



Lions Clubs International District A-15

News Bulletin

February 2014

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District Governor 2013-2014
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"Follow Your Dream"

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Effective Speaking seeks support to ensure this year is a success

Thank you Cabinet and Lions of District A-15 for the privilege of serving and promoting this excellent Opportunities for Youth program which develops individual student growth of character and promotes the civic potential in our community.

I have had the opportunity to attend a number of Zone meetings(3) and Club meetings to share information and promote enthusiasm for this program. A BIG thank-you to the 14 Clubs who have made a generous donation to this worthwhile project.

We have reached about 48 % of our annual budgeted needs. Therefore, the financial appeal, for Clubs with some available 'Spare Cash' is still 'on-the-table'.

Fund\$ may be sent to District A-15 Treasurer: Peter Oswald, 4 Tristan Ct, Dundas, ON L9H 7G7.

District Clubs holding Effective Speaking contests include: **Fergus LC**, Feb 27th; **Guelph LC**, March 18th;

Belwood & District LC, Feb 25th; **Breslau LC**, Feb 10th.

Previous years Paris LC, Sheffield LC, St George LC, Hickson & District LC, K-W Community Spirit LC and others have *also* sent student contestants to our A-15 District Finals. Thirty-five(35) to forty(40) speech contestants are expected at our finals this March.

Volunteers are needed and welcomed for *focused* and *fun* event.

Please note the following confirmed dates & locations:

A-15 District finals will be held on Sat March 29, 2014, (8:30 for) 9:00 am start at, St George German Public School, in St George. hosted by St George LC.

The MDA finals will be held in **London**, Ontario and hosted by the St Thomas LC on Fri / Sat May 30 & 31, 2014.

Let's all spread the message and passion about this program. Some Clubs are really 'on board' by holding local contests AND contributing generously to this Opp/Youth program.

Others do their part by sending a budgeted contribution cheque to A-15 Treasurer, Peter Oswald. Every District A-15 Lion, not only those on Cabinet must 'lead the way' and show their club's commitment to this 'Opportunities for Youth' project.

Don't let our youth down.

Dedication & Teamwork in a Spirit of Service has always been District A-15's distinction.

Let's keep it up. Its great to be a part of A-15 Lions who serve our communities, our youth, & our future, in a spirit of *willingness, excellence and fun*.

In Lions service for Youth

Ernie Kaethler
A-15 Effective Speaking Chair



LIONS NOW!

(PART TWO – NEW PROGRAM)



**RENEW
YOUR
PASSION**

&

**FOLLOW
YOUR
DREAM!**



-FEBRUARY 24, 2014

-STARTS AT 7:00PM

**-MEET WITH THE
DISTRICT SERVICE
COMMITTEES AND
EXPAND YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF
CURRENT LIONS
OPPORTUNITIES
AND RESOURCES**

