# THE A15 TIMES



# Lion Charlene Dwyer, District Governor Lion Gerry Haliburton, Editor

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Happy February!

Since the start of the year our Clubs in District A15 have been very busy with their service projects in their local communities. It has been a very good start to the year for our great District.

We are now on the plus side of the page for membership but we still have work to do in the retention of members in our Clubs. Our **Global Action Team leaders** are here for your Clubs to assist with whatever you may need, please call upon us to help, the more your Club succeeds the more people in need we can reach together!

I was truly honoured to induct the new KW LEO Club members and celebrate their charter. What an amazing group of young people who are excited to share our service with their own ideas and plans! Congratulations to the Lions Club of Kitchener as the KW LEO Club sponsor.

This is the time of year once again when clubs begin to plan for the next year's Club Executive. We do hope that all Lions, Lioness and LEOs looking to experience learning within the components of Membership, Service, and Leadership plan to attend our Lions Learning Seminars, Sunday, April 29th from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Wilmot Recreation Complex in New Hamburg. More information will follow soon.

Our team is continuing to seek candidates for the District positions of Region 51 Chair, Zone Chair 51 West, Zone 9 South, Zone 9 East.

We are excited in planning our **District A15 Convention, April 13-15, 2018** held at the Holiday Inn, Scottsdale Avenue in Guelph. The committee has planned many great events for you to enjoy. We will also have 2 Service Projects with Eyeglass Sorting and Packing as well as a Diabetes Strides Walk. Information and registration can be found on our A15 Website.

Congratulations to all of our Clubs who have earned the Lions International Centennial Service Challenge banner patches, as well as the Legacy Project banner patches. Well done A15!

We send our thoughts and prayers to those affected by the flooding in the Brantford and surrounding areas. Our team worked quickly together to acquire a \$10,000 (CD) Emergency LCIF grant to assist those affected. This is a wonderful example of how our donations to LCIF assist those in need, especially right here in our own neighbourhoods.

It is truly amazing how quickly our time is flying by this year, I am loving every minute of it and if there is anything at all that our team can do for you, please do not hesitate to reach out. I do hope to see many of you at our A15 Convention! Always remember, <u>Kindness Matters</u>..... I am honoured to serve with you, our Lions, Lioness and LEOs!

Lion Char Dwyer
District Governor A15





# **Friday Evening**

Opening ceremonies & hospitality rooms. Spend time with our International Guest Lions International Director For Canada Lion Tom Gordon & his wife Lion Gillian!

# **Saturday**

Luncheon with special guest entertainment followed by Eyeglass Service Project & Diabetes Strides Walk!

# **Saturday Evening**



A full program will be available online closer to Convention

# ON THE ROAD OF SERVICE 2018 DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION

APRIL 13TH - 15TH

Holiday Inn Guelph 601 Scottsdale Dr. Guelph, ON

Service, Fun, Fellowship & District Committee displays, meet some LEO's & Lioness! Save the date!!





Hosted by: Guelph Lions Club & Guelph



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Complete one registration form per person.

If paying for multiple registrants with one cheque, staple forms together with cheque.

Make cheques payable to: Lions District A-15 Convention

Mail to: Convention Treasurer c/o Dawn Elliott, 36 Ottawa Cres. Guelph, ON N1E 2A6

New Lion Since March 2017 A – 15 Convention First Timer District: Club:	Pre-Registration Deadline: March 15, 2018		
Lion Lioness Leo Guest	Past _	Present	
Name:Badge f	Name:		
Address: City:			
Postal Code: Phone Number: _(_ e-mail:	)		
Item/Function	Cost	Amount	
Lion/Lioness Registration	\$17.00		
Non Lion Registration	\$15.00		
Leo Registration	\$10.00		
Convention Pin	\$5.00 X		
Raffle Tickets: 1. Beer Cooler 2. Wine Cooler 3. Luggage Set 4. Night/Breakfast at Holiday Inn	\$5.00 X		
Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> – Convention Luncheon	\$25.00		
Saturday, April 14 <sup>th</sup> - Governor's Banquet	\$45.00		
Business Attire- includes wine and cheese reception			
Business Attire- includes wine and cheese reception  Hospitality Suite –full payment required with registration	\$150.00		

Guests are to make their own reservations directly by calling the Holiday Inn office at 519-836-0231 and mention they are with the Lions District A 15 convention or use the three letter code LIO to get the special room rate of \$124.99 Can. Plus 13% HST (tax subject to change) Limited number of rooms available until March 15,2018 at this special rate so book early.

