



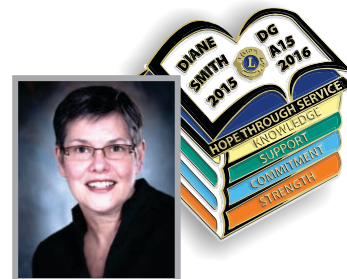
# Lions Clubs International

## District A-15

### News Bulletin

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## Where There's A Need, There's a Lion



I want you to get excited about the title you have just read! This is the compelling motto for the Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) which is an initiative to celebrate Lions' 100 years of service. The challenge to all clubs is to participate in four campaigns aimed at helping 100 million

people worldwide by June 2018. They are:



Engaging our  
**YOUTH**  
Serving 25 Million People



Sharing the  
**VISION**  
Serving 25 Million People



Relieving the  
**HUNGER**  
Serving 25 Million People



Protecting our  
**ENVIRONMENT**  
Serving 25 Million People

We are well on our way to reaching this goal. I ask each club in the District to report activities on the MyLCI website. Clubs can earn a special Centennial Service Challenge Banner patch based on the number and type of service projects hosted during each fiscal year of the four-year service challenge ( June 2014-June 2018).

This is a wonderful opportunity for each club to reach out to those in need not only in our communities but globally as well.

Visit [lions100.lionsclubs.org](http://lions100.lionsclubs.org) and **GET EXCITED** about the possibilities!

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Diane

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*Roar Like A Lion!*



**-Be Proud-  
- Serve With Pride-**  
Finding New Lions:  
The may simply need to  
be asked to join



## LIONS CLUB OF KITCHENER



At the City of Kitchener's Inaugural City Builder Awards presentation on January 25 2016, Kitchener Mayor Berry Vrbanovic presented PDG Mike Hilling with the Mayor's City Builder Award. In his remarks Mayor Vrbanovic read the following:

"The Lions Club of Kitchener has been serving our community since 1937. One of numerous service clubs in our community, its' 65 members not only continue our annual traditions of the KW Santa Claus Parade and the KW Citizen of the Year award, but they also support a variety of community initiatives including the Children's Safety Village and the Dog Guide program. They also were generous contributors to the Kitchener Lions Community arena and the much beloved reflecting pool and skating rink in Carl Zehr Square at Kitchener City Hall."

In her submission Ann Whittle, who nominated the Lions Club of Kitchener says, "for 78 years, the Lions Club of Kitchener has been contributing to the achievements and success of the City of Kitchener by partnering with the City on joint ventures as well as giving to individuals and groups in need. The reflecting pool in front of City Hall has been a place where the citizens of Kitchener can come to reflect, relax, read, people watch, skate in the winter and just enjoy our great city. Through their efforts and contributions, the Lions Club has made a positive impact on youth, seniors and all citizens of the City of Kitchener."



## A15 PEACE POSTER CONTEST



**Lydia Wilson won this year's Peace Poster Contest as was the overall winner for MD "A". She won last year's contest as well. She goes to Park Manor School in Elmira and is the daughter of PCC Lion Todd Wilson and Lynda Wilson. She was sponsored by the Elmira Lions Club. Pictured is her winning entry and Lion Janet Dawson Brock, Peace Poster Chair, making the presentation.**

## ELMIRA LIONS



**Elmira Lions hosted a Kid's Night recently, shown here is D.G. Diane Smith a.k.a. "The Cat in the Hat" reading to the children.**





## LYNDEN LIONS



Four Lions were recognized at a recent Lynden Lions Meeting. Lions Amanda Renton, Rosie Brooks, Eldon Mannen and Jack Brooks (from left to right) received perfect attendance awards for the 2014-2015 year. All have contributed significantly to the club as well as showing their dedication by their attendance. It is Lions such as these who keep our club healthy and active.



## FREELTON LIONS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

### *THE FREELTON LIONS CLUB*

*Will be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and would like you  
to join us for dinner*

**Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club  
10 Woodley's Lane  
Dundas, Ontario**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>@6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Dinner:</b>	<b>@7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tickets</b>	<b>\$50.00 per person</b>

*Guest Speaker    District Historian Ray Charbonneau  
M.C.                    Region 25 Chair, Lion Rick Mallon*

*Tickets can be obtained by sending a cheque to the address above or by  
contacting Lion Teri Cook at [jcook31@sympatico.ca](mailto:jcook31@sympatico.ca) or 905-659-0055.  
RSVP Deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.*





