

Lions Clubs International

District A-15 News Bulletin

Holiday Special Issue - January 2013



“ In A World of Service”

District Governor Dr. Dan Ayim

2012-2013

Happy New Year to all Lions, families and friends of A-15 -

As you know, I am helping editor Lion Bob Rutter until the end of the year; however I do not have Lion Bob's creative talent so you will just have to put up with "the news, nothing but the news" from here on.

Lion Bob, we send you our best wishes, and keep you in our thoughts and prayers; and to all members of the Lions family who are encountering health and other difficulties at this time.

I am naming this issue the Holiday Issue of the Governor's Newsletter to bring you some of the highlights of our Lions activities in A-15 over the Christmas season. This issue contains a few stories but I know there are many more out there, so please do share yours with the Lions of A-15 (mail or email). I am taking the opportunity to add your submissions to the District History data base.

Wishing you all the best in 2013,

Lion Nancy Ransom

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**** Note - Revised District Bulletin Contest Rules & Entry Form in this Issue. ****

GUELPH LIONS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GALA FOR THE BLIND DEC 2012



Guelph Lions hosted their annual Christmas Dinner for the Blind with a full house at the Holiday Inn on December 4th. Guests enjoyed a lovely dinner with music by a live band, followed by a visit from Santa.



Santa's helpers, Lions Don Irvine and Dale Gauley distribute boxes of chocolates to the guests.

ROCKTON LIONS SUPPORT MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPION

Lion Chief Paul Aitken and Lion Dave Hughes look on as Ashley Trojahn, daughter of Tyler and Cheryl of Hamilton, granddaughter of Lion Rudi and Sherry of Flamborough, shows the Silver medal she won in Weapons during the 13th World Martial Arts Championships in Telford, England in August, 2012. The Rockton Lions were thanked for their support of Ashley during the competition.

- submitted by Lion Rudi Trojahn.



MONKTON LIONS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Senior Lions attending the Monkton Lions Christmas Dinner held on December 12th, are pictured, left to right, Lion Doug McEwen, 2012-2013 Ontario Queen of the Furrow – Sarah Little, Lion Leonard Partridge, with special guest Lion Jack Scott, one of our Monkton Lions original founding club members.

– submitted by Lion Shawn McLachlan.



A Christmas Story

Happy Holidays to the Guelph Lions Club Members

I went last Friday to Dale and Kim's house to wrap Christmas presents to give with our food hampers. Debbie and John had gathered up all the toys at the radio station and the house basement was full. The people of Guelph were very generous this year. The pool table was covered with wrapping paper and presents and as with most Lion's work parties there was mass confusion but it was soon organized and the work began. Lots of bantering back and forth, a few Christmas stories told, a few beer, some sandwiches which someone provided and a good time was had by all. Many of us wrapped presents (some better than others), Nancy Brash wrote out the names and handed out the tape, John stuffed the bags with the wrapped presents and Debbie kept us organized. I wrapped till 10:30 and there were still a few Lions left filling the stockings. We had wrapped presents for 13 families plus one family that Dale and Kim were sponsoring. Kim told me that they had no small children of their own this year so they were going to sponsor a family. As I left Debbie thanked me and said to me "we have to sponsor more families next year" I asked how many and she said that if she has the same budget again....10 more!

The next morning Lion Nancy and I delivered 2 hampers. Lion John and Lion Nancy had already left with 2 hampers, Lion Larry, Lion Hong, Lions Charlene and Lion Russ were filling their vehicles. Nancy and I loaded 2 hampers per family and bags of presents depending on how many children were in a family. We had a truck full! The food for the hampers had been bought by Debbie and Kim though out the week and they must have weighed 35 lbs each. (good thing I had my wife to carry them).

The first place we went to there were 3 police men waiting in the lobby, fortunately not for us. They were nice enough to hold the door open but not nice enough to carry the hampers and presents up 3 flights of stairs. (those apartment blocks do have elevators). It was a young couple with 1 toddler and it looks like another on the way, living in an apartment smaller than my kitchen and living room. No presents under the Christmas tree until we arrived. We were warned ahead of time that the second family lived in an apartment which was not connected to a buzzer so we may have a problem entering the building. No problem, we waited till someone came into the lobby and they just let us in. Must have been the Lion's logo that made them feel we were honest. Again, it was a small apartment with three adults and 2 children.

Both families were very appreciative that they were receiving something for Christmas. For whatever reason they were down on their luck and needed to be dealt a wild card that day. When Nancy and I went back home we both felt very humble and thankful for what we have.

But you know this is not just a Christmas story ...it is a Guelph Lions Club story. So many members took time from their work, Lion's spouses gave up their time and house and Lions members raised money to make it happen. It did not matter if they received a thank you, it just needed to be done for someone less fortunate than ourselves. Someone asked how we are going to have enough presents for 10 more families and another answered "we will just make it happen". Thank you for all your work!