Vendor/Display table available by donation –contact Convention committee to reserve Email <a href="mailto:convhost@15lions.org">convhost@15lions.org</a> or phone Lion Russ at 519-780-1112

Committee Use ONLY	Date	Cheque	Amount:	Confirmation
	Rec'd:	Number:		Sent:

# LIONS DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION RAFFLE – APRIL 13-15, 2018

# ..... YOU COULD WIN ONE OF THESE 4 FABULOUS PRIZES .....





(ABOVE, R-L - LIONS BEER FRIDGE w/LIGHTED DOOR PANEL, GUELPH HOLIDAY INN ONE NIGHT/BRUNCH PACKAGE FOR TWO)

(BELOW, R-L - DELUXE 3-PIECE LUGGAGE SET, LIONS WINE COOLER w/LIGHTED DOOR PANEL)





# On The Road Of Service Convention Service ProjectEyeglass Recycling



Clubs are encouraged to please bring their collected eyeglasses to the District A15 Convention for the Service Project on Saturday afternoon following the luncheon. Eyeglass will be sorted and packed for distribution



# Join us in the fight against diabetes.



Walk in Strides at the District A15 Lions Convention in Guelph along with members of the Lions Clubs their friends and families in support of



Saturday, April 14th

Grab your pledge form NOW! (2.5km and 5km route)

For more information, call Rick Bell 519-456-3065 or Denis Vinette 226-343-0261



# Official Lions Strides Walk (2.5km and 5km route)

Walk in Strides at the District A15 Lions Convention in Guelph along with members of the Lions Clubs, their friends and

Participant Name: Number:	Phone
Please sign the back of any che ues made out in your name.	mail:
Please only include donors for whom you are currently submitting funds vent:	Date of
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Donations over 15 with a valid mailing address will receive a tax receipt for income tax purposes

If a donation is under 15 a receipt will be issued only if re uested by the donor and only if a valid mailing address is provided

Piease do not mail cash - che ues money orders credit card information is accepted in piace of cash

#### \*PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE CREDIT CARD NUMBERS ON THIS FORM - USE SEPARATE CREDIT

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John	1234 Main Toronto, ON	123-456-7890	john gmail.	com <b>\$100.0</b>		Yes
	Fundraising Money/Miscellaneous		ns not Pledges			



# WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO AND WE CAN DO IT!!! LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

District A-15 Governor's Project



# LIONS HISTORY PROJECT

#### **GUELPH LIONS TV BINGO**

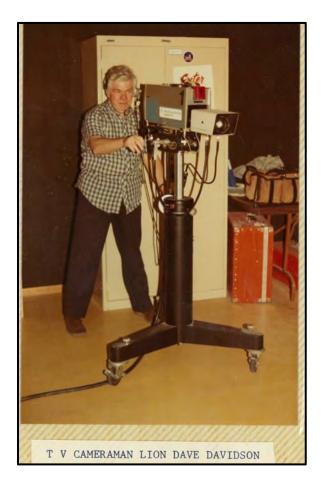
(below paragraph from 1967 Guelph Lions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mercury feature )

"The Guelph Lions Club, which formed in 1943, under first club president Edward Hathaway, originated radio bingo, a novel fundraising project which later proved attractive to other Lions clubs in southwest Ontario. Radio bingos however, proved somewhat unattractive to area ministers; thus the program was abandoned when the CBC concurred with the ministers and put the radio bingo program off the air. Nonetheless, the program served the useful purpose of promoting the good work of the clubs and bringing their aims and objectives before the public."

In the early 1970s, the Guelph Lions Club initiated television bingo, which they still administer today.