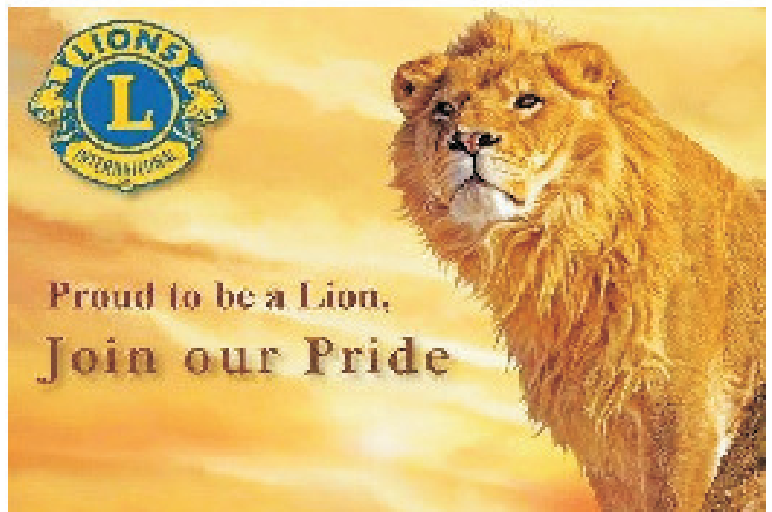
**-RECEIVE A FREE
"LIONS NOW!" DANGLE
TO GO WITH YOUR
CONVENTION PIN**

DINNER: \$10

**INNERKIP COMMUNITY CENTRE,
COUNTY RD 5, & 17TH CONC.
INNERKIP**

**CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY FEBRUARY 19TH, 2014
WITH:**

LION IAN MACFARLANE:
IAN.MACFARLANE@SYMPATICO.CA - OR - INNERKIP@A15LIONS.ORG
OR CALL: (519) 469-8276





Bulletin Contest Rules, Judging

Submitted By: Applicant Club's Bulletin Editor

Submitted To: District Bulletin Editor

Submission Deadline: Feb. 28th 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.

 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

ONLY 5 PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Still time to submit entries for Environmental Photo Contest

It's time to go through your photos and pick your submission for the Environmental Photo Contest this year. Please send your Environmental Photos to me by March 31st 2014. Please send them to: *Lion Linda Vinette, Environmental Chair, 20 Skeen St, Belwood, Ontario N0B 1J0*

The criteria for Environment Photo Contest are;
Lions from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings. The Photo must be an unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment in the following Contest categories:

8"X10" photos of Animal Wildlife, Landscapes, Plant Life & Weather Phenomenon.

I'll be happy to accept your Photos at the District Cabinet Meetings, Zone Meetings, Region Rallies & Lions Now events. I look forward to your submissions



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

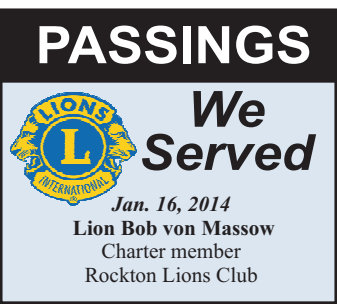


Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener



2013 Peace Poster winner from New Hamburg school

13 year-old Greg Yeoman of Forest Glen Public School in New Hamburg is the winner. The grade 8 student's quote for his poster is "Give Peace a Chance". Pictured is: Winner Greg Yeoman, and Forest Glen art teacher Michele Kleinschuck.



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.

Zone and Region Meetings

Region 9

Zone 9E | Mon, Jan 20
KW Community Spirit
Joint | Tue, Mar 18 Paris

Region 37

Zone 37S | Wed, Jan 29
Drumbo
Zone 37W | | Tue, Feb
25 Bayfield
Joint | Thu, Mar 20
Stratford

Region 51

Zone 51W | Mon, Jan
27 Woolwich Community
Joint | Tue, Mar 11 Ariss

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**A Reminder
Lions Now!
Feb. 24, 2014
at Innerkip**

**Be Proud
Serve
With Pride**



**District A-15
Convention
April 11 - 13, 2014**

CONVENTIONS

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

THE GALT / CAMBRIDGE LIONS CLUB
23rd ANNUAL CURLING BONSPIEL

at the
GALT CURLING CLUB
1610 Dunbar Road
CAMBRIDGE
SAT. FEB 22nd 2014 -- 9:30 AM

Three - 6 End Games
 \$140.00 per Team
REGISTER EARLY -- 8 TEAM LIMIT

REGISTRATION INCLUDES
 Curling, Lunch & Dinner

Send your entry and cheque to Lion Bob Rann
 105 Highman Ave.
 Cambridge, ON. N1R 3M2

OR
 PLEASE CONFIRM Entry to Bob at
pb_rann@rogers.com
 519-621-9828

and bring entry money to the bonspiel

Schedule:-
 1st Game-9:30 am to 11:00 am
 Lunch - 11:15pm to 12:00
 2nd Game-12:00 noon to 1:30
 3rd Game-2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 (Prize table)
 Dinner Approx. 4:30 pm



