



# Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

February 2015

Lion Tim DeBlock  
District Governor 2014-2015  
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"A Wake in Service"

Lion Bob Rutter  
News Bulletin Editor  
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## *Feb. 28 deadline for Bulletin Contest Entries*

**Gala dinners, auctions raised \$925,000**

### **Exeter Lions mark 25 years of fundraising Conservation Dinners**

The Conservation Dinner has raised more than \$925,000 for community projects over the past quarter century.

This year marks the 25th year that volunteers from the Exeter Lions Club have co-hosted the fundraiser in partnership with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and the Conservation Dinner Committee.

The gala charity dinner and auction is to take place on Thursday, April 16 at South Huron Recreation Centre in Exeter.

Exeter Lions Club President Chris Keller said the fundraiser reflects a positive partnership and the dinner's success is thanks to generous donors, patrons, and volunteers.

"The Exeter Lions Club is proud to be a partner with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and the community volunteers on the Conservation Dinner Committee," Keller said.

"We are really looking forward to our 25th year raising funds for the community through this great event."

The fundraiser supports accessible trails; community parks; conservation areas; outdoor nature education for children and youth; commemorative woods to remember loved ones and to improve forest conditions; recreation through fish stocking and a family-friendly fishing derby.

This year's Dinner Committee Chairman is Paul Anstett, a member of the Exeter Lions Club. He said the original Conservation Dinner Committee thought the fundraising event might last a few years. Instead, it is going stronger than ever after 25 years.

Last year's Conservation Dinner raised close to \$55,000 in net proceeds for improvements in the watershed community.

"It's a really historic milestone for the Exeter Lions Club to co-host the Conservation Dinner for the 25th time,"

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### **31st annual Tree of Light**

The New Hamburg Lioness hosted their 31<sup>st</sup> annual Tree of Light campaign on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Complimentary hot dogs and apple cider were provided for our 250 guests. Over the years, we have raised over \$282,900 which has been donated back to our community. Shown in the picture is Committee Chair Lioness Reta along with the Holy Family School Choir who led our sing-a-long.

#### **DISTRICT A-15 LIONS 2014-2015 PHOTO CONTEST**

##### **Lions with Cameras**

What great picture they will take. Plan to participate in this years Environmental Photo contest with an 8X10 picture

Photo Contest official rules/entry form can be found at [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/contest\\_md\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/contest_md_entry_form.pdf)

Please mail your original Photo to me by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 or bring to the February Cabinet meeting.

Environment Chair Lion Linda Vinette  
20 Sken St., Belwood, ON N0B1J0



District A-15



## **Be Proud - Serve With Pride**

Finding New Lions: They may simply need to be asked to join

# *Roar Like A Lion!*



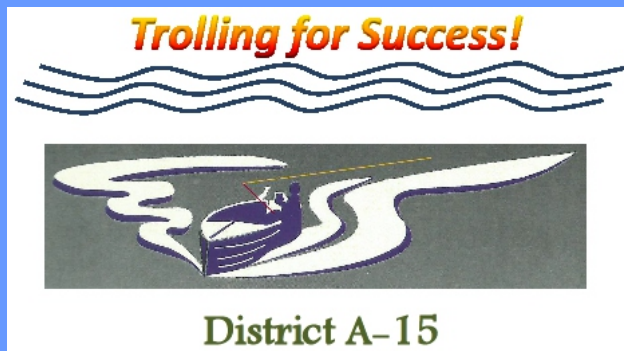


### Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Annual General Meeting

Please join us on  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015  
7:30 pm

At the  
Crowne Plaza KW  
Trillium Suite, Main Floor  
105 King Street East, Kitchener

All are welcome!



## Ahoy! Convention Ahead!



DG Tim DeBlock

## "A Wake In Service" Convention 2015

Stratford Mar 20-22

Hosted by the Monkton

Lions  Club

Arden Park Hotel

Campaign Demonstrations,  
Hospitality, Explore Dog Guides



Stories from the Wilderness of  
Service! Campfire Hootenanny!  
and much more.....

Convention Draw, Three  
Getaway Pkgs !!!



QUEEN'S INN



*March 20 - 22, 2015*

Arden Park Hotel  
Stratford

*Monkton Lions Club*







# Bulletin Contest Rules, Judging

**Submitted By:** Applicant Club's Bulletin Editor

**Submitted To:** District Bulletin Editor

**Submission Deadline:** Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (2014 – 2015)

### 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](mailto:bulletin@a15lions.org)

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

224 Tatlock Court

Waterloo, ON N2L 5Y6

**Submission Deadline – February 28, 2015.**

**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

**EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN  
FESTIVAL**



**Saturday, March 7, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m. Social Hour**  
**7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program**

ENTERTAINMENT: **Juneiyt & Ishra**  
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 Steve Bovingdon	226.929.4451	steve_bovi@hotmail.com

Come for fun and good times



## Milverton Lions Club



*Proudly Serving Our Community for 75 Years*

Celebrate with us! Save the date  
March 07, 2015  
more details to come.....

