

Lions Clubs International **District A-15**

News Bulletin

January 2017



Governor's Centennial Award

- 100 years of Lionism was built on a foundation of "Unsung Heroes."
- Each club has an opportunity to recognize one of their own heroes and to thank them for their dedication to Lionism and their community.
- We would like each club to choose a member, in good standing, preferably not a P.D.G. or a current cabinet member.
- Governor's Centennial Awards to be presented at the Centennial Celebration Dinner on Sat. May 6th, 2017.
- Nominations are to be made by the Club Executive. forms are available through your Region Chairs.
- Attendance at the Centennial Celebration Dinner is strongly encouraged to receive this prestigious award.

Centennial Demonstration

- At the Opening Ceremony each Region has the opportunity to present its version of Lionism Past, Present or Future.
- This Demonstration could be presented by a Club, a Zone, the entire Region or any combination thereof. There will be approximately 5 to 7 minutes of time available per Region.
- A cash prize of \$250 will be awarded to the winning entry for your Administration Account. These demonstrations will be coordinated by the Region Chairs.

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MD "A" INTERNATIONAL NEWS



MD "A" recently had the pleasure of hosting PIP Jitsuhiro Yamada (presently LCIF Chairperson) on January 15th, 16th & 17th, Dr. Yamada came for the purpose of visiting three LCIF projects, namely LFC in Oakville and both the Hospital for Sick Children and Humber River Hospital in Toronto.



LFC trainer Jessie, putting service dog Micky, through a workout.



Dr. Yamada with Karen, a LFC client and a Lion from Sault St Marie, and Autistic dog trainer, Alissa.



Visit to the new Humber River Hospital, highlighting some of the equipment provided in part by Lions donations (including matching LCIF grant) of over



Dr. Yamada with PCC Bradd
Anderson, PDG Sam Dako, PDG Bill
Speck and PDG Allen Snider, all of
whom were involved in working with
LCIF to provide a grant to the
Hospital for Sick Children to upgrade
their Ophthalmic department.

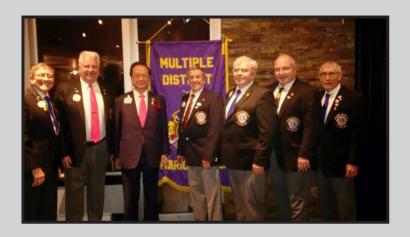


MD "A" INTERNATIONAL NEWS



In addition to the visitations, MDA hosted a luncheon for Dr. Yamada on the Saturday afternoon at the Oakville Harbour Banquet & Conference Centre. He outlined some of the plans discussed and agreed upon at the recent Executive Trustees meeting held in January; one of the key changes designed to enhance our organizations efforts to serve is the expansion of the focus on Vision to include Environment, Diabetes, Hunger and Pediatric Cancer.

A-16 DG David Mills, CC Stewart Patterson, IPIP Dr Yamada, A-711 DG Bill Willcocks, A-9 DG Gary Wood, A-12 DG Len Day and A-2 DG John Harvey





PID Art Woods with
Lion Carole Woods, Dr Yamada,
translator Yoshiko Merz,
PDG Dennis Craddock
and PDG Al Snider.



"A TRUE LIFE STORY"

Joe Sullivan started gaining weight in the summer of 1978, when he was 17 years old. He put on 40 pounds—all water, but he didn't know that. By October, the swelling in his legs and ankles kept him out of school, and a tutor started coming to his house.

Months passed. High doses of prednisone—the drug required to treat the swelling—kept him up at night, but, "presto magic," recalls Joe, "I got better, went back to school and graduated with everyone in May. I didn't understand what was going on. My parents weren't the types to speak about it."

Joe started college that fall, hitchhiking the 32 miles between home and school. The semester went smoothly, and all seemed well until a couple of days after Christmas, when he was admitted to Boston Children's Hospital. He was diagnosed with nephritis, inflammation of the kidneys.

Joe doesn't remember much from that time. "Next thing I knew, I was on <u>dialysis</u>," he says. "Soon I was going for five hours per day, three days per week. I was so sick. I weighed about 80 pounds. I had to pretty much stay in the hospital."

That dialysis schedule continued for more than six months, until Joe learned he was eligible for a <u>kidney transplant</u>. "I was lucky," he says. "My older sister Kathi was such a good donor match that the doctors said we were practically identical twins born seven years apart."

