



March 15, 2017

Hello District Governors, 1st Vice District Governors, 2nd Vice District Governors, Lions All

Opportunities for Youth MD "A" Convention up-date:

As the Multiple District Convention approaches I wanted to remind you about the Youth Dinner on Saturday May 13, 2017 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Cost of this evenings event is \$25.00 and can be found on your Registration Form for the convention.

As in the past each of the Coordinators will be giving a brief explanation of their Youth portfolio, Youth Exchange/Camps, Effective Speaking, Leos, and Peace Poster/Essay Contest.

Lion Ellen Fletcher our MD "A" Peace Poster/Essay coordinator will put your Districts winning submission on display and the winning Peace Poster winner and Peace Essay winner will explain their thoughts on how their poster and essays were inspired.

Our Multiple District "A" Effective Speaking Finals will be held in St Catharines on May 5-6 2017, if your District has speakers I hope you will be able to join us. Registration forms can be found on the MD "A" web site under the Effective Speaking link. Winners and families from the Finals will also be invited to the Youth Dinner at Convention to speak.

Lion Kris our Leo Coordinator is planning an afternoon of fun and some discussion with your Leos and the advisor for the Saturday afternoon. We would love to have your Leos and advisors attend, there is no cost to them only there participation.

Each of these coordinators are working on your behalf to ensure our Youth Programs are represented and in the for front of Multiple District "A".

I look forward to having you in attendance at our upcoming events. Please mark the box on the registration form and join us for this evening.

Lion Ev Spiering  
Multiple District "A"  
Opportunities for Youth Chair





## **LION JASON CROWE Health & Welfare Update**

**District A 15 Environment Chair, Lion Jason Crowe has been diagnosed with Cancer and is now in in treatment.**

**Many of you know that Jason, his wife Anne, and 2 young children reside at the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Training and Breeding Facility Breslau. Both Lion Jason and Anne are active at the Foundation.**

**This will put a terrific strain on his family, a "Go Fund Me" account has been established through his friends at his employment.**

**This is an opportunity for all Lions to pitch in, follow the link to donate. Private donations may also be arranged through Elmira Lions.**

**Please keep Jason and his family in your thoughts and prayers.**

**<https://www.gofundme.com/jason-crowe>**

### **Update April 22nd**



**Jason is in hospital and is now on his 3rd round of Chemotherapy His spirits are up and he says “He Is Hanging In There!!”**

**A check of the Go-Fund-Me site shows it to be in a bit of a slump, the last donation was a while back. Please consider a donation.**





## GUELPH LIONS



### GUELPH GENERAL HOSPITAL CATARACT MICROSCOPE



**T**he Guelph Lions Club were proud to attend a demonstration of the new Cataract Microscope that our Club provided funding for as our Lions International Centennial Legacy Project! The Ophthalmology Surgery Department at GGH is very busy with Doctors performing approximately 1350 cataract surgeries a year. Suzanne Bone, President & CEO of the Foundation of Guelph General Hospital, along with the Hospital's President & CEO Marianne Walker & Rob Cameron, Senior Development Officer, Dr. Bob Johnson & Dr. Rodriquez welcomed our Club & gladly demonstrated how it works. The state of the art equipment will provide the opportunity to provide clear vision to patients.



**L-R” Dr David Johnson, Lions  
Larry Porter, Lion Chief Jim Sanders,  
PDG thom Herrmann, Debbie Lascelles,  
Char Dwyer and Russ Dwyer.**





## STRATFORD LIONS STRATFORD POLICE



**The Stratford Lions Club donated stuffed Lions to the Stratford Police Service, to be handed out to children undergoing crises. It is hoped the plush toys may be comforting to kids who have experienced domestic situations, fires, or other crimes and displacements. Pictured, from left, is Lions Treasurer Bill Robinson, Police Chief Mike Bellai, Lions Secretary Tracey Leary, and Lions President Trudy Carter.**

**Photo courtesy of Chet Greason, The Stratford Gazette**





## ST. MARYS LEOS & LIONS



Around the globe, millions of people, businesses, and landmarks set aside an hour to host events, switch off their lights, and make a case for climate change action. This year Earth Hour was March 25th at 8:30 P.M.. The St. Marys LEO Club participated in EARTH HOUR hosted by LEO President Jessie and Lion Maria at their home. They spent an enjoyable time together by candle light and definitely did their part for the International Event.

