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Lions Clubs International District A-15

News Bulletin

APRIL/MAY 2016



In my mind, Lions conventions are meant to be times for celebration. We celebrate all the service activities we have been engaged in over the year, we celebrate the donations we have been able to make and we celebrate the relationships we have forged.

Thank you for making the District A-15 convention a celebratory event! I am still in awe of the team who put this convention together. For those of you who attended, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Even though our Lions year is winding down, I still want you to think about what there is to do:

- Start your club organization now for next year—review your committees and assess whether each committee is still practical and productive
- Induct those individuals who have made the commitment to become Lions—we would like to end our Lions year with a net positive growth for the District
- Think about those Lions in your club who do a lot of behind-the-scenes work and acknowledge them with a “fun” award at your closing meeting
- Make plans for the coming year to visit other clubs

I thank each of you for the good work you do. I also want to thank Bob Pearson for putting this bulletin together. It is always great to share information about our service activities and achievements. Take pride in what you have achieved and look with anticipation at what you are yet to accomplish.

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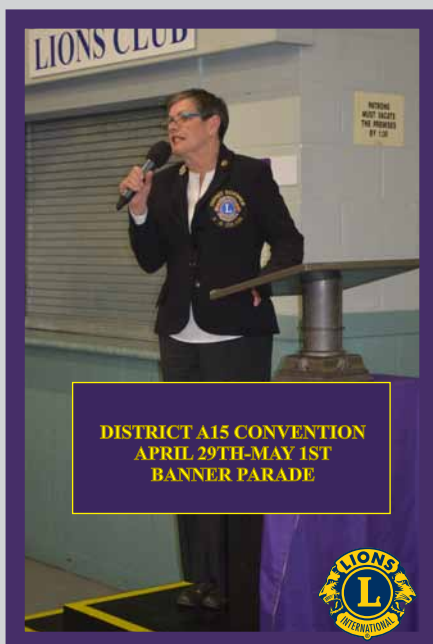
Roar Like A Lion!
- Be Proud -



- Serve With Pride -
Finding New Lions:
They may simply need
to be asked to join.



CONVENTION PHOTOS



**Coming Soon
Full Convention
Photo Collection!**



“INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’S RECOGNITION AWARD”

**Presented to Lion Jack Graydon,
Oakville Lions, Chair of Lions
Home for the Deaf for 44 years**

**Lion Jack receiving
the award from
Council Chair John Johnston**



The presentation took place at the A7-11 Convention April 23rd. The award is called described above to distinguish it from all other awards and to make it the highest honour in Lions. The International President is directly involved in the awarding of this Medal and it is given for 1) Bravery, 2) Disaster Relief or 3) Lions Services deemed appropriate by the President. Jack was given his Medal for Lions Services. The International president alone decides who is the recipient based on the written request by the nominator, in this case it was PID Carl Young. A quote from Lion Jack’s letter from the International President, " Your actions typify the very spirit of our organization, and define our mission of service to others. You represent one more reason why we are recognized as the global leader in humanitarian service."



EXETER LIONS

165 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!



Years of Service Monarch Chevrons Recipients

L-R: Lion William Carson 25 Years, Lion Thomas Hartai 25 Years, Lion Paul Anstett 30 Years, Lion George Godbolt 40 Years, Lion Glen Kells for 45 Years.



GUELPH LIONS



The Guelph Lions Club were proud to present their Lion Chief Lion Larry Porter with a Lions International Lifetime Membership. Region 51 Chair Lion Deb Cserhalmi was on hand and presented the membership award to Lion Larry.

BRIDGEPORT LIONS & A15 DOG WALK TEAM



PDG Nancy Ransom and Lion Janet Dawson-Brock presented Bridgeport Lion Dave Millard with a Helen Keller Fellowship at the Zone 9E/9S meeting in Brantford February 23rd. Lion Dave has been Chair of the Walk for Doug Guides for the past 10 years. The team is comprised of several local Lions Clubs.



CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS Literacy Effort

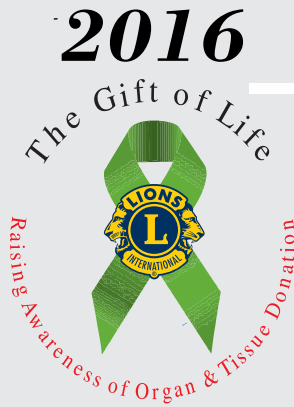
The Cambridge Highlands Club meets at St. James Church, a member of the congregation makes regular visits to Morocco to assist with community efforts. The Lions sent a donation with her for the Medina Children's Library in the City of Fez.



NEW HAMBURG LIONESS



The New Hamburg Lioness hosted a bake table at the April 30th Interfaith Counselling Centre silent auction, \$1,326.00 was raised. L-R Lioness Joan, Tricia, Erma, Marjorie, Jenny & Reta.



***MDA, District A15
and Trillium Gift of Life Network
Partners in Saving Lives***

***APRIL 2016
Organ & Tissue Donation
Awareness Month***

**Lions Wayne Keefe
& Bob Rutter from
Guelph Royal City Lions
at Guelph Lions Home Show,
both are Kidney Recipients**



**West Coast Lions
Banner Raising**



**St. George Lions
Flag Raising**



**Rockwood Lions
Flag Raising**



EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES



**Hillsburgh Lions
Clean-up Crew April 23rd**



**Belwood Lions
Clean-up Crew April 23rd**



West Coast Lions Clean-up Crew & Tree Planting

OTHER RELATED EVENTS

Hickson Lions did their “Adopt a Highway” event along Highway 59, an activity they do on an annual basis.

Milverton Lions also did their semi-annual roadside clean-up.

Atwood Lions planted 500 evergreen days on Earth Day.

Galt-Cambridge Lions completed a roadside clean-up of Highway 24.

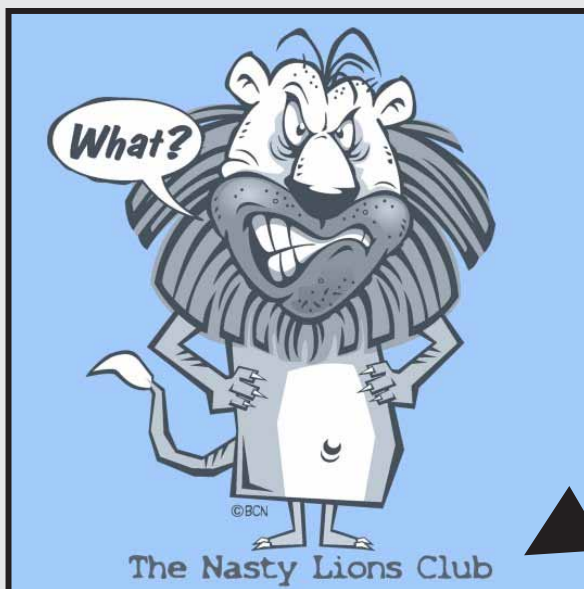


District Environmental Photo Contest Winner

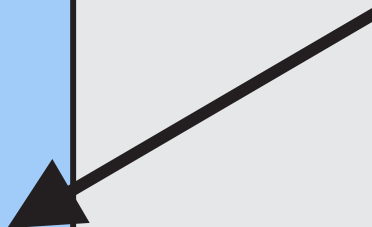
**“One Happy Pig
He’s A Real Wiener”**



**Winning Photo by Lion Helen McLeod
Woolwich Community Lions**



**Must Be From
Some Other District!!!**





ST. GEORGE LIONS



Lions are “everyday people doing extra ordinary things”. St. George Lions club are an example. Recently, the club served pancakes, ham and sausage at Westfield Heritage Village Maple Syrup Days. Members recruited family and friends to help. This effort facilitates our club to support local causes and Lions International charities.

The St. George Women’s Institute is another strong community group. They provide the meals for the Lions’ dinner meetings. The Lions and the Institute have a great relationship and work together for the community. Pictured is W.I. President Lynda Lyster presenting a cheque for \$2000.00 to Lion Chief Wayne Branchaud, the funds are for the splash pad project slated to be open in this coming summer.