**A-15 Lions  
Roar!  
With Pride!**







Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

# A-15 Lions Pride

## Committees review underway

## District A15 Officers

Voting Cabinet directed Constitution and By-Laws and Long Range Planning Chairs to review and offer advice on the structure and responsibilities of the various A15 Cabinet Committees.

A draft document was created by Lions George Patton, Thom Herrmann, Jim Sanders and Mike Hilling and posted to the Cabinet forum for Cabinet consultation. After a number of revisions it was determined that the document would serve as a resource document to the Governor's Team when establishing the upcoming year's District Committee structure and to appointees and potential appointees to Cabinet Committee positions.

The document was circulated with suggestions for revision submitted in late January.

The final version will be announced at the Winter Cabinet Meeting and posted to our web site and made available to the Governor's team during the planning stages for the 2015/16 Lions year.

### District Governor

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St. Jacobs Lions Club  
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Club: Belwood & District Lions  
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(W) 519-578-2940  
E-mail: ipdg@a15lions.org



## Festive Gathering

The New Hamburg Lioness hosted 60 guests at our Festive Gathering for Aldaview and members of the community with a development disability. Chris Riccomini and his guide dog played Christmas Carols for all to sing and of course, the hit of the evening was Santa who presented our guests with a bag full of treats assisted by Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock, Lioness A15 District President.

## Lions Roar! With Pride

## District A-15 Bulletin Deadlines

District A-15 News Bulletins will be published each month of the 2014-2015 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.

## PASSINGS



**We Served**

Jan. 15, 2015

**Lion Norman Arthur Ollivier**  
Charter Member West Coast Lions Club,  
also Lions Clubs of  
South Porcupine, Kirkland Lake and  
Grand Bend

Jan. 7, 2015

**Lion Terry Cressman**  
Elmira Lions Club

## CONVENTION

March 20-22, 2015 - District A-15, Stratford (Monkton L.C.)  
June 26 - 30 2015 - 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Honolulu, HI



***"HOOKED ON SERVICE"***  
 District A-15 CONVENTION – March 20 – 22, 2015  
*Hosted by: Monkton Lions Club*

**Registration, Events and Accommodations**  
 Arden Park Hotel - 1144 Ontario Street  
 Stratford, ON, Canada, N5A 6Z3



	ITEM / FUNCTION	COST EACH	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.	Lion/Lioness Registration	\$17.00		
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.	Non-Member Registration	\$15.00		
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.	Leo Registration	\$10.00		
	Convention Pin	\$ 5.00		
Sat. March 21	Convention Luncheon (includes tax & gratuities)	\$16.00		
Sat. March 21	Governor's Banquet (includes tax & gratuities) (Formal or Business Attire)	\$42.00		
A MINIMUM OF ONE PAID CONVENTION REGISTRATION MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ROOM REQUEST NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE ALL REGISTRATIONS RECORDED ON THE REVERSE IN YOUR CALCULATIONS.			<b>SUBTOTAL "A" \$</b>	
ROOM TYPE	COST EACH	NIGHTS required	AMOUNT	
Queen/Double/King	Per Night <b>\$140.00</b> (including taxes) Includes 2 FULL Breakfasts	Fri. _____ Sat. _____		
Hospitality (only 8 rooms available)	<b>\$150.00</b> Per Night (Please Register under a Lion's name) (Taxes included)	Fri. only _____		
			<b>SUBTOTAL "B"</b>	\$
			<b>TOTAL "A" + "B"</b>	\$

**Additional Information:**

- ☐ New member since April 2014  
☐ A-15 Convention First Timer  
☐ PDG / PCC / PID / Out-of-District

**Special Requests:** (Please give details)

☐ Vegetarian/special meal : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Display area required : \_\_\_\_\_

Lion/Lioness/Leo: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Date Received	
No. of Persons	
Confirmation Sent	
Room #	

A-15 makes  
waves



Leaves service  
in its wake





Milverton Lions Chief Joe Phelan and Lion Bill Westman with award

## Milverton Lions

# Award honours Lion and Lions founder

At the Jan. 8 Milverton Lions meeting (75 years to the day of our charter date) a small celebration was held in honour of the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.

There was no better way to celebrate our founding father, whose birthday was Jan. 13, 1879, than to present an award named in his honour.

Lion Bill Westman, pictured with Club President Lion Joel Phelan, received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

Lion Bill has been a member of the Milverton Lions since 1983. In his 32 years of service he has given many hours to serving the club and to other organizations in the community including the Milverton Agricultural Society and Knollcrest Lodge.