One of the early television bingo announcers was Lion Rick Bishop, a mechanical engineer and Conestoga College teacher. He was many people's favorite announcer, and known for his favorite number "B4" and "not before". At that time, Lions TV Bingo was aired Tuesday evenings on Cable 8, and weekly prizes ranged between \$25 and \$100.







Currently, seven other Clubs in District A-15 sell Lions TV Bingo tickets in local grocery and convenience stores, under the umbrella of the Guelph Lions Club. Today, Lions TV Bingo is broadcast on Rogers Cable 20, Wednesday evenings; and the Guelph Lions operate the program out of the Rogers studio in Kitchener. Announcer Lion Dave Lamble entertains viewers with many interesting historical facts and the local Lions current activities and events. As a fundraiser, it has enabled the participating Clubs to support their communities in many ways over the years.

# **DON'T MISS THIS ONE**





JOINT ZONE MEETING for REGION 51
On Thurs. March 8<sup>th</sup>
at Paradise&District Lions Club
St. Clements Community Centre,
1 Green St.

Social time at 6:30, Dinner at 7pm price \$ 20pp Guest Speaker, GLT Dennis Lougheed topic-Leadership

Please advise ZC Linda Vinette by Fri. Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Meal Count

Phone 226-343-0261 or email zc51e@a15lions.org

#### CHARTER PRESENTED TO KW LEO CLUB

International Director Tom Gordon and DG Charlene Dwyer presenting LEO Club Charter to President Duru Uluk. Induction of members and installation of officers was held on February 5th.





Right: A group photo including Waterloo Mayor Dave Jaworsky and Kitchener Lions Club President Brett Wilkinson.

#### FROM DG CHARLENE via email:

Lions, Lioness and LEOS:

District A15 is proud to present to you the newest LEO Club....the KW LEO Club sponsored by the Lions Club of Kitchener.

Last night the Charter Night was hosted by the Lions Club of Kitchener and directed by PDG Lion OJ Wilura and the members of the Club. We had the pleasure of having our Canadian Lions International Director Lion Tom Gordon and his lovely wife Lion Gillian join us as well as the Mayor for Waterloo Dave Jaworsky and his wife, A15 District Cabinet officers, as well as members of the Clubs from our great District.

We welcome 19 very enthusiastic youth to our Lions family and we are looking forward to their progress and service.

These young men and women bring an enthusiasm and zest for service to our Lions family here in A15! Well done!

Leadership, Experience, Opportunity!





## OKTOBERFEST LIONS BUS TRIP TO A TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME

# TORONTO BLUE JAYS VS

# **NEW YORK YANKEES**

**DATE: MARCH 31 2018** 

PRICE: \$95.00

SEATS ARE LOCATED: 200 LEVEL OUTFIELD, SECTION 238L ALONG
THE 3RD BASE LINE
DEPARTURE TIME IS 1:30 PM SHARP

BUS WILL BE LEAVING FROM LYLE HALLMAN POOL PARKING LOT 600 HERITAGE DRIVE, KITCHENER

THE BUS WILL BE RETURNING TO KITCHENER A HALF HOUR AFTER
THE COMPLETION OF THE GAME

FOR TICKETS CALL LARRY: 519-581-7388

NO RESERVATIONS



A CLUB FUND RAISING ACTIVITY

# **2018 CONVENTION – COMMITTEE DISPLAYS**

All District A-15 Committee Chairpersons are invited to have a display at the Convention.

All displays by District A-15 Committees and Lion-related Projects will be free.

Your displays will be showcased around the perimeter of the <u>Oakwood</u> <u>Ballroom</u>.

All displays may be on hand from <u>Friday afternoon 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm</u>, <u>And</u>

on Saturday 9:00 am until noon; after which time they will need to be taken down, to enable space for activities following the luncheon.

All interested committee chairs, please forward your intention to the Convention Host Committee at convhost@a15lions.org; or call Lion Russ Dwyer at 519-780-1112, as early as possible, in order to ensure your space. This

information is also mentioned near the bottom of your registration form.

We hope to see a great variety of displays for the Lions enjoyment!