ST. GEORGE LIONS



**L-R Lions Cheryl Hewitson & Kevin Hewitson
& Roy Steedman with Angela and Meg.**

St. George Lions attended the Dog Guides graduation ceremony at the Lions Foundation of Canada. They met Meg, the Canine Vision dog sponsored by their club and her recipient, Angela.



The St. George Club conducted vision and hearing screening at the St. George German School, Lion Tony Davidson on the left is shown doing a visual test. Lion John Pepper from Lynden Lions helps with the testing and providing his experience and expertise.



LIONS HOMES FOR THE DEAF & McINNES HOME-BRANTFORD



The Lions Homes for the Deaf made a contribution to The McInnes Deaf-Blind Home in Brantford recently. Shown is Leslie Marissen accepting the cheque for \$45,000.00 from John Lackey(L) from the Lions Homes and Chair Zoltan Dohar.(R)



PASSING
April 27th 2016
Lion Peter MacDonald
St. George Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
April 30th 2016
Lion Don Knox
Thamesford Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
May 9th 2016
Lion Norm Perriman
Ayr-North Dumfries Lions
"He Served".



COPETOWN LIONS



**Father & Son Lions Frank Regan, far right
and Matt Regan, far left making presentation
to S.H.A.R.E Directors.**

The Copetown Lions hosted the annual S.H.A.R.E. dinner at the Copetown & District Community Centre April 14th. The Lions catered the meal with the assistance of local citizens. This is an annual event and helps the S.H.A.R.E organization meet their mandate, which is Sending Help & Resources Everywhere. The Lions also donated \$5000.00 to the cause, which will be matched by a federal funding program at a three to one ratio ultimately reaching a total of \$20000.00.



MEMORIAL FOREST & DOG BREEDING FACILITY GATEWAY PROJECT

An initial step towards the construction of a gateway at the Lions Memorial Forest and Dog Breeding Facility near Breslau on April 16th was when Lions representing four Zone 51E clubs, gathered at Snow Brothers yard in Erin to salvage blocks from the rubble pile. Using of a “Deere” excavator, more than 525 blocks were cleaned and wrapped. Lions from Belwood, Marsville, Fergus and Hillsburgh, under the direction of PDG Doug Smith and GLT District Co-ordinator Denis Vinette, had a great time working together in a common cause. There were several new Lions in the crowd as well.



TEAMWORK



**Lion Gord Huffnagel
being supervised by
Lion Neil Hoogendoorn**



**Lions Linda & Denis Vinette
&
Lion Doug Smith**



LYNDEN LIONS



On Sunday, April 24th Lynden Lions hosted their annual spring brunch. Always a popular event, this year our workload was made easier by the help of two of our Leos and potential future Leos. From left to right, Brooke Louwerse, Leo Andrea Bosma, Sydney Turpin, Eala McNamee, Leo Jenna Erkelens and Lion Amanda Renton.

CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS



Fedirico Chaux, son of Lion Victor Chaux place second in the French division of the District Public Speaking Contest. D.G. Diane Smth made the presentation.





St. Jacobs, Bridgeport & K-W Community Spirit Lions Dog Guide Walk Promotion May 7th



The Dog Guide Walk is Saturday May 29th in Elmira, event chair Dave Millard, Bridgeport Lions, Lion Janet Dawson-Brock, K-W Community Sprit Lions and Mike Lacey, St. Jacobs Lions at a promotional event to inform local citizens and visitors.



**Woolwich Community Lions Club
Purina Walk for Dog Guides
Elmira - May 29th**



FERGUS LIONS



Past District Governor Lion Norma Peterson, assisted by Lion Chief Joe Brooks and other club members, inducted two new members into the Fergus Lions Club at our dinner meeting on February 9: John Mazarakis (third from the right) shown with his sponsor Lion Norm Walters, and Lion Marbeth McLean, with her sponsor, Lion Eileen Cole-Perkins.

ROADSIDE CLEANUP



Under the leadership of Lion Brian Martin, our semi -annual roadside cleanup took place on Saturday, April 30 on Highway 6 south.
Lion Bob Zirk and Lion Brian unload a portion of the trash collected.



