

Lions Clubs International

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“ In A World of Service”

District Governor Dr. Dan Ayim

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Lions, families and friends of A-15 -

The Lions of A-15 have been very engaged in our world of Service since the holidays. It is so exciting to hear all about the activities our Clubs have been involved with over the winter!

We have several District events coming up in the near future.

Be sure to get your tickets for the International Fest, being held at the United Kingdom Hall in Cambridge on Saturday evening, March 2nd. The dinner will feature an authentic Ukrainian meal, followed by Ukrainian Dancers. Tickets are \$20 each, call now or email Lions Ajit Manku, OJ Wilura or Nancy Ransom to book your spot.

Many Clubs will have held their Effective Speaking Competitions by now. The winners will be participating in the District Contest on Saturday, March 2nd at St. George.

Be sure to send your entry for the A-15 Photo Contest by March 6 to Lion Linda Vinette.

March 27th is Canadian Diabetes Alert Day; and perhaps your Club might be noting the occasion in some way.

The event of the year is our District Convention, being hosted by the Galt Cambridge Lions on the weekend of March 22-24. We always look forward to our Convention for a wonderful weekend of fellowship and fun!

Keep up the great work and keep the stories coming...
Thanks for all you do,

Nancy

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On the lighter side.....

.....have you ever been on your way to a Zone Meeting when.....



A-15 LIONS BOOTH AT TOTAL WOMAN SHOW

Family and Women's Membership Chairperson, Lion Ferne Lindhorst at the Lions Booth during the Total Woman Show, held at Bingeman's Arena in Kitchener on February 9-10 weekend. The show attracted dense crowds, and provided good exposure for Lionism in A-15.



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Pennies for Puppies!!!

With the penny being phased out, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is calling out to all Canadians to put their change to work through the "Pennies for Puppies" program. The goal is to raise approximately \$20,000, or two million pennies, to cover the cost of placing one Dog Guide with someone with a disability.



It's as easy as finding an empty container and start collecting Pennies for Puppies. Why not ask local businesses if they will display a container asking for the pennies? If you need any help, just email or call me, I would be glad to help!

More on LFC

Did you know that the Lions Foundation of Canada is currently developing a new program? The Diabetic Alert Dog Guides is the new program currently being developed. These Dog Guides will be able to save lives as they can detect and alert to sudden and life threatening extreme changes in blood glucose levels of people with type 1 diabetes (with hypoglycemic unawareness).

Lions Foundation A15 Chair
Lion Charlene Teasdale, ZC51E

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KITCHENER OKTOBERFEST MELVIN JONES FELLOWS



At their recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, the Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships to two long term members. Lion Vaughan Braby started in Lionism in District A9, was club president, has served twice as a Zone Chair and is in his second term as a Region Chair. He is also club secretary. Lion Larry Clements served on various director positions and was club president in 1990/91. Both members have obtained 35 years of service. Also receiving a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship was 40 year member Lion George Patton. Other awards handed out that night were Lions Quest Canada Fellowships to Lions Susan Kimpel and Ron Kreuter.

- submitted by Lion George Patton



Lions Clubs International

Greetings from LCI headquarters!

The Extension and Membership Division is pleased to announce the release of the premier issue of the [Membership Pulse](#), our on-line, quarterly newsletter.

Stay informed of the latest information on membership programs, development opportunities and operational news.

Take advantage of "Reader Response" to share your stories and ideas. They may be chosen for publication in an upcoming issue.

Questions or comments? Contact membershippulse@lionsclubs.org

LIONS BUSY IN ZONE 51 WEST

At a recent induction ceremony everyone was asked to close their eyes and keep them closed while Region Chair, Diane Smith described things that a blind person would no longer be able to relate to. A good method to get others to understand what others have to struggle with on a daily basis.



What about a person that has lost or never had the ability to Hear. I challenge you to try and go by one hour with a set of "sound deadening" ear plugs. Such joys as music are gone, conversation gone. After a Zone meeting a club president shared with 2 other club presidents about a family that were deaf and had a need for a TTY Machine - a device that screens information to relate basic info and instruction to one another. Their previous equipment was not repairable and they lacked the funds to attain replacements.



The three clubs joined ranks and split the costs and there it is a success story. Christmas comes early in Elmira..... This is just one of the many stories that emphasize Int'l President Madden's theme of In a World of Service. A heartfelt Thank You to St Jacobs Lions Club, Woolwich Community Lions Club and the Lions Club of Elmira. " Way to go! "

- submitted by ZC51W Wayne Litt.

