# THE A15 TIMES



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Happy Spring! Although the air is still a little on the cool side spring is fast approaching with Clubs being busy with their spring service events such as Maple Syrup Fests, Easter Egg Hunts, Pancake Breakfasts and more! This is the time of year when Clubs are also planning their Club Executive for the upcoming Lions year. By now your Club has received the Club Executive template from LCI and you will notice the changes to the Club Structure, some of these newly added positions can also be taken on by your Club Directors. The Global Action Team is here to help you with anything you may need or if you have questions. We do hope that you are planning to attend the A15 Lions Learning Seminar on April 29th in New Hamburg, there are many interesting sessions for you to consider especially those looking to learn more about Social Media and promoting the benefits of joining a Lions Club. Those Lions who are moving into leadership roles within their Clubs will also find many informative sessions, check it out on our District A15 website.

The District Convention Committee has been busy planning a fun, interactive and interesting District Convention April 13, 14 and 15 in Guelph. We do hope to have all of our Lions, Lioness and LEO Clubs participate in the parade of banners! There will be lots to do and we know you will enjoy meeting our Lions Clubs International Director from Canada Lion Tom Gordon and his wife Lion Gillian, they are a lovely couple and we are sure that CID Lion Tom will gladly take your questions if you have any. Please come and join us for a fun weekend!

It has truly been an honour to travel through this great District meeting new Lions, LEOs & Lioness as they join your Clubs. Also, it is sad to say good bye to our dear departed members of our Lions family. Please come honour them all at the Sunday morning Memorial Service at Convention.

I am so proud to be your A15 District Governor and to have represented all of you at the Multiple District "A" level as well. There is still lots of work to do as we head into our final quarter for this Lions year. As we ended our third quarter A15 was on the plus side for membership growth as well as increasing our women's membership percentage. Please continue to report your membership and service activities monthly on My LCI.

I look forward to visiting with you at Convention, please swing by the Guelph Lions Club Hospitality Suite for a drink on me! As always have fun, continue to serve those in need and always be proud of the Lions Emblem you wear! Roar Lions!

Lion V. Charlene Dwyer (Char) A15 District Governor (2017-2018)





## **Friday Evening**

Opening ceremonies & hospitality rooms. Spend time with our International Guest Lions International Director For Canada Lion Tom Gordon & his wife Lion Gillian!

# **Saturday**

Luncheon with special guest entertainment followed by Eyeglass Service Project & Diabetes Strides Walk!

# **Saturday Evening**

Banquet & awards followed by a "Rockin' Floor Show!"...bring your blue suede shoes!!!

## Sunday

Memorial Service!





Hosted by: Guelph Lions Club & Guelph Royal City Lions Club

# ON THE ROAD OF SERVICE 2018 DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION

# APRIL 13TH - 15TH

Holiday Inn Guelph 601 Scottsdale Dr. Guelph, ON

Service, Fun, Fellowship & District Committee displays, meet some LEO's & Lioness! Save the date!! A full program will be available online closer to Convention & will be in your Registration package!



## ON THE ROAD OF SERVICE 2018 DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> Holiday Inn Guelph

601 Scottsdale Dr., Guelph, ON



#### Hosted by: Guelph Lions Club and Guelph Royal City Lions Club

Complete one registration form p If paying for multiple registrants with one cheque, stap Make cheques payable to: Lions District Mail to: Convention Treasurer c/o Dawn Elliott, 36 Ott	le forms together with A-15 Convention		
New Lion Since March 2017 A – 15 Convention First Timer District: Club:	Pre-Registration Deadline: March 15, 2018		
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Name:  Badge Na     Address:  City:			
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Item/Function	Cost	Amount	
Lion/Lioness Registration	\$17.00		
Non Lion Registration	\$15.00		
Leo Registration	\$10.00		
Convention Pin	\$5.00 X		
<b>Taffle Tickets:</b> 1. Beer Cooler 2. Wine Cooler 3. Luggage Set 4. Night/Breakfast at Holiday Inn	\$5.00 X		
Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> – Convention Luncheon	\$25.00		
Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> - <i>Governor's Banquet</i> Business Attire- includes wine and cheese reception	\$45.00		
Hospitality Suite –full payment required with registration	\$150.00		
pecial Meal Requests (Please give details)	TOTAL		