FERGUS LIONS

THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Youth is a relative concept to most of us as we advance in years but in the photos below, the youth are actual relatives, children in fact, of a couple of members of our club. Bingo caller Lion Richard Hurst (not shown) was assisted by some helping hands on the bingo board at TVCOGECO, in April.



2016 "THE GRAND" CHEF CHALLENGE



Lion Norma poses with the members of the three teams who participated in the 3rd annual "The Grand" Chef Challenge on March 31. Lion Eric served as one of the three judges along with PDG Larry and Lion Hilda Wainwright of the Ariss & Maryhill Lions Club. PDG Denis and Lion Linda Vinette from the Belwood & District Lions Club won 1st place (again), Milverton Lion, Joel Phelan and his daughter Natalee, earned the title of silver champions, and Lions Terry and Julian Vines, from the Belwood & District Lions, added their enthusiasm to the group as "Good Sport" Contenders.



**Breslau Memorial Forest Cleanup is
on Wed. June 1st 2016**

3751 Chilligo Rd., Breslau

from 12 noon to 5pm for the 1st shift
and from 5pm to Dark for the 2nd shift

We need your help to spruce up the Forest for the
Rededication Service on Sat. June 11th

Please bring your rakes, shovels, hoes and any other
garden tool to clean up garden beds and to re-mulch the
trails.

**Small tractors, ATVs and small wagons are needed to
move mulch around**

Lunch provided by the Elmira Lions Club
email env@a15lions.org for additional info

Please plan to attend





FISH FRY DINNER



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

**TUESDAY, May 24th, 2016
5:00 □ 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.

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Email: fishfry@stjacobsions.org**



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NEW HAMBURG LIONESS

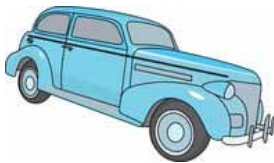


Please support the New Hamburg Lioness 5th Welcome Home Tour of six homes in New Hamburg & area. To be held on Saturday, June 11th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, rain or shine. All proceeds support Interfaith Counselling Centre and Wilmot Family Resource Centre. More information is available at: www.welcometour.org



ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB

CLASSIC & ANTIQUE CAR & CRAFT SHOW – 2016



SATURDAY, JULY 2TH, 2016, FROM 8 AM - 1 PM

At the **St. Marys Lions Park/Milt Dunnel Field/Water St.**

(Queen St. to Wellington St. N., left on Parkview Dr. to Milt Dunnel Field)

Participant door prizes, trophies and dash plaques

(Judging by Fan Favourite and Participant Favourite)

Car Entry fee: \$5.00, Spectator entry fee - Donation

Judging by Fan and Spectator

Serving Pancake Breakfast at 8AM

Hotdogs/Sausage on a bun at 12:00 Noon

FOR INFORMATION

Contact: 519-703-1327 - 519-284-2875 or any member of the

St. Marys Lions Club

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

***Craft Show & Sale* - 8AM – 1PM** (Vender Fee \$20.00)

(Self-contained tables please at this outdoor venue)



We Serve



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**11th Annual
Rockton Lions Club**

"All You Can Eat"

Fish Fry and Fundraiser

Sat. June 4, 2016

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Beverly Community Centre

**A Portion of the Proceeds will be used to
support Lions Foundation Dog Guides
and other Community Projects**

Adults \$25 in advance \$30 at the door

Youth (age 6 - 12) \$10

Child (under 6) Free

For Tickets call: (289) 799 -1287

Tickets On Sale Now!

Door Prizes - Silent Auction - 50/50 Draw

Catering to our Community, Youth and the World of Lionism



BELWOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

FISH FRY ***DINNER***

SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH, 2016

5:00PM TO 6:30PM

BELWOOD COMMUNITY HALL

**SERVED WITH BAKED POTATO, VEGETABLE,
COLE SLAW, ROLLS, BEVERAGE &
PIE (APPLE, BLUEBERRY, LEMON & PEACH)!**

ADULTS: \$15.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 12): \$8.00

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY
BELWOOD LIONS MEMBER,
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HIGHLAND PINES CAMPGROUND STORE
OR CALL 519-843-7011 OR 519-787-2383**





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Thursday June 9, 2016

\$25 for Steak & Salads

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