



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"Follow Your Dream"

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From left to right Lion Paul Mackie, Splash Pad committee members, John Vleeming, Mary Lynn Hoerle, Wilmot Mayor Les Armstrong, Lions Bryan Long and Lion's past president, Bob Starr.

New Hamburg Lions offer \$60,000 for new splash pad

The New Hamburg Lions present a cheque for \$60,000. to the new Wilmot Township splash pad to be built next year. Total cost of the project is \$300,000.00. The Lions have just finished paying off their pledge of \$75,000.00 to the Wilmot Rec Complex and are ready for a new challenge

Mid-Year Report looks good, DG Denis remains optimistic

Fellow Lions of District A15,

What a wonderful year we are having. With District membership numbers on the positive side, clubs showing a sign of renewal from the C.E.P. and with Cabinet and Committee Chairs giving 110% ... how can anyone question that District A15 is the best District, bar none. Having said that, we all know there is always a little room for improvement.

As we approach the halfway mark in this Lions year, I am asking that all clubs consider



DG Denis Vinette



making the following items a priority going forward.

1) MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLANS (NOTE: Membership Workshop - Thursday, January 16, 2014)

At this time, we have just over 50% of the club that have developed, filed and are currently "acting on their Membership Action Plans". To those clubs who have filed their plans, a very heartfelt Thank You. At the beginning of the Lions year, we had asked that clubs complete and return their plans by the end of October. That may have been realistic but unfortunately the deadline has passed and we are still without MAPs from a large number of clubs.

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Lions celebrate Leo Day

Fellow Lions,
Please join me in celebrating this day, December 5, 2013, as International Leo Day!

The clubs of District A-15 are very proud to have active and well established Leo Clubs with ongoing efforts to form at least 2 new clubs in the next year. A heartfelt "Thank You" to the LEOs and their respective coordinators for the great work that they do.

LEOs are the foundation that provides Leadership and Service growth among the younger members of our organization. Their investment and effort is an integral part of the global service we provide. In addition to helping those less fortunate, the LEO club program helps develop important life and leadership skills which are essential to the future of service in our communities.

Congratulations LEO's and here's to a great year in our joint efforts to help our communities and those in need. Together and individually! ... LEOs and Lions, **WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Denis Vinette, Governor
District A15



Bulletin Contest Rules, Judging

Submitted By:	Applicant Club's Bulletin Editor
Submitted To:	District Bulletin Editor
Submission Deadline:	Feb. 28 th of the Current Lions Year
For Awarding:	Annual District A-15 Convention of the Current Lions Year

Rules:

1. Submit, along with the Official Entry Form available on the District Web Site, your best example of a Bulletin published between March 1st of the previous Lions Year and Feb 28th of the current Lions Year.
2. You must have published a minimum of six (6) times in the qualifying period.
3. Submission may be in electronic (preferred) or printed format.
4. For submission by email, the subject line should note Club name and state "Official Bulletin Contest Entry". Submissions by ordinary mail should also note on the envelope "Official Bulletin Contest Entry".
5. A single winner will be named along with two honourable mentions.
6. A four member Judging Panel will be established by the current District Bulletin Editor and will consist of the current Bulletin Editor, the District Governor and two additional Lions who are not members of clubs who have submitted entries.
7. Entrants are free to enter contests in other jurisdictions or run by other agencies as determined by the entry requirements stipulated by those other jurisdictions or agencies.

Judging:

1. The District Bulletin Editor will distribute copies of each entry, along with the grading form (available on the District Web Site) to each member of the Judging Panel.
2. The grading form will list each evaluation criterion. Judges will rank each submission on each evaluation criterion, i.e. all evaluation is comparative rather than absolute.
3. Each submission's overall score will be the sum of the evaluation criterion rankings.
4. Each member of the Judging Panel will then rank each submission based upon the overall score and submit their results to the District Bulletin Editor.
5. Determination of the single winner and the honourable mentions will be based upon the average rankings submitted by the members of the Judging Panel.