More information is available at:

<http://www.e-leoclubhouse.org/sites/stmarys/index.php>

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/stmaryson/index.php>





## COPETOWN LIONS



**A contingent of Copetown Lions recently attended a Dog Guide graduation ceremony for their sponsored dog guide. Shown in the photo above with Megan and “Peanut” are from L - R Lions Doreen Wilson, Dan Bingham, Moe Crickmore, Doug Paddon & Bill Shewfelt. Thanks to LFC for the enhanced photo.**





## CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS

### EFFECTIVE SPEAKING CONTEST – April 1, 2017 – St. George Lions

*It was no April Fools Day!*

**Federico Chaux was sponsored by The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club and is the son of Lion Victor. He won first prize in Senior French and will be going to the next round in St. Catherines May 5th & 6th for the MD “A” Competition.**

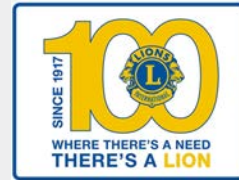
**Congratulations Federico and best of luck in the next round. A hearty thank-you to our District Effective Speaking Chair , Lion Ernie Kaethler for another job well done!**



**Zone Chair Ray Derouin inducted new member, Lion Catherine Pettem, on March 16th. Her Sponsor was PDG Cathy Tyler who transferred to our club in February. Lions Catherine and Cathy were presented with certificates and pins from Lion Chief Dan Marcotte**







**Watch & Listen to Bill  
Gates  
Talking about Lions  
and our  
Centennial Year!!!!  
[click here.....](#)**



**PASSING**  
April 4, 2017  
Lion Bruce Payne  
Guelph Lions  
"He Served"



**PASSING**  
April 4, 2017  
Lion Dieter Voigt  
Kitchener Pioneer Lions  
"He Served"



**PASSING**  
April 24, 2017  
PDG Jim Astles  
Mount Forest Lions  
"He Served"





## NEW HAMBURG LIONESS



**The New Hamburg Lioness hosted a Spring Fashion Show - Celebrate Canada 150, Wednesday, April 19th at the New Hamburg Community Centre. The evening was a great success raising over \$8,000.00 with all monies raised going to support the New Hamburg Lioness community projects.**







## ST. JACOBS LIONS



**At the April 20th meeting of the St Jacobs Lions Club,  
PDG Tim DeBlock inducted three new members.  
From L-R according to head position are Lion Chief Mike Leacy,  
new Lion Andrea Taggart and her sponsor Lion Mary Jane  
Berry, new Lions John and Tracey Klassen and their sponsors  
Lions Isabelle Langley and Len Hallman, PDG Tim DeBlock.**

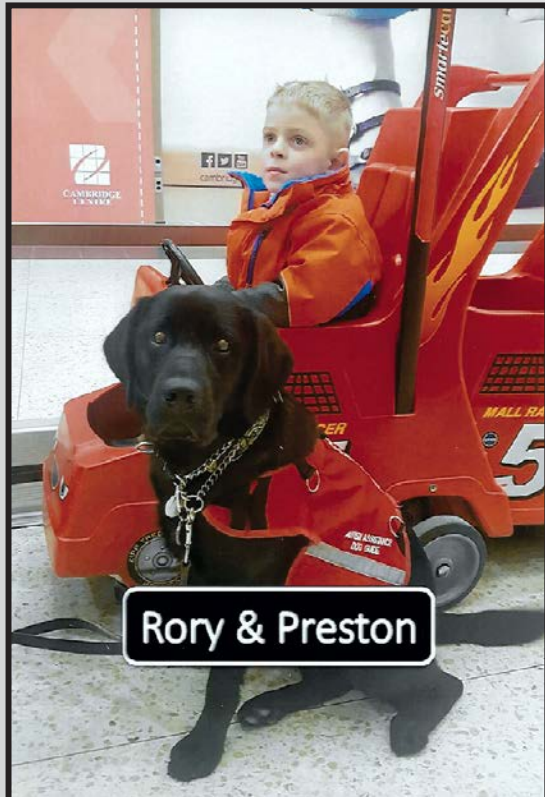
**Welcome Lions. We look forward to your service!**





## CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS

**Lion Chief Dan presents Lion Jennifer Chaput with a Silver Centennial Service Award Pin (100-yr Lions Pin) awarded by Lions International for bringing in a new member in the past year. Lion Jennifer sponsored her daughter, Lion Courtney in 2016**



**Cambridge Highlands Lions Club was proud to sponsor Preston, an Autism Dog Guide for client Rory. We were very pleased that Rory lives in Cambridge. His mother looks forward to bringing this great duo to our future Lions events. The formal LFC graduation took place on March 9 in Oakville. Rory has bonded with his new Dog Guide and best friend.**





## ST. GEORGE LIONS



**Lion Lyle Fair was a proud papa when his son Steve became our newest Lions. Steve was inducted March 22nd. Zone 9 Chair Lion Tony Davidson and Lion Chief Sam Sheardown were on hand to welcome him. Our membership is now at 62 Lions.**

**Our club hosted the District A-15 Effective Speaking Contest, held on Apr. 1, at St. George German School. Three of our local students competed: Sophia Gambacort, Lauren Markle and Presley Ellis. There were 28 contestants; 17 in the English panel and 11 in the French. They were sponsored by Guelph Lions, Belwood and District Lions, KW Community Spirit Lions, Ariss and Maryhill Lions and St. George Lions. Shown in the photo are Lions Carol Ottman on the left with Lion Cheryl Hewitson and two of the young talented speakers. The MD "A" contest will be held in St. Catharines on May 5, 6, 7, 2017**







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# WALK FOR DOG GUIDES

**GIVING CANADIANS  
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**Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

8:00 AM Registration / 9:30 AM Walk

Waterloo Park at Hospitality Area

**Kitchener-Waterloo**

A project of Lions Clubs of Bridgeport, KW Community Spirit, St. Jacobs & Kitchener-Waterloo area

For more information: 519-664-3331

[www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com)





# The Ticket You've Been Waiting For

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*Join us as we celebrate 100 years of Lions service with a sunset dinner cruise aboard the MS Chi Chemaunn*

## Lions Centennial Boat Cruise



When: June 3, 2017

Where: Tobermory, Ontario

Cost: \$59.95

To order tickets contact Lion Hank Van Moorsel

Email: [hvanm@eastlink.ca](mailto:hvanm@eastlink.ca) or phone: 519-832-6944





# LIONS CLUB SPECIAL OFFER

## \$35 PER TICKET

SECTION 207 | 50 YARD LINE SEATS



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### HOME OPENER SUNDAY, JUNE 25

BMO FIELD

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INCLUDES A

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# CHARTER EVENT



2017

SAVE THE DATE

2017

June

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Join in District A-15's newest Lions Club's Charter Event celebration!

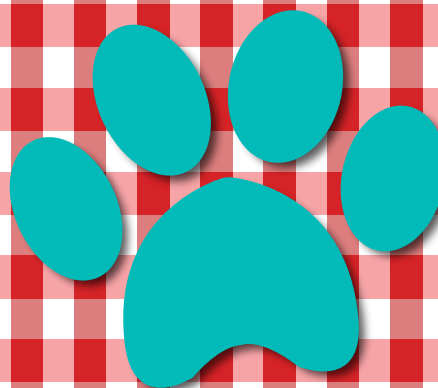
Members of the Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club invite you to an afternoon of entertainment, food, and puppy kisses on June 24th, 2017 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Where: LFC Dog Guides Breeding Facility  
Address: 3751 Chilligo Road, Breslau, ON

Cost: \$10 per person paid at the event

Dress: Casual  
The event will be held outside in Breslau

More Information:  
[mosborough@a15lions.org](mailto:mosborough@a15lions.org)



The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club supports the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides through fundraising, fun, and service.