Guests are to make their own reservations directly by calling the Holiday Inn office at 519-836-0231 and mention they are with the Lions District A 15 convention or use the three letter code LIO to get the special room rate of \$124.99 Can. Plus 13% HST (tax subject to change) Limited number of rooms available until March 15,2018 at this special rate so book early.

Vendor/Display table available by donation –contact Convention committee to reserve Email convhost@15lions.org or phone Lion Russ at 519-780-1112

Committee Use ONLY	Date	Cheque	Amount:	Confirmation
	Rec'd:	Number:		Sent:

### LIONS DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION RAFFLE – APRIL 13-15, 2018

..... YOU COULD WIN ONE OF THESE **4** FABULOUS PRIZES .....





(ABOVE, R-L - LIONS BEER FRIDGE w/LIGHTED DOOR PANEL, GUELPH HOLIDAY INN ONE NIGHT/BRUNCH PACKAGE FOR TWO) (BELOW, R-L - DELUXE 3-PIECE LUGGAGE SET, LIONS WINE COOLER w/LIGHTED DOOR PANEL)





# Join uS in the fight against diabetes.



Walk in Strides at the District A15 Lions Convention in Guelph along with members of the Lions Clubs, their friends and families, in support of



Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Grab your pledge form NOW! (2.5km and 5km route)

For more information, call Flick Bell 519-456-3065 or Denie Vinette 226-343-0261

# DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR USED EYEGLASSES TO THE CONVENTION

Clubs are encouraged to please bring their collected eyeglasses to the District A15 Convention for the Service Project on Saturday afternoon following the luncheon.



From District President Lioness Janet-Dawson Brock Hello Evervone,

I am forwarding a note from our Hugs editor, Janie, regarding the cut-off date for the Spring edition of the Hugs magazine.

Janie would like to include information from the MD'A' convention and so far everyone we have talked to about this agrees, so we are pushing the dates to April 30<sup>th</sup> for final submissions and May 15 for mailing.

Could the District Presidents please send this information out to all your clubs? That would be great!

I am also going to ask our wonderful Administrative Assistant Rosemary if she could send it on as well, that way if a club gets 2 reminders we may get more submissions.

Thank you

Cheers, Lioness Kim

From: Jill Cockerell <notification+mksxx5qa@facebookmail.com> Sent: Friday, March 9, 2018 10:45 AM To: Canadian Lioness Affiliation Subject: [Canadian Lioness Affiliation] A huge thank you to Lioness Janet Dawson Brock...

Jill Cockerell and Kelly Pearson posted in Canadian Lioness Affiliation.



Jill Cockerell March 9 at 10:45am

A huge thank you to Lioness Janet Dawson Brock for sending me the 1991/92 directory of Lioness Clubs WORLDWIDE!! This was the last LCI Directory put out, as it was 1991 when support for Lioness was withdrawn at the LCI level. Fortunately the support from Lions at the club and District levels was maintained in many areas which is why Canada still has over 2000 Lioness serving our communities.

Over the course of this summer I plan to track down as many U.S. Lioness as I can. I hope to encourage them to compile their own directory, state by state.

If there are any Lioness interested in picking a country and tracking down any remaining active clubs, that would be amazing New Hamburg Lions Club 50th Anniversary Celebration

DATE: Thursday April 12,2018

TIME: 6:30 PM SOCIAL / 7:00 PM DINNER / 8:30 – 10:00 PM - SOCIAL, PRESENTATIONS ETC.