Bulletin Contest Application

LIONS DISTRICT A-15 BULLETIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM (2013 – 2014)

LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____
Club Address _____
Town/City _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Bulletin Editor _____
Club President _____

BULLETIN CLASSIFICATION

Monthly 40+ members Monthly 39- Members

Mail _____ Mail _____

Email _____ Email _____

Bi-Monthly 40+ Members Bi-Monthly 39- Members

Mail _____ Mail _____

Email _____ Email _____

Remit by email to: bulletin@a15lions.org

or mail to : A-15 Bulletin Editor Lion Nancy Ransom

224 Tatlock Court

Waterloo, ON N2L 5Y6

Submission Deadline – February 28, 2013.

Contest Conditions as stated on Lions District A-15 Revised Bulletin Contest Rules of November, 2012, and posted on District A-15 Website.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute seeks candidates for March, 2014

The next Advanced Lions Leadership Institute for the Lions of United States of America, Its Affiliates, Bermuda & The Bahamas and Canada will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois on March 8-10, 2014. We seek your assistance to help recruit qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region and district levels.

The institute in Oak Brook, Illinois is designated as an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and is targeted to Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who

are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute. Candidates do not have to hold a position currently (for details, see the application materials).

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of US\$95.00 will be required to offset these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than four weeks prior to the institute start

date. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges.

Please help us to recruit qualified Lions for this institute by providing a copy of the application packet to Lions leaders in your district, including your district governor team, region and zone chairpersons, to remind them of this event. Please ask them to promote the institute and actively encourage qualified candidates to apply. The success of this institute depends on the participation of Lions leaders from across your constitutional area. More information is also available on the web site.

We will be accepting one hundred and fifty (150) Lions, total. This institute will be conducted in English and French.

Completed forms must be returned by: December 27, 2013

PLEASE RETURN
APPLICATIONS TO:

Institutes & Seminars
Lions Clubs
International
Fax: 630.706.9010
E-mail:
institutes@lionsclubs.org

To ensure timely receipt of your applications, please submit by e-mail or fax.

Workshop set on membership challenges

With all the time, effort and funds that we put into getting new members, wouldn't it be a thought to share our successes, and our challenges, so that we can help each other succeed in our effort to grow and help make our club membership experience the best it can be.

In response to this challenge, you're district leadership is holding a new Membership Forum (Workshop) called "Charting new waters!" where we plan to discuss new ideas and opportunities for membership growth and member satisfaction.

This new program will be held on January 16, 2014 and is hosted by the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club, St. James Anglican Church, 520 Ellis Road, Cambridge.

As a club of District A-15, you have the distinction of being a part of the District with the greatest number of members in all of the 10 Districts in Ontario. You are a part of a District that has enjoyed consistent growth over the last 10 years... an achievement unparalleled by any other District in Canada. In addition to all that... we have chartered 3 new clubs in the last 3 years! How did you do it? How do we continue to be strong? The answer to these questions lie in our combined planning, strategy and vision. Yes my friends, that is what has made A-15 the best District of all!

So come and join other interested Lions like yourself in exploring new and creative ideas in club success. Come and share your stories and hear others speak of how they have been successful in membership development in their club.

To reserve your place at this special event, contact Lion Janet Ho at japhol@hotmail.com or cambridgehighlands@a15lions.org or alternatively call : (519) 658-6174. Dinner will be at 7:00PM. Cost : \$10.

For additional information, click <http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Main/charting.pdf>.



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

Peace Poster winner from New Hamburg

Lions,
It with great pleasure that I announce that this year's 2013-2014 Peace Poster contest winner is Greg Yeoman, from Forest Glen PS (New Hamburg). Greg took part in the poster competition sponsored by the New Hamburg Lioness and the New Hamburg Lions Club.

Congratulations to all who participated in the contest and a sincere Thank You to the clubs who led this effort in involving our youth in recognizing that it is "Our World, Our Future".

Denis Vinette,
Governor
District A-15

Zone and Region Meetings

Region 9

Zone 9E | Thu, Oct 17
Cambridge Highlands |
Mon, Jan 20 KW
Community Spirit

Zone 9S | Thu, Oct 24
St. George | Tue, Jan 14
Rockton

Joint | Tue, Mar 18 Paris

Region 37

Zone 37S | Wed, Oct 16
Thamesford | Wed, Jan
29 Drumbo

Zone 37W | Wed, Nov
13 Exeter | Tue, Feb 25
Bayfield

Joint | Thu, Mar 20
Stratford

Region 51

Zone 51E | Wed, Oct 9
Hillsburg | Wed, Jan 8
Elora

Zone 51W | Thu, Oct 3
Milverton | Mon, Jan 27
Woolwich Community
Joint | Tue, Mar 11 Ariss

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District A-15 Bulletin Deadlines

District A-15 News Bulletins will be published each month of the 2013-2014 year ending in June.