## ***DISTRICT A-15 VISION AND HEARING SCREENING***

*I have been very privileged to complete another successful and rewarding year helping with the District A15 Vision and Hearing Screening Program in Cambridge Public Schools. I was even more excited when this was a featured event at our recent Cabinet Meeting on Feb. 9th. Dr. Daphne Maurer from McMaster University spoke on how important it is to keep this program going in our schools.*

*Lion Richard Green organizes the Monday and Tuesday screening programs. Along with other members and wives of the Galt- Cambridge Lions, we all give our time willingly for the welfare of the young JK and SK children. It is a happy morning! The children make you smile! We are alerting their parents for any early vision and hearing problems. It is then up to the parents to get their children to an Optometrist.*

*Students screened for Vision for 2015-2016 is 1521 with 265 referred = 17%  
Students screened for Hearing for 2015-2016 is 1566 with 120 referred = 8%*

***DON'T THESE FIGURES MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE?***

***Lion Marg de Boer - Cambridge Highlands Lions***



**Lion Jim Harris & wife Peggy, Lion Richard Green,  
Lion Ted Strepel with wife Marlene and Lion Marg de Boer**



**Lion Marg de Boer - Vision Screening**



**Lion Jim Harris & wife Peggy  
Hearing Screening**



# GIFT OF LIFE



**A**pril is Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness month. It is the single most important time of the year for raising awareness of the need for organ and tissue needs among the public.

Lions in MDA have partnered with Trillium Gift of Life Network to promote registrations for potential donors in Ontario. As part of the campaign to raise awareness, MDA and Trillium are seeking to raise the BeADonor flag in as many communities across Ontario as possible.

While the goal is 100 per cent involvement, that may not be realistic, but every effort will be made.

Flags will be distributed to clubs in Region 9 and Region 51. Grand Bend and Bayfield clubs which will receive a delivery of Gift of Life materials and will a flag delivered from Trillium. Attempts to get other flags to Region 37 during the lead up to April will be completed. All clubs are encouraged to approach your local councils, or seek permission to raise the flag within their village and towns if they are a part of a larger municipality.

For Trillium to coordinate the flag raisings across the province and to avoid conflicts with other advocate groups who may be seeking the same flag raisings, Trillium needs names, addresses, communities and contact details. When flags are distributed the available information will be collected and sent on to Trillium.

If there are any questions contact Lion Bob Rutter, Coordinator at [giftoflife@a15lions.org](mailto:giftoflife@a15lions.org).





# St. George Lions



**Lions Quest  
Canada**  
The Centre for Positive Youth Development

At our January 27<sup>th</sup>  
meeting we were  
fortunate to have  
Lion Joanne

McQuiggan, Executive Director of Lions Quest Canada, speak to our membership. Lion Joanne, a from the K-W Community Spirit club has deep roots in St. George. Her grandfather Lion W.D. Taylor was our charter president and her father Lion Bob Taylor was Club President in our 25<sup>th</sup> year. Lions Quest's mission is to foster the positive potential in all young people. Joanne related real life stories about the impact our everyday actions can have on young people.

You can check out the Lions Quest Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/LionsQuestCanada/?fref=ts>

The website for Lions Quest Canada is ☐  
<http://www.lionsquest.ca>



## **Our Own Good Samaritan**



**Lion Barry shoveling fill into the wheelbarrow**

Our very own Lion Barry Ames joined a group from First United Church in Cambridge on a trip to the Dominican Republic. It was not an ordinary trip south. Barry and the rest of the crew worked with The Samaritan Foundation to build a home that will house those who are struggling with addictions. They also took school supplies, clothing and food to the poorest of the poor. We are super proud of Barry!

<http://www.thesamaritanfoundationdr.com>





# St. George Lions



Our club continues to grow. On Jan. 13 we inducted two new members sponsored by Lion Lyle Fair. Shawn Trimble and Debbie Boakes are our newest members. They have helped out at functions already, even before they were officially members. We are so pleased to welcome them into our club.



**St. George  
Lions**



**Men's BBQ**

**Bar Open 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

**Join Us!**

## **Food, Prizes, 50/50**

Join us for our annual BBQ. Tickets are \$40.00 each and available from any Lions Club member. Tickets are always at a premium so get yours early. 10 oz. steak, potato and salads. Full tables of 8 can be reserved.



## EXETER LIONESS CLUB



In December 2015, 11 new members joined the club, a great accomplishment! Front row – Lioness President Laurie Dykstra, Past District Governor Lion Bill Carson who did the induction ceremony and 2nd vice-president Louise Pincombe.



