

Lions Clubs International

District A-15

News Bulletin



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Hello Lions of District A15



As we start the second half of our Lions year, I want to ask you how much you feel you know about the Lions organization, your own club or the members within your club.

I have been very impressed with the level of knowledge of some of our members. However, I have been equally surprised by some of the questions I have been asked as I have made my visits. Here are some thoughts to help remedy the situation:

- Make an effort to visit other clubs. You will come away with a new idea or piece of Lions information every time. This can be done by a few members or by having one of your scheduled meetings as a “visit a neighbouring club” meeting
- Attend your zone meeting. I have asked our region and zone chairs to make the zone meetings a sharing of ideas session so the challenges of running a club can be discussed along with sharing of ideas as to how to attract and retain members
- At one of your meetings have your club members each state what attracted them to the Lions organization.
- We have created a new position of Information Technology Coach this year. Lion Rick Banks (Zone Chair 51W) is available to help you with those “pesky” computer issues
- Have a Lions International fact presented at every club meeting by the President or Tail Twister, for example: What is the name of the annual Lions International art contest for children ages 11-13 years? Answer: Peace Poster Contest
- Be aware of what is going on in the District by reading the bulletin and checking the District website.
- Have fun and get to know your club, your fellow club members and the District just a little bit better!

Yours in Lionism, District Governor 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



WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS CANINE CHALLENGE

What is it like to live your life in a wheelchair? Or not be able to hear a simple knock on the door? Or be blind for that matter and totally dependent on your service dog to be your eyes as you navigate the neighborhood streets?

Woolwich Community Lions Club members discovered firsthand the challenges faced by individuals with physical and medical difficulties, and how Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG) trained service dogs provide them with independence and freedom during the annual LFCDG Canine Challenge on November 21st, 2015.

The Busy Busy Club Team Lions members Nancy Chiasson, Deb Cserhalmi, Cheryl Bauman, and friend Kathi Ryan handled the dogs from the six programs, and were given gear to simulate the respective disability, such as being wheelchair bound, deaf with sound cancelling head phones or blindfolded. Dogs in training such as Gracie/Helga (special skills), Ultra/ Paddy/Flame (hearing), Cooper (canine vision), Boone/ Isomer (autism), Daisy (diabetes), and Ash (seizure) showed off their skills as they provided team members with assistance as they navigated through various obstacle courses.



**Lions Nancy Chiasson, Chery Bauman,
Deb Cserhalmi & friend Kathi Ryan**

The day serves as a fundraiser for LFCDG as well as a chance for Lions members to learn about this fabulous foundation that clubs help to support. To join the challenge, Lions clubs provide a registration fee and form a team of four to compete with other Lions club teams at five stations representing the six LFCDG programs. For this year's contest, the WCLC Busy Busy Club team went leash to leash with four other Lions teams, and won the prize for most monies raised for the fundraiser.

Lions Foundation of Canada's mission is to assist Canadians with a medical or physical disability by providing them Dog Guides at no cost. To do this, the Foundation operates Dog Guides Canada, a preeminent national training school and charity that assists individuals with disabilities through specialized Dog Guide programs. These Dog Guides are provided at no cost to eligible Canadians from coast to coast despite costing \$25,000 to train and place. The Foundation relies on donations from individuals, service clubs, foundations and corporations and does not receive any government funding.

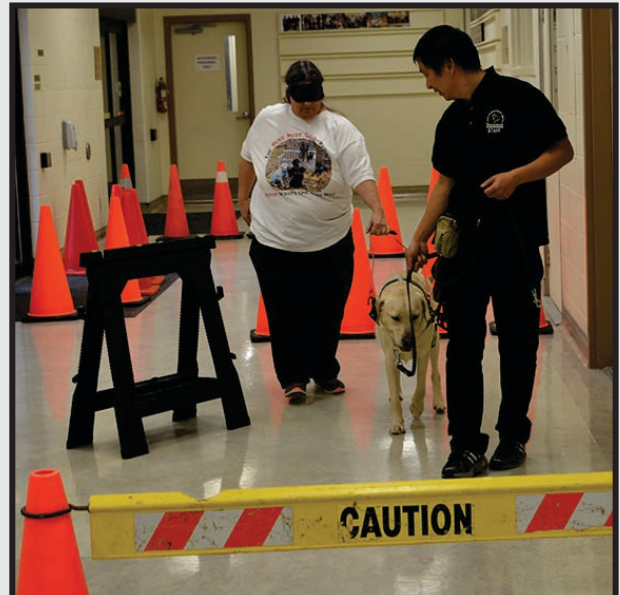
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WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS CANINE CHALLENGE



Team member Cheryl Bauman practices “hugs” with Autism Assist Dog Guides trainee Isomer.



Trainee “Cooper” helps blindfolded Deb Cserhalmi navigate obstacle course.



Hearing Ear Dog Guides trainees Ultra and Paddy alert and lead Team members Deb Cserhalmi and Kathi Ryan to the door to investigate a knock.



Special skills trainee Gracie helps Busy Busy Team member Kathi Ryan, team member Nancy Chiasson helps with the wheelchair with trainer Jessie Walker observing.



Guelph Royal City Lions



Guelph Royal City Lions Keith Spengen (left) and Bill Keough were among several Lions who spent a day helping the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign at the Stone Road Mall. Each year the club assists the Salvation Army and sponsors needy area families.