The kidney from his sister that continues to sustain Joe, now 53, was transplanted on Thursday, August 28, 1980. "After the transplant," he says, "I spent a week on my back in the ICU. And the rest is history." And it is: 34 years, and counting.

An amazing success story



Joe & his sister Kathy

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Thirty-four years is remarkable, considering his transplant occurred early in the development of pediatric transplantation. When Joe had his surgery, the outlook for children with transplants was worse than it was for adults. Many of the treatments and techniques involved were pioneered with adults, so pediatric specialists had to tailor them to children. The relatively small number of pediatric (versus adult) kidney transplants performed each year made this process more of a challenge, since the smaller pool of patients slowed data gathering and research.

Committed to an active life

Less than a year after his transplant, Joe's life returned to normal. He returned to Boston Children's for checkups every week, then every month, then every six months. During one checkup, he told his doctors that he wanted to play hockey again. Understandably worried about falls on the ice and body checks, they tried to talk him out of it. "No," he replied, "I'm playing hockey." Sensing his determination, the team of specialists at Boston Children's located a different kind of specialist—this one worked for the Boston Bruins—and brought him in to make special pads for Joe. "He made this little strap that went around my back with a small leather thing in front, right over my kidney," Joe recalls. "So I played hockey." Not content with his feats on the ice, Joe also played men's league baseball from his 30s through his early 50s.

Joe worked as hard as he played. He went to night school for electronics and got a job as a field service engineer, fixing computers. This was in 1982, when hard drives weighed 200 pounds and were mounted on racks. "We had company cars and drove all over New York and New England," he says. "I built local area networks before anyone knew what they were."

'You have to think positive'

Joe remembers his care team at Boston Children's with fondness. His primary doctor was William Harmon, MD, who recently stepped down as medical director of the kidney transplant program after nearly 34 years, but still remains a key member of the kidney transplant team. In August, a few days before his 34th transplant anniversary, Joe reached out to Dr. Harmon. "He responded within an hour," says Joe, "and told me that three out of the four dialysis nurses that took care of me were still working at Boston Children's." Pediatric transplants have come a long way in the past 34 years, ensuring that in the future there will be many more patients like Joe playing baseball into their 50s. Researchers are studying new medications that could eliminate most of the complications. They're investigating treating adult recipients with special stem cells, a technique that may one day become feasible for children. And the team at Boston Children's now knows more than ever how the success of a transplant is tied to a child's overall well-being—physical, emotional, psychological. Joe's successful return to hockey even led the Pediatric Transplant Center to find a company to produce kidney protectors for all patients.

No one has to tell Joe about the mental side of succeeding with a transplant. While he had his fair share of physical challenges—in addition to the nephritis that prompted his transplant, he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 11—he remains a firm believer in mind over matter. "Anybody can do anything," he says. "But you have to be committed. It can be difficult, but you have to think positive. Don't let anyone ever tell you [that you] can't do something."

Be a Donor..... District Governor Wayne



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NEW HAMBURG LIONESS





In December the New Hamburg Lioness Club held their 33rd Annual Tree of Light Ceremony. Over those years they have raised over \$300,000. 00. This event has become an annual tradition. The tree is lit and many Christmas Carols are sung. Hot apple cider is served along with hotdogs generously supplied by local merchants.







EXETER LIONESS



Exeter Lioness new member induction, Lioness Kim Marshall with their new kitten, Diane Wein, President Louise and Lion Paul Anstett who conducted the ceremony.



LYNDEN LEOS







In December the Lynden Leo's hosted their first children's Christmas party. Crafts, Christmas carols, Santa and pizza all contributed to a great party for over twenty local children. A fun filled event with the intent to make it an annual happening.



MILVERTON LIONS



MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to Lions Ken Goebel and Bud Gerber for being awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Both of these gentlemen are worthy recipients of this award, having served their community and club for more than 25 years each. Active members on various committees' and in executive positions, these two Lions lead by example and support others along the way.



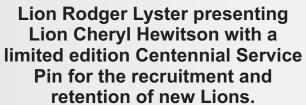
LION OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to
Lion Donald (DK2) for
being awarded the Lion
of the Year for the
2015-16 Lions year. A
well-deserved award
for his first term as
Lion Chief. DK2 has
brought fresh ideas,
enthusiasm and a don't
hold back get-r-done
attitude since
becoming a member.
Well done Lion Donald.