VDG VINETTE INDUCTS SCHOOL OPTOMETRY CAMPUS BRANCH MEMBERS



VDG Denis Vinette presided over the new member Induction Ceremony at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry Campus Branch Club on February 4 2013. Shown (back left) are VDG Denis, branch liaison Lion Marilyn Smith, and 17 of the 20 new members who have joined the Campus Branch Club during this year.

- submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS SUPPORT ELMIRA BANDSHELL

The Woolwich Community Lions recently made a presentation to the Township of Woolwich, a cheque for \$16,875.00, as support for the restoration of the Bandshell in the centre of Elmira. "Hats off to these Ladies for a job well done!"

- submitted by ZC Wayne Litt.



U WATERLOO OPTOMETRY CAMPUS CLUB COFFEE HOUSE FEB 2013

The School of Optometry Campus Branch Club held their second annual Coffee House on January 21, 2013, to raise money towards their next Canine Vision Dog Guide. The students entertained their audience and sold snacks and beverages on the side, raising approx. \$1300 for their cause. The performances were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience who packed the house.



- submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom

MARSVILLE SANTA VISIT DEC 2012



On December 01, 2012, a jolly Santa and Mrs. Clause came to visit the children at Marsville School.



Santa took the time to have a little conference with his helper, Lion Cub Adele. They are surely discussing the job that is to be done for the day.



The Marsville & District Lions would like to extend a large Thank You to all the Lions who gave a helping hand at the 19th Annual Breakfast with Santa. We appreciate that you travelled and dedicated your time; it made our breakfast a success.

- submitted by Lion Elly Hoogendoorn.

CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS HONOUR COMMUNITY MELVIN JONES FELLOW

(below left – Lary Turner & his wife; below right - Lion Jan Ho, Lary Turner, & PDG Nancy Brash)



Lary Turner's sense of community is undeniable and unwavering, and his loyalty to Hespeler along with his historical expertise of the Village, and by extension, the outer realm of Cambridge, identifies him as a significant figure in what makes the Hespeler community so very special. The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club were honoured to present him with our Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, one the Lions Clubs highest awards. Lary has been committed to his community through his 33 year career with Canada Post as a public servant, and continues to be devoted in everything he does daily which enhances the arts, the heritage of the local architecture and strengthens the community and its residents as a whole. He does this by his continued involvement and stewardship on various committees, associations and boards throughout the Region. Lary's passion is hunting, fishing and wilderness canoe trips. A long-time member of The Company of Neighbours, which is a group dedicated to the collection and preservation of archival material related to the Hespeler community. As its Chair, he negotiated a long-term lease agreement with the City of Cambridge that allowed for the creation of the Hespeler Heritage Centre. Lary is known as the Music Man due to his involvement in the last 19 years as Chair of the Forbes Park Music Festival, and his involvement with the fairly new fall event "A Day and A Night in the Village" during which Lary leads Historical tours of the town, providing architectural and industrial information, in collaboration with the local artist community. Lary's focus in these events is to build our community spirit through a free one-day annual festival of music, arts and crafts, food vendors, children's activities, and fun for the whole family. He is the current editor/writer/ad sales/publisher of the Hespeler Happenings Community Newsletter, a publication of local news & events and written stories of Hespeler history in which Lary shares facts, commentaries and personal stories of his life as a Hespeler resident. Since 2005, Lary has been a member of the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation, providing support to assist with heritage projects and protect our historical past. He is also a member of the Waterloo Heritage Advisory Committee that provides heritage expertise to the WRHF and lends advice on heritage projects and concerns to the Foundation. With knowledge of local political and architectural history, an intimate knowledge of every field and wetland, and many past and present residents, and his involvement as a member and a volunteer in many organizations and activities, it is no wonder Lary has become a very prominent face in the Hespeler Community. Lary is known by one and all as a driving force in community events in the Hespeler area of Cambridge and 2012 winner of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Award of Recognition and the winner of the 2012 Bernie Adams Special Trustees for the Arts Award.

- submitted by Lion Christine Peynado

LIONS FOUNDATION CANADA CANINE CHALLENGE 2013

Lions Foundation Canada, Oakville, held its annual Canine Challenge on February 2, 2013. Participating Clubs from District A-15 included the Guelph Lions and the Bridgeport Lions teams.



Pictured above, the Bridgeport Lions with their colorful "dog ears" and painted noses, were rated the Team with the highest overall score. Everyone had great things to say about the event.

See below an enthusiastic Team from the Guelph Lions Club. With their bright red outfits "Lions for Canadians" and their cheer leaders encouragement, this team had a blast making their way through the various events and challenges. At the end of the day the team won for best costume & were proud to donate a cheque to sponsor 2 Canine Vision Canada Dog Guides.