LOCATION: NEW HAMBURG LEGION - BRANCH 532 - 65 Boullee St, New Hamburg, ON N3A 1E1

TICKETS: \$ 30.00 DINNER AND SOCIAL, Door prizes

CONTACT: President – Paul Mackie - Cell: 519-498-9302 Work: 519-884-7400 ext. 103



FEBRUARY 24, 2018 BY HASKETT FUNERAL HOMES

MOUNTAINS

NEW



Suddenly at his home in Exeter on Friday, February 23, 2018 in his 85° year. Loving and devoted husband of Sally-Lou (MacWilliam) Raymond for 61 years. Loving father of Doug Raymond (Nancy) of Toronto, Catherine Raymond (Steve McKee) of Coldwater, and Tom Raymond (Cathy) of London. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren Hannah, Cassie, Chris, and Heather. Loving brother and brother-in-law of Janet and Doug Davison. Predeceased by his parents Frank and Winifred Raymond (1988 and 2011), and sister Margaret Dunlop (2011). Peter graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1959, and practiced law in Exeter with his good friend and business partner Kim McLean, until his retirement in 1996. Peter and Sally-Lou loved to travel and have spent many summers in Bayfield, sailing and entertaining family and friends at their cottage along Lake Huron. He was a proud and dedicated member of the Exeter Lion's Club for 49 years, and cherished the many friendships he developed over that time.



The Exeter Lions Club Offers MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE Free of Charge

NEW

MOUNTAINS

Facilitates access by first responders to your personal medical information in the event of an emergency situation in your home.

THIS COULD SAVE A LIFE .... YOUR LIFE

Complete the form and put it in the bottle Place bottle in the door of the refrigerator Place one green sticker on the inside of the front door Place the other sticker on the outside of the refrigerator All emergency services are aware of this program and will use the information in an emergency

Message in a Bottle is extremely beneficial for people who have allergies or health challenges, elderly people living alone or people taking medications.

NOW AVAILABLE AT EXETER UNITED CHURCH

#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE RE: EFFECTIVE SPEAKING. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

From: **Zone Chair 9E** <<u>zc9e@a15lions.org</u>> Date: Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 3:34 PM Subject: Effective Speaking To: District A15 <<u>a15@a15lions.org</u>>

Due to unforeseen circumstances we are having trouble locating the Effective Speaking Trophies. Would the Clubs who sponsored the winners from last year please contact them and see if they can get them? I have provided the names and parents if I have them. Please contact me when you can.

Speaker	Category	Parents (if known)
Layla Boutaba	1st Jr Fr	
Naomi Hackner	1st Int Fr	from Guelph but don't have parents name
Federico Chaux	1st Sr Fr	Victor & Carmen Chaux
Charlie Pereira	1st Jr ng	Richard & Amanda Pereira
Marta Gonc ar	1st Int	5
SaraH Chayton	1st Sr r	Ig

Helping Lion Lyle with the Effective Speaking

Tony Davidson St George Lions Zone Chair 9E 2017-18

#### FINAL REMINDER FOR LEARNING SEMINAR NEW HAMBURG APRIL 29, 2018

#### Lions

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Whether you are a returning or new club officer, club or district committee chair, cabinet member or a Lion who simply wants to learn more about how you can strengthen our organization's operations, the new Lions Learning Seminars on April 29th at the Wilmot Recreation Complex in New Hamburg has something to offer you.

Many of the questions posed throughout the year and issues for which club's seek assistance are addressed in information presented at these seminars. Club officers in particular are strongly encouraged to attend. A small one day investment of your time at no financial cost to you will strengthen the Lions experience of us all and ultimately the service we all desire to provide.

Pre-registreation is strongly encouraged, however day of registration may be available for those sessions which have not filled to capacity.

Go to the <u>GLT Seminar Series</u> landing page on the District A-15 web site to review the session offerings and registration information.