Exeter Lioness members danced and appeared in a local show, **“Taking the Back Road”**. The proceeds were shared between the Exeter Lioness and the South Huron Optimists for their charitable initiatives. From all reports they put on a great show.





## DRUMBO LIONS

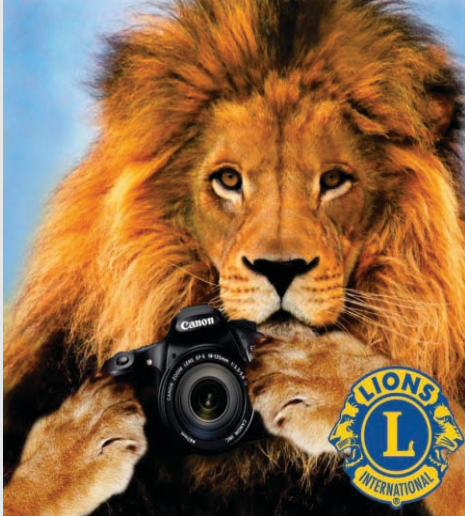


The Drumbo Lions are working hard this year, they are directing a great deal of effort into supporting their community by raising funds for a new project, the Blandford Blenheim's first Splash Pad. The committee for the Pad held its first meeting this month(February). They are in the initial stages of the fund-raising for this project and there are many events and activities to come.

They are an Elimination Draw with the aid of the Drumbo Heritage Society on Saturday February 27, 2016. All the proceeds are to go to the Splash Pad Project. In March of 2016 the Lions will be hosting two events. One of which is their annual auction on Friday March 25 and Saturday March 26. They are also hosting an Easter egg hunt. Last year they invited the dog guides and their children handlers for the hunt and it was such a good event the dog guides are returning. Last year there was over 300 hundred visitors with grand prizes for some of our lucky participants. The Easter Bunny along with the Blandford Blenheim Fire Department will be coming along for the ride again this year.



## **DISTRICT A-15 LIONS 2015-2016 PHOTO CONTEST**



### **Lions with Cameras**

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

Criteria is an 8X10 picture of your immediate surroundings of  
Animal life, Plant life, Urban or natural landscape, or Weather  
phenomenon

Please mail your original  
photo to Environment Chair

by April 20th  
Lion Linda Vinette  
20 Skeen St.,  
Belwood, ON  
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**PASSING**  
February 15th 2016  
**Lion Sandra Robinson**  
Hillsburgh & District Lions  
“She Served”



**PASSING**  
February 24th 2016  
**Lion Larry McClelland**  
St. Marys Lions  
“He Served”

## District A-15 Convention 2016

# HOPE Through Service

Join us at the Elmira Lions Hall  
Hospitality  
Campaign Demonstrations  
and a variety of

**Exhilarating Entertainment**

Hosted by  
**Woolwich Community Lions Club  
Lions Club of Elmira**

Accommodations at  
**Courtyard Marriott, St. Jacobs**  
*Contact: [convhost@a15lions.org](mailto:convhost@a15lions.org)*

Friday, April 29th - Sunday, May 1st



Registration Form on A15 web site.....

# District A-15 Convention 2016

## Entertainment

### **Craig Douglas — Kinetic, Frenetic Comedian**

Craig is a professional comedian, juggler and dad. For more than 20 years he has been thrilling audiences across Canada and around the world. Onstage, his boundless enthusiasm is contagious and he quickly has audiences roaring with laughter. Whether you've seen his show once or dozens of times, his spontaneous energy and interaction with the audience makes for a thrilling experience every time.



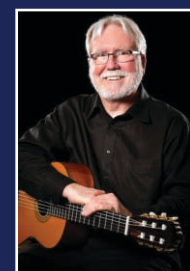
### **The Blazing Fiddles — Je Taylor, Brielle Goheen, Adam Poot, Chris Kettlewell**

The Blazing Fiddles are known for their high energy and versatility when it comes to playing a variety of musical styles. From classical and fiddle, to show tunes and jazz, this show is truly entertaining.



### **Bob MacLean — Guitarist - Music To Nourish The Soul**

Bob MacLean is an Event Guitarist, Celtic/Classical Guitarist & Folksinger with roots in Cape Breton (Glace Bay) and Quebec. He's been playing guitar for as long as he can remember and his interest and passion for the guitar have only grown over the years. His passion led him to McGill and Western where he graduated in music education and classical guitar.



### **Cowboy Up — Larry Lesperance, Holly Hope and the Band**

From their first performance at our "Grease" event in June of 2012 Larry, Holly and the Band have consistently and energetically supported our clubs and our community. They have kept the crowds rocking at our Classic Car Show and Drive-A-Ford Events and entertained all ages at our Family Chicken BBQ. Life is Good!