Yours truly,
Lion Nancy Ransom
District A-15 2018 Convention Co-Chair

#### SELECTIONS FROM THE BULLETINS SUBMITTED

Lions Club of Elmira



LIONS CLUB OF ELMIRA P.O Box 332 Elmira, Ontario N3B 2Z7

Three older gentlemen were sitting around the pub and exchanging stories about the accomplishments of their ancestors.

The first man bragged that his grandfather was the first person in his town to own an automobile.

The second man attempted to up him by bragging that his grandfather had received the Victoria Cross for his service in the First World War.

The two looked at the third man for his contribution whereupon he said "Well, I can't think of anything off-hand, but I know that were my grandfather alive today, he would be the most famous man in the world".

The other two looked at him and enquired why this would be so.

"Simple" said the third man, "he'd be 136 years old".

#### RECENT EVENTS:

The **first bingo of 2018** was held on **Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**. There was no partner for this bingo which means all proceeds raised will go to the club. There were 7 people in attendance. **Crew Chief Chris Blott** would like to thank **Lions Bert Martin, Dan DeCosta, Terry Wilkinson, Mike Mayne, Rodney Martin** and **Todd Wilson** for their help.

Our club's bingo was recently awarded the **Favourite Bingo Hall in Waterloo Region and Guelph** in the **Waterloo Region Record 2017 Record Reader Awards.** What an accolade! Well done to **Lions Rodney Martin** and **Bert Martin** for all their hard work in starting our clubs Bingo six years ago and to their dedication

for seeing it through the tough first years. Bingo would have never happened were it not for your commitment

and perseverance.

Thank you to Rodney (who has missed only three Bingo events over the years), **Lions Chris Blott** and **Todd Wilson** for keeping the Bingo going and maintaining that success.

And thank you also to those Lions who have come out and worked the bingos, some of you many, many times. Bingo could not exist let alone succeed without you.



December 2 2017

To all the members of the Elmira Lions Club

I like to take this time to say a big THANK YOU for the gift of my service dog from the Lions foundation of Canada school in Oakville. My vision dog Yakira is a blessing. I am so grateful for your help in making my life complete again. I have gained back my independance and now walk with my head up in confidence. there are no words to completey describe what it is like to have a service dog.. The bonding with Yakira has been great we are now a close knit team. Yakira brings me joy and gives me love and understanding.. I will treasure her and take care of her. I still have some vision left and going forward when i no longer have vision i know i have Yakira to guide me .

Thank you again for this wonderful gift of independance. Feel free to contact me . I did not have the chance to say thank you in person I am so grateful for your act of kindness.

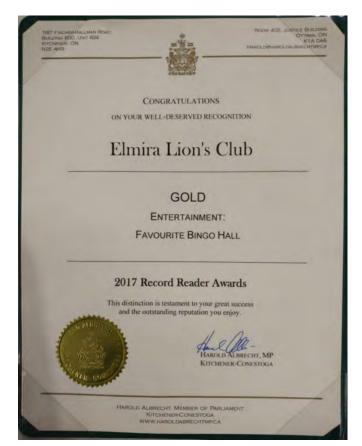
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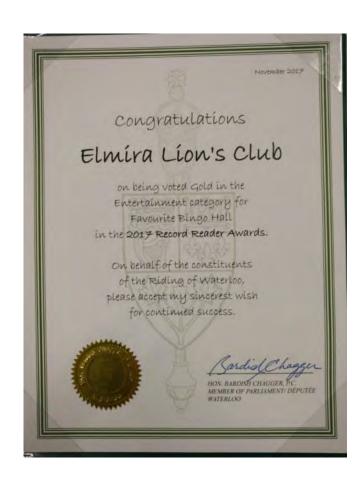
Linda Baker/

32-91 Avonwood drive Stratford Ont N4Z 1B2

phone # 226-921-6540







Please be careful in the winter.

Sometimes animals snuggle close to warm cars for the heat.

Make sure you check around in case one is hiding





In case you were not aware, there is a blood donor clinic held at Lions Hall each and every month. Blood Services are always in need to donors, so please come out and do so. Just remember to heed the above message.