Lion Dennis Lougheed Global Leadership Team Coordinator District A-15 MD " A" (West)



# **2018 A-15 LIONS LEARNING SEMINARS**

Sunday, April 29th, 2018 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

# Wilmot Recreation Complex 1291 Nafziger Rd, New Hamburg

See the Attached Registration Package



#### 2018-2019 LIONS LEARNING SEMINARS SYLLABUS

#### **OVERVIEW**

The annual Club and District Officer training of the past has been revamped and expanded. It is our hope that the new and improved Lions Learning Seminars will continue to meet the needs of Club and District Officers as well as attract many new Lions interested in learning more about all things Lions. Each of your, up to (4) seminar sessions, will be 60 minutes in length with a 15-min break between sessions. See the Session Offerings Section below for titles and session descriptions for this year's offerings. Note that a refreshment and general discussion area will be available throughout the day.

#### REGISTRATION

To facilitate planning, attendees are asked to register in advance. Please choose up to four (4) sessions plus one (1) alternate. Every attempt will be made to register you in your top choices. Please note that once registration reaches the predetermined capacity, registration for that session will be closed.

#### 1. Online (preferred)

A link to a registration page with session information will be provided on the District website on the GLT section at <u>http://a15lions.org/pages/Membership/GLT</u>. This registration page will allow sign-up to sessions by time slot. Upon creating a registration, a copy of the selected sessions and times will be emailed to the registrant as a confirmation (an e-mail address will be required).

#### 2. Email Request

In cases where web access is not available, or is not preferred, an e-mail may be sent to "glt-registration@a15lions.org". As the current registration state is not available when sending an e-mail, requested sessions may not be available. Alternate, or secondary, sessions and/or times should be provided.

#### 3. Canada Post

Registrations received by Canada Post will be handled as per e-mail registration detailed above. Registration should be sent to

Ted Rypma 314 Roxton Dr Waterloo ON N2T 1R6

#### **SESSION OFFERINGS**

**ZRW1: Zone & Region Chair Workshop** – This is a closed, two session workshop specific to the sitting and incoming Zone and Region Chairs. The focus will be training in, coordination of and planning the details of your year as a critical member of the District Governor's Advisory Team.

This session is a mandatory for returning and incoming Zone and Region Chairs. Attendees will still have two session slots on the day available to them for selections of their own choosing. The facilitators will be assigning homework to be completed in advance of the learning seminar Day.

**COM1: The Essentials of District Email, MyLCI Membership and Activity Reporting** – Online illustration of how to configure and use the District Email system as well as the use of MyLCI for reporting membership and service activity.

This session will be of particular interest to Club Secretaries and Presidents.

**FBP1: Financial Best Practices** – This session will cover, required account types and the permitted uses of funds, signing authority requirements/recommendations, online banking and associated account signatory considerations, annual audit or review of the books, club reporting recommendations, billing of and payment of International, MDA and District dues, monitoring of the club's LCI account balance, minimization of exchange rate impact on US payments, LCIF donations and Canada Revenue charitable receipts, the need for club incorporation, limitation of the LCI Insurance and guidance regarding the need for additional club insurance.

This session will be of particular interest to Club Treasurers and Presidents.

**CREC1: Club Records** – This session will focus on the format, creation and maintenance of all club records other than financial, including; Constitutions, By-Laws, Policy Manuals, Motion Books, Agendas & Minutes, correspondence etc. as well as best practices regarding the availability of these documents to the membership.

This session will be of particular interest to Club Secretaries and Presidents.

**MEM1:** All Things Membership – A discussion of generational differences, family and women's concerns, episodic volunteerism, youth opportunities and special interest branch or sub-committee groups and their impact on best practices for member and volunteer recruitment as well as retention.

This session will be of particular importance to Club Membership Committees but would be of benefit to all Lions.

**FCP1: Forging Community Partnerships & Project Planning** – A moderated panel discussion with audience participation, on the benefits of community partnership coupled with approaches to good project planning.

This session will be of particular interest to Club Service personnel but would be of benefit to all Lions.