# *Pike Derby*

**MAY 27-28  
2017**

**BELWOOD  
LIONS**



**ON BEAUTIFUL  
BELWOOD LAKE**



Winning fish pictured is 2014 First Prize winner measuring 42 1/4 inches

## **Catch and Release**

**First prize for longest live fish \$2000.00**

**Early Bird Prize, Fishing Charter six hours for four on Lake Ontario.**

**Numerous award and draw prizes**

**Adult registration \$30.00**

**Youth eight to twelve \$10.00**

**Children under eight Free and provided a guaranteed prize**

**Registration on line at [www.belwoodlionspikederby.org](http://www.belwoodlionspikederby.org) starting mid  
April**





# **FISH FRY DINNER**



**PRESENTED BY THE ST. JACOBS LIONS CLUB  
PROCEEDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**5:00 to 6:30 PM**

**ST JACOBS LIONS HALL**

**31 PARKSIDE DR. ST. JACOBS**

**WE ARE WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

**HADDOCK, BAKED POTATO, CORN, COLE SLAW, ROLLS, BEVERAGE & PIE**

**ADULTS: \$17.00**

**CHILDREN (6 □ 12 years old): \$10.00**

**UNLESS PRESOLD OR RESERVED WE ARE UNABLE TO  
GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF TICKETS AT THE DOOR**

**Tickets available from any member of the St. Jacobs Lions Club**

**OR**

**To reserve for pick up at the door.**

**Call: Tracey at 519.568.7766 (evenings)**

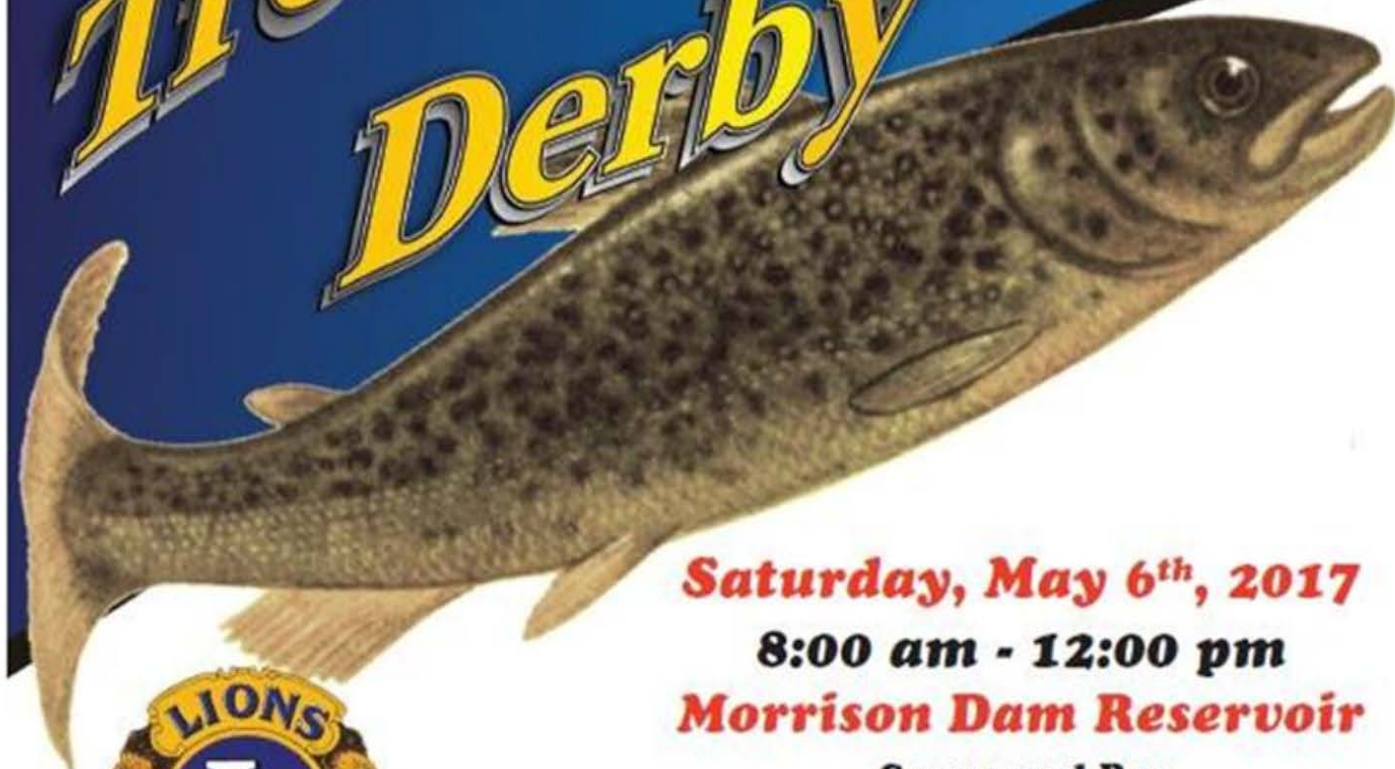
**Email: [fishfry@stjacobsions.org](mailto:fishfry@stjacobsions.org)**