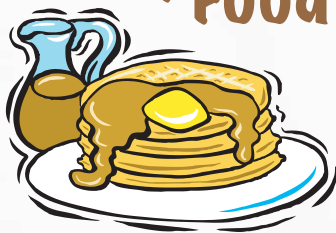




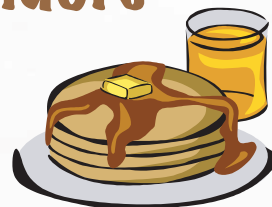
# PARIS LIONS CLUB Maple Syrup FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 9, 2016  
7:00 am to 3:00 pm  
on Grand River St. N., Paris  
(between William St. and Mechanic St.)

- Pancakes with REAL Maple Syrup
- Breakfast Sausages
- Food and Craft Vendors



**We Serve**



Call Andrea 519-771-0886  
for more information  
[maplesyrupfestival@parislions.ca](mailto:maplesyrupfestival@parislions.ca)  
[parislions.ca](http://parislions.ca)

Event supported by County of Brant and local BIA. Grand River St. N. will be closed from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**The FERGUS LIONS CLUB**  
**invites the members of our Lions family**



To flex your culinary muscles in our 3rd annual

**“The Grand”**  
**Chef Challenge**  
**Thursday, March 31, 2016**  
**7 p.m.**

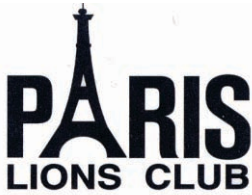
**Masonic Hall**  
**310 St. Andrew Street East • FERGUS**

A FUN night of fellowship and competition ...  
where “Chopped” meets “Survivor” and teams are given  
mystery ingredients to tempt our judges with tasty treats!

**Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams ...**  
**The Fergus Lions Club will donate**  
**\$300 and \$200 respectively to a**  
**Lions project of your choice!**

A win-win situation ... except for the waistlines  
and possibly the palates of the judges!

**~ \$20 per each 2-person team ~**  
**~ Register early due to space limitations ~**  
**Contact Lion Norma J Peterson at**  
**[leadtheway@wightman.ca](mailto:leadtheway@wightman.ca) or 519-843-7204**  
**by Thursday, March 24, 2016!**



## *85th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*



### PARIS LIONS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
OUR 85th ANNIVERSARY

on

Saturday, March 12, 2016

Social 6:00 p.m.— Dinner 7:00 p.m.

at

**Paris Agricultural Society**  
139 Silver Street, Paris, Ontario

**\$25.00 Per Person**

**RSVP by March 1, 2016**

**Lion Ted Bickell - (519) 442-7002**  
**paris@a15Lions.org**

Make cheques payable to  
The Lions Club of Paris  
P.O. Box 123  
Paris, Ontario  
N3L 3E7

**Paris Lions** spearheaded the build of the **Walter Williams Amphitheater**, in **Paris Lions Park**, which was completed in 2015.





27<sup>th</sup>

## Conservation Dinner

*Come celebrate this community success story with us!*

**Thursday, April 14th, 2016**

**South Huron Recreation Centre • Exeter, Ontario**

**\$65.00 per person**

You will receive a gift receipt for income tax purposes for a portion of that amount.

Gala Dinner, auction of fine art, sports and entertainment memorabilia,  
travel, jewellery and more!

Live Auction - Silent Auction - Special Raffles - General Raffles - Door Prizes

Feature Artists - Special Guests - Complimentary Wine Tasting Ticket

Enjoy Good Friends, Good food and Make a Difference to Your Community

To get your ticket or to donate call 519-235-2610 or toll free 1-888-286-2610  
email [info@abca.on.ca](mailto:info@abca.on.ca)

Support accessible trails, conservation education, parks and recreation and more!

The Conservation Committee would like to thank donors and businesses,  
patrons and guest, volunteers and visual and musical artists for their generosity  
which has made these community projects possible.



Exeter Lions Club



Ausable Bayfield  
Conservation Foundation



Ausable Bayfield  
Conservation Authority



# *Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club*



Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
Heritage Park Community Centre  
58 St Charles St E, Maryhill  
Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm **\$18 pp**

Entertainment  
Renowned TV Celebrity



Reserve tickets by  
April 5th  
Contact Lion Pat Kurtz  
519 836 8466  
[kurtzjpjk@explornet.com](mailto:kurtzjpjk@explornet.com)  
Or mail to  
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