# A need for donations to aid Youth program

Fellow LIONS of A15;

About one month ago you received a message *below*...

This is a brief but important update:

\* we have reached ONLY 40% of the minimum required budget for this valuable program for the 2014 - 2015 year.

A **reminder** to those A-15 Clubs who do NOT have

this important Opportunities for Youth program on their budget horizon. Can you not spare \$100 - a bit more or a bit less - as you are able to support this investment in our Youth program?

**Thank-you** to those Clubs who have responded with a 2014 -15 donation: Ariss, Woolwich Comm., St Jacobs, Fergus, St Marys, Thamesford & Elmira Lions Clubs.

The dates given below ARE accurate. The **location** of the MDA Effective Speaking Finals is in St. Catharines at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 370 Ontario St. hosted by District A-2 Fenwick & Fonthill Lions Clubs.

In Lions Service for Youth,

Lion Ernie Kaethler

## Raising Funds for 25 Years

# St. Marys Lions Easter Bunny Sale on NOW!

The St. Marys Lions Club are, once again, selling Chocolate Easter Bunnies to Lions Clubs to be re-sold to the public as a fund raiser for a Club Service Project.

The St. Marys Lions Club has been doing this for over 25 years and some Clubs have found this to be a great way to generate funds.

This year Easter Sunday is April 5th 2015, so we need to have your order by February 7th, in order to deliver to you by February 20th.

The cost to you this year is the same as last year, \$58.00 for a case of 24 bunnies.

We ask you to have a cheque dated April 6, 2015 ready for us to pick up when we deliver your order.

No returns are allowed and the minimum order is 5 cases.

**This year, please email your order to Lion Dr. Jim Loucks:**

jhloucks@rogers.com

or phone [1-519-284-2364](tel:1-519-284-2364) prior to February 7th.

24 Milk Chocolate Bunnies ..... cases

24 Diabetic Bunnies..... cases

Total Cases..... cases @ \$58.00/ea. =

In the past we have suggested the selling price to be \$3.50 or 3.75 or 4.00 each

But this is your choice.

We look forward to hearing from you if we can be of service to you.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Dr. Jim Loucks PDG

11 Oakwood Court, Box 1027, St. Marys, Ontario N4X 1B7

## THE GALT / CAMBRIDGE LIONS CLUB 24th ANNUAL CURLING BONSPIEL

at the  
**GALT CURLING CLUB**  
1610 Dunbar Road  
CAMBRIDGE

**SAT. FEB 28th 2015 - 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](mailto:pb_rann@rogers.com)  
519-621-9828

and bring entry money to the bonspiel

**Scheduler-**  
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

## THAMESFORD LIONS

# Week of Service Project

### Christmas Tree Pick Up

The Thamesford Lions participation in the world wide week of service was an environmental project where we collected discarded Christmas Trees for recycling into garden mulch. Unfortunately the heavy snow and ice left many of the trees firmly attached to curbside snow banks.

At one house Lion Jim G could not budge this little tree from the snow bank. Now he is kind of short and lifting trees is not in the call of duty for a retired banker but. . .

... the Thamesford Lions being resourceful, managed to round up a Ford truck and a logging chain which made short work of the stubborn trees. On second thought Lion Tony W might need to redo some of his landscaping. Some trees had roots!!



## Conservation Dinners a success for Quarter Century

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Anstett said.

Exeter Lions have volunteered thousands of hours over the past quarter of a century.

"We have enjoyed our partnership with the Conservation Foundation and the community. We are constantly amazed at the generosity of the people who support the Conservation Dinner."

A special guest from Lions International is to attend this year's Conservation Dinner in recognition of the local club's efforts.

Bob Tanner, of Petrolia, Council Chair of Multiple District A, is planning to attend along with his wife, Lion Gail Tanner, to extend greetings on from Lions International, Multiple District A, and District A-15.

Tickets for the gala charitable dinner and auction are \$65 each.

Patrons receive a charitable gift receipt for income tax purposes on a portion of that amount.

To purchase a ticket or to donate, phone 519-235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or email [info@abca.on.ca](mailto:info@abca.on.ca). For information visit [abca.on.ca](http://abca.on.ca) or [conservationdinner.com](http://conservationdinner.com).

The gala features live and silent auctions of art and other distinctive items including travel packages and sports and entertainment memorabilia.

This event was started in 1990 and the Exeter Lions Club joined as co-partner in 1991. Net profits are split between conservation projects of the Foundation and conservation projects of the Exeter Lions Club. Local businesses and individual donors provide more than 250 donations to the dinner. The gala sells out almost every year. Last