**MM&R1: Meeting Organization & Management (Including Robert's Rules)** – Is the tedium, lack of productivity and/or length of club meetings negatively impacting retention and recruiting of new members? This session will focus on how to plan for, create and maintain a productive meeting which members find to be a positive experience.

This session will be of particular interest to Club Secretaries and Presidents however all members would benefit from attendance.

**CATM1: Club Atmosphere Part 1 - People Management, Effective Listening and Conflict Resolution** – Differences of opinion, conflict and the need to manage personalities are unavoidable within any group of individuals and can result in the breakdown of Team productivity. This session will focus on the best practices for dealing with these realities.

This session will be of particular interest to Club Presidents and Committee Chairs however all members would benefit from attendance.

While best attended as one part of the Two-Part Club Atmosphere session it can be taken on its own.

**CATM2: Club Atmosphere: Part 2 - Identification of Club Issues and the Resources Available to Address Them** – Is your club stumbling? Do you sense that club harmony could be better? Are you looking for ways of identifying that missing something from club atmosphere? What assistance is available to you and how do you access it

This session will be of particular interest to Club Executives however all members would benefit from attendance.

While best attended as one part of the Two-Part Club Atmosphere session it can be taken on its own.

**PR1: Public Relations; Getting Our Message Out** – How to use traditional media as well as modern social media such as Web sites, Facebook, Twitter, MyLion etc to grow our presence in our communities. A discussion of the cautionary steps which must be taken especially in the use of social media. In addition, the benefits of using online platforms to advertise and handle the sales of event tickets.

This session will be of particular interest to a club's Public Relations person however all members would benefit from attendance.

**MLP1: Our Major Lions Programs, LCIF, LFC & LQ; What are They and Club Priorities?** – An overview of LCIF, LFC and LQ, their mandates, their history, their successes, their Canadian involvement and their place in club priorities as a focal point for club service.

This session will be of particular interest to a club's LCIF and Service Chairs however all members would benefit from attendance.

**MCS1: Model Club Structure, the Officer Team and Executive Responsibility** – We all know that our organization has a view of how a club should be organized. We also know that there are real differences between the theoretical and the practical. Join the discussion of how to reconcile the theoretical ideal with the real word practicalities impacting your club and how you can best implement a plan for club operations.

This session will be of interest to all Lions

#### 2018 LIONS LEARNING SEMINARS SCHEDULE

	Time	Community Room Rear (50)	A	В	С	Community Room Front (50)
Arrival & Social	8:30 AM – 9:00 AM					
Video - "100 Reasons to Join a Lions Club" Welcome	8:50 AM – 9:00 AM 9:00 AM –			Closed		
	9:30 AM			1		
	9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	MM&R1	CATM1	MLP1	MEM1	Open all day for social, refreshments, lunch and unstructured discussion.
	11:00 AM – 12 Noon	CREC1	CATM2	MCS1	FBP1	
Lunch	12 Noon – 1:00 PM			Closed		
	1:15 PM – 2:15 PM		СОМ	FCP1	ZRW1	
	2:30 PM – 3:30 PM		PR1		1	
Closing Video and Remarks	3:30 PM			Closed	1	

Session Rooms Capacities: Wayne Roth Room (50), Activities Room (30), Wilmot Room (30)

Sessions currently showing as Rooms A, B or C will be assigned rooms based upon session registration numbers.

#### ST MARYS LIONS CLUB



At its last meeting, the members of the St. Marys Lions received a presentation from the town administration concerning the final design and placement of a pavilion/ multi event facility in Cadzow Park. This park is being renovated with input from the town, service clubs and other groups. Other features planned for the park include an outdoor amphitheatre and a splash pad. The suggested design was approved by the club. The town has agreed that the facility will be named in perpetuity as a Lions Club of St. Marys project.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST





**St. Marys Lions** serving a Pancake Breakfast Saturday March 31, at McCullys Hill- a local farmers' market and retail food shop. Left photo front to back Lions Raymond Taylor, Ernie Monk and Lion Chief David Lloyd. Right Photo, Lion Chief David, Lions Raymond and Ernie. The market owners invite different organizations each to serve one day during their Spring festival. At the end of the season the proceeds are counted up and distributed equally among the participants. Breakfast is pancakes, sausage, maple syrup (of course), and McCully's special baked beans.