ST. GEORGE LIONS







It's a team effort, Lion Cheryl presenting Lion Lyle Fair with the same pin for his work in the same category.



Lion Barry Ames with our newest inductee Lion Treva Griffin



Lion Renee Wardlaw being pinned by her sponsor Lion Joe Monteiro.



ST. GEORGE LIONS



St. George Lions Club donated \$1000.00 to the" Push For Change" campaign, which is raising awareness and funds for youth homelessness across Canada. L to R: Jamie Orozco, Wayne Branchaud, Marie Roberts, Joe Roberts, Cheryl Hewitson, & St. George Lions President, Sam Sheardown



PASSING

December 14th, 2016 Lion John Huck Elmira Lions "He Served"



PASSING

December 20th, 2016
Lion Ted Jones
Exeter Lions
"He Served"



PASSING

December 21st, 2016 Lion Larry Simpson Bayfield Lions "He Served"



PASSING

December 28th, 2016
PDG John Paff
Wellsley & District Lions
"He Served"



EXETER LIONS"A feel good story"

Kudos to Exeter Lion Allan Plant of Canadian Tire & O.P.P. Const. Jason Richardson for showing your community that you care.

Happy ending after Grinch steals toys intended for needy kids in Exeter





File photo of an Ontario Provincial Police officer. (The Canadian Press/Lars Hagberg)

Police and a Canadian Tire store have united to replace gifts a Huron County woman bought for needy children after the presents were stolen from her car.

OPP say the woman had built up a collection of colouring books, craft supplies, board games and toys -- all destined for a church Christmas toy drive.

They say the woman went into a Canadian Tire store in Exeter last Friday to get some batteries for the toys and when she returned to her car all of the gifts were gone.

Officers have been unable to identify and apprehend the thief, but say they didn't want this woman's act of kindness to go unnoticed, so they each chipped in some money to purchase some replacement toys.

Police say the Canadian Tire store matched and even exceeded the officers' donation and collectively they were able to come up with a sizable sack of toys for the woman.

They say the officers met with the unsuspecting woman at the store on Thursday and she was left "nearly speechless."

"It just felt like the right thing to do," said Const. Jason Richardson.

"She was trying to do something great at this time of the year, and we didn't want someone to take that away from her."



NEW HAMBURG LIONS & LIONESS







The New Hamburg Lions and Lioness sponsored the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest for the fourth year in a row. Kiera Gallian, a grade 6 student at Sir Adam Beck Public School in Baden won the local competition and received \$30.00 from the New Hamburg Lioness Club. Her poster was sent on to compete in the larger district and she won that competition as well. She received \$250.00 from Lions District MD"A." Her poster has now been sent on to compete at the multiple district level. New Dundee artist, Jan Cressman-Weiss, Lioness Carol Massel, Lioness Kathy Lantz and Lioness Karren Faulkner, judged the local level. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5000,00 and a trip to the United Nations for the young artist and parents. Shown in the picture are: Lioness Kathy Lantz and, our winner Kiera Gallian and New Hamburg Lioness President Janet Dawson-Brock.



BAYFIELD LIONS



Lion Tom and Deb Grasby have fostered Essex for the last year. Essex has been included in a lot of the club projects, especially the annual Guide Dog Walk. With the encouragement of local residents, Lion Tom and Deb have encouraged others to volunteer to look after a guide dog pup for a year and help the Lions Foundation in providing these wonderful special guide dogs at no cost to those who need them.

The Grasby's hosted an open house on New Years day to allow the local residents to say goodbye to Essex as he moves on to the next stage of his guide dog development



GUELPH LIONS





The Guelph Lions were proud to be Platinum Sponsors for the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute's creation of a Commemorative Arch. Second VP Lion Debbie

Lascelles and Lion Jim Akerstream were on hand with other Club members to witness the unveiling. A very cool feature of the Arch are the poppies as Col. John McCrae had attended GCVI. One of the plaques reads "This arch represents the gateway to Knowledge, Friendship and Community that Guelph Collegiate offers to everyone", as well as the phrase "We continue to be Proud of Our Past, confident in our Future", much like our Guelph Lions Club. We are proud to be included on the Donor Arch recognizing our commitment to our community and Youth.



Lion Howard Patience receives his 50 year Chevron, QUITE THE MILESTONE!!!