CANINE CHALLENGE CONT'D.....

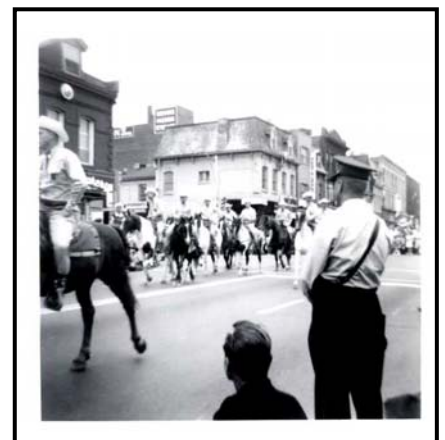
The participating teams experienced working with the different types of Dog Guides, and answered “tests” for which they received a score as a Team.



- submitted by Lion Sarah Leffler, Bridgeport Lions, and ZC Charlene Teasdale, Guelph Lions.

MEMORIES.....LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TORONTO 1964

Richmond Hill Lions Club President Bill Mirrlees (father of PDG Nancy Brash) was chosen to chauffeur Past President Nutter from Canada (as referred to in attached letter following page) , in the Parade at the Lions Int'l Convention held in Toronto on July 8, 1964. Also pictured are several of the floats that participated in the Parade – quite a variety. At age sixteen, Lion Nancy was a very proud spectator on this day!





DISTRICT "A"
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HEADQUARTERS

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TORONTO, ONTARIO
June 30, 1964.

To all Club Presidents who are driving official cars in the International Parade, July 8th., 1964.

Please take notice that drivers must report to the Royal York Hotel Garage on Wellington St. West (between Bay & York Sts.) at 7:30 a.m., July 8th. to pick-up and prepare official cars which will lead the Lions parade moving off from Wellesley and Bay Sts. at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

You will be driving car # ²³
Containing Past. Pres. Retzky of Texas &
..... Past. Pres. ^{NOTTER} Fisher of Canada
.....

Please report to Deputy District Governor Jack Wieler at the entrance of the Parking garage at 7:30 a.m. on Wellington Street, West.

After returning cars to the Royal York Garage please try and return (by subway) to the assembly grounds to march off with the District "A" delegation at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Please wear your Lions Jacket, Cap and, preferably, white shirt and Lions tie along with grey flannels and black shoes and above all a real Lions smile.

W. Mirrlees-Richmond Hill

- submitted by PDG Nancy Brash

American Student Wins Lions International Peace Poster Contest

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, Feb. 1, 2013 – Jenny Park, a 13-year-old from California, USA, has been named the grand prize winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Lions Clubs International is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Peace Poster contest, which was created to showcase the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. More than 400,000 students worldwide, ages 11-13, submitted posters to be considered for the grand prize or one of the contest's 23 merit awards. Entries were judged for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of this year's contest theme, "Imagine Peace."

Park represented her image of peace through portraits of influential individuals who have made an impact on world peace.

"These are people from different places and different times, of different faith, of different race, gender, ages and other characteristics. Yet, they all share one thing in common: they all found peace within themselves," said Park.

The poster features portraits of the Dalai Lama, Barack Obama, Aung San Suu Kyi, Ban Ki Moon, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Woodrow Wilson and -- a self-portrait of Park.

"The reason why I decided to draw a self-portrait in the middle of this poster is because I wanted to convey that peace begins with any regular individual, just like me and you," said Park. "We don't have to be the Dalai Lama or Mother Teresa to be creators of peace."

As the grand prize winner, Park will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 96th Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. She will be accompanied by two family members and the president of the Northridge Lions Club in California, USA, which sponsored her local contest.

"We knew Jenny's poster was special the minute we saw it," said Yasin Lakhani, president of the Northridge Lions Club and a past district governor. "This contest is just one of many programs our club is sponsoring to serve residents in our community, and because of these efforts, we are seeing more people ask how they can become Lions."

"In addition to promoting peace on a global scale, Lions utilize this contest to encourage youth to think about the people and the world around them and creatively express their feelings," said Lions Clubs Int'l President Wayne Madden.





Dog Guides on the Rick Mercer Report

THE RICK MERCER REPORT is in its 10th season with over 1.7 million Canadians tuned into Mercer weekly, and 7 million Canadians were reached over last season... that's one in five Canadians.

We are very excited to announce that Lions Foundation of Canada and its Dog Guide programs are featured on the next Rick Mercer Report! Be sure to watch next Tuesday, February 26th on CBC at 8:00 p.m, 8:30 in NL.



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