From Exeter Lions February 14

# NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB



## Conservation Dinner is Thursday, April 12, 2018

The 29th Conservation Dinner takes place on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at South Huron Recreation Centre, 94 Victoria Street East, Exeter, Ontario.

Tickets are \$75 each. Purchasers receive a charitable receipt for income tax purposes for a portion of that amount. It is expected that tickets will be available before the Christmas holiday season.

#### Committee announces that April 12, 2018 is date for 29th Conservation Dinner

The Conservation Dinner Committee has selected Larry Taylor and Jim Beckett as Co-Chairs of the 2018 gala charitable auction

event to be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018. The two volunteers said they were honoured to be chosen.

"I think the Conservation Dinner community partnership that has continued successfully for almost three decades is very

commendable," said Taylor. "I'm honoured to be a Co-Chair of such a positive community event."

The 2017 Dinner raised more than \$60,000 in net proceeds for projects in local communities. "This is such a community-minded

group," said Beckett, in reference to the Conservation Dinner Committee. "The committee has built a strong foundation of success

going back to 1990 and I look forward to helping make the 29th Conservation Dinner a success in support of local projects."

The 2018 Conservation Dinner takes place at South Huron Recreation Centre, 94 Victoria Street East, Exeter, Ontario. Tickets are

\$75 each. Ticket purchasers receive a charitable receipt for income tax purposes for a portion of that amount. To buy a ticket or to

donate to the Conservation Dinner, visit the Ausable Bayfield Conservation office east of Exeter at 71108 Morrison Line (just south

of Highway 83) or phone 519-235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or email info@conservationdinner.com.

Donors, patrons and guests, local businesses, artists, and volunteers have helped this charitable event raise more than \$1.1 million

over the past 28 years for community projects. The Conservation Dinner has been a success in supporting local projects throughout

communities of the Ausable Bayfield watersheds in an area stretching from Port Franks, Thedford, and Arkona and area in the

south; to Clinton, Bayfield, and Seaforth and area in the north; and all the communities in between.

This dinner and auction was started in 1990 and the Exeter Lions Club joined as co-partner in 1991. The net profits are split 50-50

between community conservation projects of the Foundation throughout the watershed and community conservation projects of the

Exeter Lions Club. The 2018 Dinner will raise funds for community projects such as parks and accessible trails, commemorative

woods, the Jones Bridge pedestrian bridge project on the South Huron Trail, and outdoor nature education and recreation in local

communities.

The annual charitable gala features live and silent auctions of art and other distinctive items including travel packages and sports

and entertainment memorabilia. The event also includes special raffles, general raffles, appetizers, wine tasting, fun and fellowship,

## From the Exeter Lioness White Squirrel

#### Your Club can Change Lives

Lions Foundation of Canada is providing more specially trained Dog Guides at no cost to Canadians with disabilities than ever before. A great deal of time and funding creates amazing matches, partners and best friends. However, this can't happen without the support of Lions and Lioness clubs. Your club can change the life of someone with a physical or medical disability by sponsoring a Dog Guide.



A sponsorship will help provide top-notch, personalized training for both Dog Guides and recipients, as well as cover accommodation, meals and transportation for each person in training at the Oakville, ON school. Each Dog Guide team will be partnered for as long as 10 years, with a life-time of follow-up from the Foundation's instructors.

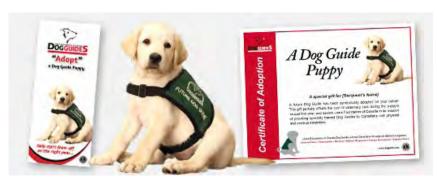
If your club would like to sponsor a team in one of the six Dog Guide programs, or support the Lions Foundation in another way, please visit our website at

www.dogguides.com/lions and read about the many opportunities and award programs for Lions. For further information, please contact Stephanie at sbrandt@dogguides.com or call 1.800.768.3030, ext. 238.