Submissions should be made prior to the 30th of the month preceding publication. The Bulletin will be published on the 15th of the following month. Send to: bulletin@a15lions.org.

Submissions wherever possible should not be made in pdf format unless enabled for copying of text and photos, otherwise send submissions in Word format for text and jpg format for photos.



Lions Roar! with pride

CONVENTIONS

July 4 – 8, 2014 - 97th International Convention, TORONTO
June 26 – 30 2015 - 98th International Convention, Honolulu, HI

A15 on track for good year, effort is on Lions services

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If you have not had the opportunity to finalize your action plans, I ask that you take the time and make that extra effort to get these developed by the end of this calendar year. As we approach the end of 2013, and we contemplate our "resolutions" for the New Year, why not make your MAPs a resolution to make and to achieve. Remember that your plan will help you direct your clubs more effectively and will be an integral part of your success at our Membership Workshop on January 16, 2014,

2) LIONS NOW! (NOTE: Next Event - Monday, February 24, 2014)

This year, your District Cabinet and Committees are

putting their best effort forward to provide our clubs with as many resources and information as possible to help the clubs "define and realize their Dreams in Service". This year, your District is providing a forum to help familiarize the clubs and members about the current state of the various service programs that we support.

The first of these events was held as "Lions Now!" in St. Marys in October. A second event is scheduled to complement the first one with 2 new keynote presentations and more opportunity for members to discover the wealth of knowledge and support available from your District leadership. Please plan to attend and involve as many club members as possible at our next "Lions Now!" event on February



accomplishments. A "New Member" dangle will be awarded to New Members. A "Sponsor" dangle will be awarded to a new member's Sponsor. The "Lions Now!" dangle will be awarded to members that attend at least one "Lions Now!" event. This all comes together as a series when you purchase the Convention pin which is made up of the main Pepper pin with a "Convention 2014" dangle included. By participating in these recognitions, you will have helped in the betterment of our organization.

NOTE: Receive as many dangles as you can and come and join us at the Convention on April 12, 2014 for a special recognition event with Past International President Sid L. Scruggs, III.

Lions: As you can see, from the above programs and events, your District is available to provide knowledge, support, encouragement and assistance. Please plan to use these resources and programs to help you continue to be the active and dynamic club that you are and to grow into the best club that you can be.

Sincerely Yours in Service,

**Denis Vinette, Governor
District A-15**

24, 2014 in Innerkip. It is shaping up to be as superb as the first.

Remember: Attendees will receive a "Lions Now!" dangle as part of our District "Hot Pepper Pin Series" recognition. Involvement is key to a fulfilling membership experience and Lions Now! can provide that first step to increased participation and awareness in the services that we provide.

3) "HOT PEPPER PIN SERIES"

In addition to "Lions Now!", the district "Hot Pepper Pin Series" is providing a recognition opportunity for new and experienced members that promote Lions membership growth and active participation. Lions are eligible to receive a "Hot Pepper" dangle for any one, or all, of the following

**Be Proud
Serve
With Pride**

District A-15 Lions International Festival
United Kingdom Club of Cambridge
35 International Village Drive, Cambridge

IRISH FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 1, 2014
6:00 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program
Boyle Academy of Irish Dance

Ticket: \$20.00 each
(children under 10 years: \$10.00 each)

Lion Ajit Manku	519.620.9507	cultcomm@a15lions.org
Lion Don Gamble	519.658.6696	gp.donchar@bell.net
Lion Janet Dawson Brock	519.886.4096	djbrock@uwaterloo.ca
Lion OJ Wilura	519.748.4394	ojwick@yahoo.ca

Irish Festival is a time for food and fun
Come and celebrate together

CTC Dollars for Dorset

Lions Camp Dorset has a continuing need for Canadian Tire currency to repair and replace equipment used by dialysis patients
Contact Lion Bob at bulletin@a15lions.org for