Copetown Lions



At a recent dinner meeting the local Ronald MacDonald house made a presentation to the Copetown Lions. The club made a \$500.00 donation to their cause. Presenting the cheque is Lion Chief Sammi Jashan on the left. Accepting is Catherine Bridgeman. Lion Bill Shewfelt organized the evening and is holding up his end!



PASSING
December 15th, 2015
Lion Lois Lamble
Guelph Lions

"She Served"



Meet and Greet!

Jim Prenger, PDG

Candidate for
International Director
(2017-2019)



Come and join us for an afternoon of
Entertainment, Fellowship and meet
with Jim in a friendly relaxed setting.

Date : Sunday, January 24, 2016 **Cost:** \$20.00

Location: Grand Valley Community Centre
90 Main Street North,
Grand Valley, Ontario
L9W 5S7

Schedule: 3:00pm – Reception
4:00pm – Entertainment
5:00pm – Dinner
6:30pm – Presentation

For reservations, contact Denis Vinette at (519) 843-7011
or Charles Liddle at (519) 896-5844
or email: meetandgreet@JimforID.org



St. George Lions



The St. George Lions Club presented a \$5000 cheque recently to the Brant Community Healthcare System Foundation to help with funding for patient equipment at Brantford General Hospital. (left to right) BCHS President & CEO Sherri Bocchini, and Lions Karen Martin, Boris Pancoe, & Kevin Hewitson.

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 me by April 20th 2016 or bring to the February 9th Cabinet meeting at Ariss & Maryhill Lions Club.

Environment Chair Lion Linda Vinette
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Guelph Lion Jim Sanders Awarded Accessibility For Ontarians With Disabilities Act 10th Anniversary Champion Award



It was Guelph Mayor Cam Guthrie's privilege to present the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) 10th Anniversary Champion Award to Guelph resident & Guelph Lions Club member, Jim Sanders.

In 2009, Jim was appointed Chair of the Province's AODA Accessibility Standards Advisory Council and Standards Development Committee.

In the words of his nominators, as the Committee Chair, Jim was “masterful in listening to all perspectives and issues and helping the committee achieve its objectives.”

The Committee is made up of individuals with disabilities as well as representatives from industry and service providers. The nominators added, “Jim is truly committed to achieving a fully accessible Ontario by 2025.”

In addition to Chairing the committee, Jim is an active volunteer, accepting invitations across Ontario to speak about the AODA and disability issues in general.

He retired in 2009 after a 42-year career with the CNIB. He worked in four provinces, serving for his final eight years as President and CEO of CNIB National. For many years, Jim represented CNIB as Vice President of the North American/ Caribbean Region and member of the International Executive Committee, The World Blind Union. Jim was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2003

Quoted by Guelph Mayor Cam Guthrie “It is truly an honour for me to have this opportunity to congratulate such an outstanding citizen of Guelph.”

Congratulations Jim, on receiving such a prestigious award!



Guelph Lions Club Annual CNIB Christmas Gala



On Tuesday, December 1st the Guelph Lions Club hosted local CNIB clients & their escorts to a Christmas Gala. A delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed by all, live entertainment, Santa arrived and handed out treats to each guest. Guests also included A15DG Lion Diane Smith, PCC Lion Bob Tanner, Guelph Police Chief Jeff DeRuyter and Dominique O'Rourke and Special Olympian JD on behalf of the Ontario Special Olympics to accept a donation from the Guelph Lions Club. A great evening & one of our favourite service projects.



Guelph Lion Chief Lion Larry Porter was award a Life Membership from the Guelph Lions Club, this award was presented by Region 51 Chair Lion Deb Csheralmi. Lion Larry Porter is a valued member of the Guelph Lions Club.

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

Friday, April 29th - Sunday, May 1st



Registration Form on A15 web site.....

Woolwich Community Lions present

TRIVIA

CHALLENGE

Saturday
Feb 6, 2016
7:00 PM

Lions Hall, Elmira

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm

Prizes-Cash Bar-Snacks

Advanced Registration Only
Deadline for registration is Feb 1, 2016
\$20 per person / \$160 team of eight
must be 19yrs of age or older

For more information or to register a team
please email: wclctrivia@gmail.com
or call Marnie at 519-210-0252

Cash Prize for top three teams!

Sponsored by:

Elmira Pet Products Ltd.

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St. Agatha Lions Club

presents their

6th Annual - Special Edition *Sip, Sample & Savour*



*Listen and enjoy the
sounds of
Amberley Beatty
& The Sweet Dreams Band
as they pay tribute to
Classic Country & Old Time
Rock & Roll*

*Enjoy complimentary samples courtesy of wineries, breweries
and area restaurants & caterers*

**Saturday, February 13th, 2016 7:00 - 11:00pm
St Agatha Community Centre**

Tickets \$40 each or Table of 8 - \$280

A great medley of tastes & sounds"



**Tickets Available from
Fisher's Esso - Kennedy's - Angie's
or by calling David @ 1.226.387.4553**





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

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Make cheques payable to
The Lions Club of Paris
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Paris Lions spearheaded the build of the **Walter Williams Amphitheater**, in **Paris Lions Park**, which was completed in 2015.