#### FROM THE CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS

#### SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY WITH PRIDE- WELL DONE

#### VISION & HEARING SCREENING REPORT for February 2018- by Richard Green

This is the last report for the District Vision & Screening in the Cambridge Schools in the Lions 2017-2018 Year. Lions Catherine and Marg participated from Cambridge Highlands Lions Club. Other team members are from Galt-Cambridge Lions Club.

#### Vision

The last Cambridge area Public School visited on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> tested 56 kindergarten students with 11 (20%) referred for further assessment by an eye care professional. Four (4) Lions participating for 8 hours of service.

YTD, 24 schools visited testing 1,640 students with 294 (18%) referred for further assessment.

#### Hearing

Also, the same school visited on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, testing 61 kindergarten students with 10 (16%) referred for further assessment by health care professionals. Two (2) Lions completing 2 hours of service.

YTD, 17 schools visited testing 1,207 students with 163 (13%) referred for further assessment.



#### WELL DONE! Combridge Team

Linda & Richard Green Marlene & Ted Strepple Marg de Boer Catherine Pettem

Absent:: Peggy & Jim Harris









#### ARGUS RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Argus provides emergency shelter to youth between the ages of 16-24 experiencing homelessness in the community \* in addition to food, shelter and 24hour 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 \* also offers SEESAW, where participants are paid for 30 hours a week, over a three month intervention, at a rate of minimum wage to gain work experience

Argus will accept youth in crisis from anywhere surrounding the Waterloo Region \* in an effort to respect the privacy of their clients and blend into residential scale, Argus Residence for Young People attempts to keep their address information private. There is a shelter for Girls and Boys in Cambridge.

Cambridge Highlands Lions Club supports this local Shelter with a monetary donation every Christmas. In addition this year, we chose Argus to receive 7 of our beautiful hand knit blankets.

Former club member Pat Bryan and friends have been knitting squares for years. Pat sews the individual squares together to make these blankets. They are donated to various shelters, group homes or Cambridge Hospital every year.



Lion Marg de Boer, Program Manager Cathy from Argus, & Pat Bryan At Argus Residence on February 26, 2018



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Courtesy Lion Paul Anstett, Editor of the Exeter Lions Roar.



# Calling all Lions, Lioness, Leos and Friends

You are invited to attend a special

**Opportunities for Youth Dinner** 

to be held at the MD"A" Convention on <u>Saturday, May 12, 2018</u>

# <mark>6-8 pm</mark>

Following dinner, the various Youth programs will be showcased by Youth participants &/or Youth Coordinators. Included will be:

> Youth Camp & Exchange Effective Speaking Leos Peace Poster/Blind Essay Contests Lions Quest

*Come, experience the best of our Youth!!* [after a classy buffet with all included.]









To order tickets at <u>\$26.00 each</u>, contact Opportunities for Youth Chair, Lion Ev Spiering <u>pdglionev@gmail.com</u> > Send a cheque *made out* to <u>PDG Ev Spiering *[noted "Youth Dinner"*</u>] to : #2-20 Holland St, St Thomas, Ont N5R 4S2

<u>*Note*</u>: Dinner tickets <u>must</u> be ordered and paid for in advance!!!

#### PASSINGS

Lion Jeff Jongeling Rockton Lions March 11, 2018 Lion David Seibert Kitchener Pioneer Lions March 7, 2018 Lion Jim Halley Paris Lions PZC, Melvin Jones Fellow March 1, 2018

#### FROM THE EXETER LIONS ROAR