"Mallory means a great deal. I feel more independent and safe to do things. She is my hands when I can't reach for something. She helps me through my seizures and keeps me safe. She is a loyal friend. Recently she stayed by my bedside in the hospital while I went in for surgery. Now she is home with me beside me while I continue recovering from surgery. We are best friends. I do not know what I would do without her and the school." Liza, Seizure Response Graduate

We hope that your clubs across Foundation of project for Lions. donated to Lions truly appreciate family!

Help us give the to more Canadians



club will join many other Lions Canada in supporting Lions Canada, a unique national Many clubs have already Foundation this year, and we that support. Thank you Lions

priceless gift of independence in 2018.

Canine Vision | Hearing Ear | Service | Seizure Response | Autism Assistance | Diabetic Alert

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

152 Wilson Street Oakville, ON L6K 0G6

Phone: 905-842-2891 Toll Free: 1-800-768-3030

www.dogguides.com

#### BRANTFORD LIONS DONATION TO STEDMAN HOSPICE HOUSE

From Left to Right Lion Moe Clark, "Adam", Lion Chief Chris Kruter, and Lion James McIlwrath members of the Brantford Lions Club donating chocolate Easter bunnies to residents of the Stedman Hospice.



Paris Lions Club



On November 21, 2017 A15 Zone 9S Chair Harvey Wood inducted Cy McKenna and Marg Knill-Wilson, they are shown with sponsors Lion Lorne Reid and Lion Emilie Vlaar. President Tony Brewer is shown.

## Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Bed Repair Bee

The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions held a dog bed repair bee in December. As part of their Giving Tuesday donation, the club bought the materials to repair 44 beds/cots at the Breslau facility. The raised beds have covers that the some dogs dig through. 14 club members joined in and completed the work in about three hours. Knowing the dogs, this may be a recurring project for the club.



Submitted by Lion Deb Cserhalmi Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club

## THANKS TO CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS FOR THESE ITEMS

#### A WISE MIND

From the seeds of our mistakes grow the fruits of wisdom and good judgment.

No mind is thoroughly well organized that is deficient in a sense of humor.

The greatest challenge in life is to decide what is important and to disregard everything else.

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer, but wish we didn't!

No matter what scale we use, we never know the weight of another's burden.

# JANUARY 2018 District A15 Vision & Hearing Report - Cambridge -by Richard Green

#### Vision

Eight (8) Cambridge area Public Schools visited testing 402 kindergarten students with 84 (21%) referred for further assessment by an eye care professional. Seven (7) Lions participating for 58.5 hours of service. YTD, 23 schools visited testing 1,584 students with 283 (18%) referred for further assessment.

#### Hearing

Six (6) Cambridge area Public schools visited testing 300 kindergarten students with 33 (11%) referred for further assessment by health care professionals. Two (2) Lions completing 15 hours of service.

**YEAR TO DATE** --, 16 schools visited testing 1,146 students with 153 (13%) referred for further assessment.

# The Ibrahims are coming ...on February 27<sup>th</sup>!!!

We are so excited that after 2 years, we will finally get to meet the Ibrahim family face to face. It has been a very long and tedious procedure to clear this family to come to Canada..

NOTE: Back in 2016, The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club donated \$1000 towards sponsoring this family from Syria to come to Canada. This money will go towards their accommodations for the first year in Cambridge. Donations of furniture and living supplies are still welcomed.

Continued prayer is requested for this family to arrive here safely.





Jamil & Lamya Ibrahims

Children- Kawa – 9 yrs old Roni – 8 yrs. old Aram – 6 years old

# **PASSINGS**

## Good morning Lions, Lioness and LEOs:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Lynda Lyster who is St. George Lions Club member Lion Rodger Lyster's wife. Lynda was very involved in her community with her service in the Women's Institute, Paris Fair and Meals on Wheels among others.

DG Charlene

Feb 6, 2018

## FROM THE TUFTS FAMILY

With a sad heart I announce the passing of my Mom yesterday in her sleep peacefully. As per Mom's wishes, cremation will follow with no services. Any further arrangements will be decided at a later date and details will be provided then. Drum corps and music was my mom and dad's passion and life and we are grateful for all your outpouring of support and sympathies in this difficult time.

Thank You,

Jeff Tufts and Family

Received from DG Charlene, Feb 01, 2018