As Lion Thom says....."Guelph Lions do good things"

Your Lion Chief Garry

GUELPH LIONS CHRISTMAS STORY -



Lion Russ and Lion Hong are loading the Guelph Lions Christmas "Sleigh" with food hampers and gifts for delivery to two local families who need a helping hand over the holidays.

Zone Chair Charlene and Lion Russ ready to head out to deliver the Christmas hampers.



Turkeys, and all good things to give a family a truly festive Christmas holiday!

- submitted by Lion Garry Ransom

MONKTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

The annual Monkton Christmas Parade was held on Saturday, December 01, 2012. Below pictured participants are the Monkton Lions Float (top), Lion Doug McEwen in his sleigh with Queen of the Furrow (center), and neighbour club, the Milverton Lions with their Antique Fire Truck (bottom).
- submitted by Lion Shawn McLachlan





Immediate Past President Lion Laude Lacroix was delighted to present Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lion Elly Hoogendoorn and PRC Neil Hoogendoorn of the Marsville & District Lions Club at our Christmas Dinner on December 11 in recognition of their major assistance with our Walk for Dog guides as well as their longstanding contributions in their own community.
(excerpt from Fergus Lions Tales editor IPDG Norma Peterson)

Christmas Came Early in A-15



Lions Vasudha Kothari, Janet Dawson Brock, and Nancy Ransom attended the graduation ceremony for our newly purchased Canine Vision Dog Guide, jointly sponsored by the K-W Community Spirit Lions and their club branch, the University of Waterloo Optometry Lions. The ceremony was held at the Lions Foundation Canada Oakville facility on October 17, 2012. Pictured (left) are Dog Guide "Petey" with his new companion, Adele Kowitz of Kitchener; and a group photo of the Lions getting acquainted with Adele and Petey. We were very pleased to learn that Adele and Petey are our "neighbours"!

- submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom





Milverton Lions Club

Melvin Jones Fellowship Award Ceremony

A celebration to recognize our fellow Lions for their years of service to our community, and beyond.



Congratulations Lions John Tomiuk, Vern Beattie and George Guenther

At our club Christmas Party on December 06, 2012, Milverton Lions John, Vern and George became the recipients of Milverton Lions Club and Lions Club International's highest accolade, the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Our good friend Past International Director Lion Art Woods and Club President Ken Goebel lead the award ceremony.

Lions Club International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award, through the Lions Clubs International Foundation [LCIF], is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipients of these awards become models because of the exemplary service to their Club and the community for which they serve.

Also, we congratulated Immediate Past President Lion Jim Leis as he was awarded the clubs Lion of the Year award for his work and leadership last year. And Lion Rolf Goebel was the recipient of a special International Presidents Award for his many years of service, dedication and involvement with our community and in all things Lionism.

Congratulations Lions all, a job well done and recognition well deserved.



Lion of the Year Jim Leis with Lion Chief Ken



International Presidents Award recipient Lion Rolf with PID Lion Art

(excerpt from the December Milverton Lions Bulletin - editor Lion Joel Phelan)

K-W COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIONS HONOR MEMBERS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Christmas Party held December 17th, several Lions were recognized for their exceptional service to Community and Lions. Guest District Governor Dan Ayim presented the awards to the Lions on behalf of the Club.



Recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lion Marianne Steadman is a Charter member of our Club, has been the Lion Tamer since its' beginning in 1997, and is our TV Bingo lady. She has been part of our District Eye Screening Team for several years, and still finds time to assist residents of a local nursing home to get to various appointments and events.



Recipient of a Helen Keller Fellowship, Lion Wendy Johnston, since becoming a Lion in 2008, also assists the District Eye Screening Team. She is our Communication Lion and faithfully reminds all members of upcoming events and meetings. She is always willing to help where needed.



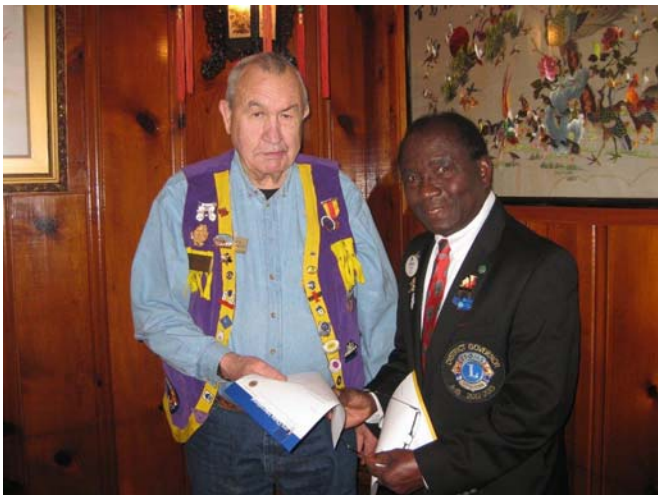
Club President Lion Janet Dawson-Brock has 33 combined years of Lions and Lioness. She is a Charter member of our Club. She has been District Lioness President several times and continues to be active in both. Lion Chef Art Reimer has been a Lion for 37 years, is our Tail Twister and the Chef for our Club parties, as well as Youth Camp at Five Oaks. Both received LCI Life Memberships.

- submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom

ST MARYS LIONS PARADE FLOAT



GOVERNOR DR. DAN VISITS ST MARYS LIONS



Governor Dan presents 25 year service award to Lion Bob McGregor and congratulates newest Lion Marlene McKenzie on his December 4th visit to St. Marys Lions Club. (photos by Lion Marianne Ferguson)

K-W COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIONS DIABETES TAG DAY



Lions Bill Blyleven, Joanne McQuiggan and Nancy Ransom at The Beer Store on Diabetes Tag Day. The Club collected enough change at two locations to forward a \$1000 cheque to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Lions International Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2012-13 Lions International Essay Contest is "Imagine Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Work with your fellow Lions, local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

Essay Contest Guidelines

Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, type-written in black ink and double-spaced. [Read the complete essay contest rules and entry form.](#)

View past grand prize winning essays:

- [2011-2012 "Children Know Peace"](#) by Mikaela Smith, age 12
- [2010-2011 "Power of Peace"](#) by Amy Bosko, age 12

For More Information

To learn more about the Lions International Essay Contest, please [contact the Lions Clubs International Public Relations Department](#) at www.lionsclubs.org.

LIONS DISTRICT A-15 REVISED BULLETIN CONTEST RULES (2012 – 2013)

Revised Bulletin Contest Rules, Judging approved

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.

**LIONS DISTRICT A-15 BULLETIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM
(2012 – 2013)**



LIONS CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name _____

Club Address _____

Town/City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Bulletin Editor _____

Club President _____

BULLETIN CLASSIFICATION

Monthly 40+ members

Mail _____

Email _____

Monthly 39- Members

Mail _____

Email _____

Bi-Monthly 40+ Members

Mail _____

Email _____

Bi-Monthly 39- Members

Mail _____

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

Ukrainian Fest

Saturday, March 2, 2013

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

Featuring: "PRYVIT" Ukrainian Dancers

Tickets: \$20.00 each

For tickets:

Lion Ajit Manku	519.620.9507	cultcomm@a15lions.org
Lion Don Gamble	519.658.6696	gp.donchar@bell.net
Lion Nancy Ransom	519.746.5407	historian@a15lions.org
Lion OJ Wilura	519.748.4304	ojwick@yahoo.ca

Ukrainian Fest is a time for food and fun.
Come and celebrate together.

(excerpts from) Lions Clubs International Newswire –

Register for Lions Day with the UN



There is still time to register for the 35th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (UN) to be held on February 1, 2013 in New York City. Learn more about Lions partnership with the UN and how we can work together on our shared commitment to issues such as literacy, hunger and the [UN Millennium Goals](#). We will recognize Lions 25th year of promoting international understanding through the Peace Poster Contest, along with a special announcement of the grandprize winners of Lions Peace Essay and Poster Contests. Learn more about [Lions Day with the United Nations](#) and register online.

Announcing the 2013-2014 Peace Poster Theme



It's a new year and time for a new Peace Poster Contest theme. The theme for the 2013-2014 contest is "Our World, Our Future." Work with your club to sponsor the contest in local schools or youth groups to help make this world a more peaceful place. Contest kits will go on sale on January 15 from Club Supplies. [Learn more about the contest](#), including how to order a kit. Also, learn about the [Lions International Essay Contest](#) for students who are visually impaired.

International Convention: Plan Your Holiday in Hamburg



There are many sights to see at the next international convention in Hamburg, Germany. Capture the local flavor with a specialized harbor tour. Visit the historic fishing village of Blankenese. Discover your family history at the BallinStadt Emigration Museum. Take a Magical History Tour and retrace the steps of the Fab Four. The hardest decision will be deciding what to do each day! All tours are escorted by an expert guide and offered at special discounted rates for Lions and their families. Start planning today by visiting our [Local Tours](#) page. Find out more about the [International Convention](#), [Registration](#), [Airline Discounts](#) and [Pre or Post](#)

Enter the 2012-2013 Environmental Photo Contest



The [Environmental Photo Contest](#) (EPC) offers a chance for Lions across the globe to share their commitment to protecting, preserving and improving the environment by capturing the earth's natural beauty through photography. All multiple districts are encouraged to submit one photograph for the international contest, which will be held during the 2013 International Convention in Hamburg. January 15, 2013 is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one photo to the multiple district. Visit the [Environmental Photo Contest](#) web page to find out how to enter and to purchase a 2013 calendar.