Ariss and District
Lions Club

Family Fun Day

Monday, February 17, 2014

Royal Distributing Athletic Performance Centre

7384 Wellington Road 30, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6J2
 519-265-7905 www.get.on.ca/fieldhouse

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission

\$5.00 per person \$20 Family of 5 (cash only)

Refreshments, Food Booth, Displays



Something for All Ages

Fun For The Entire

Proceeds to Lions Community Projects

Appeal for funds to aid infant needing heart surgery



St. Agatha & District Lions Club

1750 Erb's Road W.
 St. Agatha, ON
 N0B 2L0

Greetings fellow Lions!

My name is Betty McGuire and I'm a member of the St. Agatha Lions Club.

Thank you for allowing me to share an opportunity with you that I shared with our Club last night. An opportunity to be a "Beacon of Hope" and to serve and to make someone's not so good situation a little bit better.

Several years ago when I was working as General Manager at the Maryhill Knights of Columbus, I was drawn into a life changing experience with a young baby and that brought me to PZC Bill Kuntz and the Bridgeport Lions.

Baden is now 10 years old and doing great due to a bone marrow transplant donated by his 4 year old cousin. He is reported to be enjoying a normal life as a 10 year old should be.

The fundraiser that we did was open to the public, family and friends and we raised approximately, \$18,000 to help the family with their stay at Ronald McDonald House in Toronto. After talking to Baden's mother the cost all said and done was approx. \$62,000. I feel honored to be a part of his success.

That is why I am a Lion today and proud to be one and proud to serve and make someone's unfortunate life situation just a little bit better.

Now, I've been approached by another family and their life changing time with their soon to be born.

Chris and Jaclyn Howell originally come from Kitchener and now live in Burford. They are being faced with the birth of a new baby that has a very rare disease called Truncus Arteriosus (type 2). The baby has no right artery going into the heart as well as a hole in the heart and after surgery, he/she will have one. The baby is fine at the moment as the good blood is circulating keeping the baby alive right now.

Doctors have told them it is a very rare disease and surgery can fix the issue. Only 100 surgeries are done in a year and only Toronto Sick Kids and another location in Ohio are the places that do the surgeries.

Since the baby has to stay at Sick Kids until the surgery at about 2 weeks after the birth and approximately 4 weeks after the surgery, Chris is faced with anxiety of how he is going to pay for the stay for his wife and other 2 yr old daughter.

**\$ needed for accommodation
in U.S. @ hospital**

Family and friends are offering to prepare food for them while they stay at Ronald McDonald House to lessen the cost. It will cost approximately \$2500. Should the baby have to stay longer than the 4 weeks then the price would increase. They are hoping that there are no complications then all will be well.

Chris is the only one working at the moment. Jaclyn is a supply school teacher and has not really been able to contribute due to her condition.

With all that is going on at the moment, both are in pretty good spirits. Chris can't really upset Jaclyn at the moment with the news of not knowing how he is going to do this. He will remain at work and only go to Toronto on weekends and when the baby has surgery. Each person is being charged \$15 a night plus parking at RMH.

On January 21st, I presented our club with an opportunity to be life changers again.

Our club decided to make a donation to this family to cover some of a week's cost in Toronto over the time of the surgery and hospital stay. That's \$300. Our secretary and PRC Mike Kennedy suggested that we throw out a challenge to all Clubs to match our donation and help this family through this trying and stressful time.

Since this is time sensitive, I was hoping you could kindly email me back at:

bm McGuire202@hotmail.com or call me at 519-502-8595 should you decide to help Chris and his family.

Accepting our challenge, you can send your donation to -

St. Agatha Lions Club

Attention: Anita Ertel, Treasurer

202 Newbury Dr

Kitchener, ON

N2N 2W9

Thanks for your support and assistance in advance!

Sincerely,

Lion Betty McGuire