



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"Follow Your Dream"

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Getting up close with Santa

Santa Claus is holding eight-week-old Brayden Fairfield, son of Lion Wendy and Lion Steve Fairfield, during the Fergus Lions Club annual *Photos with Santa*, which proved to be very successful..



International President's Message

Small Loans Produce Big Results

This year I am urging Lions to Follow Your Dream. That may seem corny to some. But for millions and millions of people who live in poverty it's another story. They dream of a better life. They dream of a stable income, an education for their children and health care for their family. In India, for example, nearly 70 percent of its 1.3 billion people live on less than \$2 a day. Many of us spend twice or three times that on a single cup of coffee.

Lions in India have found a way for people to reach their dreams. They provide small loans so people can start a business. It works. It's worked in India for Lions, and it can work elsewhere. With these microloans people are able to lift themselves up by their bootstraps and earn a decent income.

The absolute beauty of microfinancing is that people help themselves. It's not a costly give-away program. Neither is it tossing money at people and letting them sink or swim. In India, training is provided. In some programs small self-help groups offer support and advice as well as ensuring compliance. These mechanisms have led to incredible success stories and remarkable outcomes for microfinance programs.

I especially admire microfinancing because the principles behind it remind me of the service of Lions. We don't toss money at people. By giving them sight we empower them. We often engage with people, meeting and interacting with them instead of writing a check and dropping it in the mail. Microfinancing recognizes the basic dignity of people and the universal ambition to better oneself and provide for one's family.

We're all in the same boat; with microfinancing we are reaching out to our neighbors with an oar and friendly advice on how and where to row. And we're hoisting a sail in the boat to enable them to reach their destination. Where are we headed? Follow Your Dream!

Barry J. Palmer
Your Lions Clubs International President



Courtesy of Cambridge Highlands Lions



Travis and Brett

Thamesford Lions

Making joyful memories for a young, energetic boy

The Thamesford Lions have been active with respect to blindness with a yearly canvas of the village on behalf of the CNIB which this past fall collected close to \$3000 and 100 pairs of used glasses. More recently we sponsored a local child, Travis Cudney, to attend a blind sports camp in Brantford (2012) and Lake Joe (2013). This past fall we received a Thank-you note from Travis in brail after his stay at Lake Joe and a set of pictures as follows. The note is reproduced below:

Dear Lions Club

I had a blast at Lake Joe! I did a triathlon every day. I practiced it 3 times a day. I had a one-on-one coach named Brett. He had huge muscles. He was fun to play with. I shared a room with a kid named Taren. He had long hair and he was really super too. He did kayaking and he is about 3 or 4 years older than me. He did this cool trick with me where we each paddled out far in the lake and we jumped off our paddle boards and landed on the other person. We left our paddles on the boards so we could get back. I did a pedal boat with my coach but he weighed more than me so the boat just went left that was the side he was sitting on. I had an awesome time!!

Your friend

Travis



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 _____

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Bi-Monthly 40+ Members Bi-Monthly 39- Members

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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.

Lions Club of Kitchener 26th annual Seniors Party

Our Senior Christmas Party was a total success! So much so that the seniors did not want to leave. I have to say that out of the 26 years that I have participated in this event as a Lioness and a Lion, I believe this was the best and most successful.

I would like to thank four wives & partners of Lions because without their help the Seniors Party would not have been such a success. Some have helped for many years, Jean, Gwen, Shirley and Debbie, "Thank you"!

And then there are two more ladies, Donna and Jo-ann who are my right and sometimes my left hands. Jo-ann, I "thank you"! Donna, I can't even remember how long we have worked together but t"thank you my friend"! Also to all the Lions and volunteers who came out who helped setup and help make the party a success. I hope I haven't missed anyone. Thanks again to all! I am proud to be a Lion. "We Serve."

Submitted by: Seniors Christmas Party Chairperson, Lion Pat Inder

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A15 Lions Expected in Toronto

Make plans now to attend the 97th International Convention in Toronto, Canada, on July 4-8, 2014. Register by January 10 to lock in your 5-day registration at the lowest fee of only \$110.00 USD and secure your hotel reservation while rooms are still available at our specially discounted Lions rates. While in Toronto, explore the famous 98-room castle Casa Loma, take your picture with the Stanley Cup at the Hockey Hall of Fame, or enjoy the day at Niagara Falls. Information on these local tours and more can be found here. Toronto's great location makes it easy to add a pre- or post-convention tour to your schedule. Enjoy a specially discounted Lions package tour to top destinations like Montreal, Boston, New York and more. Book your pre- or post-convention tour package early to lock-in the best prices.



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener



PASSINGS



We Served

Dec. 23, 2013
Lion Jim Hoskins
St. George Lions Club

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

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

**Be Proud
Serve
With Pride**

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**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

Milverton welcomes Jolly Elf



On December 13th 2013 the Milverton Lions Club supplied an unconventional sleigh ride for Santa in the town's annual parade. After lots of hard work trying to keep their vintage fire truck running, they enlisted the services of some 'Great' Samaritans to ensure Santa's arrival. Riding on the sleigh are Lion Doug Fyfe, 8 year old Rhoda Wagler who won the Ride with Santa colouring contest, and of course jolly old Saint Nick himself.

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

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This is a 19 plus event

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