**33<sup>rd</sup>**

**ANNUAL**

# Trout Fishing Derby



**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Morrison Dam Reservoir**

**Sponsored By:**

**Exeter Lions Club**

**and**

**Ausable Bayfield**

**Conservation Foundation**

*Registration Fee \$2.00 for 16 & under  
\$4.00 for 17 and over*

**As per provincial legislation, any person accessing these waters must be equipped with personal flotation device's.**





# **Sweaburg & District Lions Club's Annual Fish Fry**

**Date: Saturday, May 27**

**Time: 4:30 – 7:00 PM**

**Where: Sweaburg Park Pavilion**

**Cost: Adults - \$15**

**Children 6 – 11 years - \$8, under 6 Free**

**For Tickets call 519-456-5035  
or ask any Lions Club Member**





# Ingersoll Lions



## 2017 Spring Swap Meet & Car Show

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 1ST ANNUAL SPRING SWAP MEET & CAR SHOW IN THE BEAUTIFUL RIVERSIDE TOWN OF INGERSOLL, THE HOME OF THE BIG CHEESE, ALMOST 200 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR VENDORS WITH EVERYTHING FOR THE CAR/MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIAST.**

## Saturday, June 3rd. 8am - 2pm

**INGERSOLL ARENA AND SURROUNDING AREA, INGERSOLL, ONTARIO. HWY 2 WEST FROM WOODSTOCK, SOUTH ON 31ST LINE TO THE CENTRE OF TOWN. FROM HWY 401 TORONTO WEST TO EXIT 218, HARRIS STREET (HWY 19) NORTH TO INGERSOLL.**

### Swap Meet

**\$25.00/TABLE FOR INDOOR VENDORS — 150 AVAILABLE**

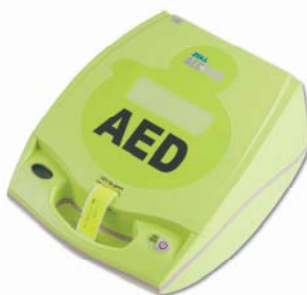
**\$20.00/VENDOR OUTDOOR SPACE — 50 AVAILABLE**

**OUTDOOR SPACES 10FT X 20FT**

**VENDOR SETUP 7—8:00AM.**



### Car Show



**ALL PROCEEDS OF THE SWAP MEET AND CAR SHOW WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF HEART DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE INGERSOLL FIRE DEPT. SO COME OUT, ENJOY THE DAY, IT'S FOR A GREAT CAUSE.**

**IT MIGHT JUST BE YOUR LIFE THAT'S SAVED!!**

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THE CAR SHOW TO SEE ALL THE GREAT RIDES OF THE 20'S THROUGH TO THE 50'S AND SO MANY MORE. SECURE SHOW SPACE. AWARDS: BEST IN SHOW, PEOPLES CHOICE AND LIONS CHOICE. 120 AVAILABLE CAR SPACES \$15.00/CAR SPACE.**

**GATES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 8AM. ADMISSION BY DONATION ONLY. FOOD VOUCHER WITH EVERY RESERVATION.**

**TO REGISTER, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION: JPPL@ROGERS.COM OR TEL. 519 303 4386**



**You're Invited to the  
Lynden Lions  
60th Anniversary Open  
House**

**Sun. May 28 2017**

**12pm-4pm**

**Wings + Finger Foods**

Join us for an afternoon of food and to see  
what we do in the community



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**April 29, 2017**

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Enjoy our Raffle & Barbeque**



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