ROCKTON LIONS



For the last twenty years, the Lions of Rockton set up at a local Christmas Tree Farm and provide food and hot drinks to the families seeking out that perfect tree. It is a major fund-raiser for the club and helps to finance their many community projects.



COPETOWN LIONS



The Lions of Copetown are continuing to build on their Centennial Legacy Project. At their General Meeting on January 3rd a cheque for \$3,500.00 was presented to Kate Lantagne of the Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation to assist with the completion of their "interventional radiology" suite.

At the Club's General Meeting on January 17th a donation was made to the Cancer Assistance Program.

A cheque was presented to Becky McMahon from C.A.P.

Lions Barry Conron and Doug Paddon made both presentations.





StuffIn Stockings is a yearly program run through the St. Jacobs Lions Club. The program came to be in 2010 based on a very simple goal - to send stockings out to some children in need in Waterloo Region. What started out as a few stockings grew quickly to over 200. It's amazing how quickly something simple yet so magical can catch on.

In Year two stockings and donations were collected from individuals, families, clubs, groups and companies throughout Waterloo Region. 750 lovely bundles were sent to children, youth and some adults through approximately 10 charities. Year three 3 saw 1,600 stockings and Years 4 and 5 the number grew to 1,800.

2016 was the most successful year yet. Through an abundance of donation collections by a hard working group of Lions via street collections, social media and an abundance of exposure through local news outlets, more than 2100 stockings were distributed through 20 regional charities to people in need of all age groups. It is our vision that everyone should feel special and remembered on Christmas day. We are thrilled to say that our community is making sure that we are helping to create memories for many in need.

RAFFLE TICKETS



Tickets \$5 each

The draw will take place on Sunday, May 7th, 2017 during the Cabinet Meeting.



FIRST PRIZE: Traeger Jr. Pellet BBQ: 36 Inch Freestanding Wood Pellet Grill with 292 sq. in. grilling area, featuring 19,500 BTU, Auto-Start, Easy Clean Up, and Digital

SECOND PRIZE: Handmade Quilt: Beautiful handmade Mennonite quilt, an elegant addition to any Queen-sized bed.





THIRD PRIZE:

Weekend Theatre Getaway for Two:
One night stay at the Courtyard Marriott,
St. Jacobs in a Superior room (Fireplace
and whirlpool suite) including breakfast,
tickets for two to a Drayton Entertainment
performance and Dinner for Two.

*Convention Raffle is for Lions members only *

District A-15 2012-2013 Revised Bulletin Contest

(Rev. 2, Jan 12/2013)

Submitted By: Applicant Club's Bulletin Editor

Submit 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:

- Submit, along with the Official Entry Form available on the District A-15 website, your best example of a Club Bulletin published between March 1st of the previous Lions Year and February 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 regular mail should also note on the envelope "Official Bulletin Contest Entry".
- 5. A single winner will be named along with two honorable mentions.
- 6. A four member Judging Panel will be established by the current District Bulletin Editor and will consist of the current District Bulletin Editor, the District Governor and two additional Lions who are not members of the Clubs which have submitted entries.
- 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 website) to each member of the Judging panel.
- The grading form will list each evaluation criterion. Judges will rank each submission by each evaluation criterion (i.e., all evaluation is comparative rather than absolute).
- 3. The overall score for each submission 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 honorable mentions will be based upon the average ranking submitted by the members of the Judging panel.

CONTEST GRADING CRITERIA

- 1. All Clubs will be judged equally regardless of dollars/time spent.
- Judges will rank each submission by each evaluation criterion (i.e., all evaluation is comparative rather than absolute).

Format:

- The Cover page identifies the Club, the Bulletin Editor, mailing address, email address and website information if available.
- 2. The Zone, Region and District information are shown.

Content:

- 1. Date, time, location of upcoming club meetings, events and programs.
- 2. Report on Club activities including actions of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Coming events at the Club, Zone, Region, District and International levels.
- 4. Membership growth and retention information.
- 5. Report on previous meetings.
- 6. Constructive editorials.
- 7. Highlights of personal news about members.
- 8. General Association information at District and International levels.
- 9. Effective use of good humor (humor in bad taste will result in a demerit).

General Effect:

- 1. The Bulletin and the interest created.
- 2. A demerit will be assessed for plagiarism, unless credit is given to author or source of quotation, or acknowledged as "Author Unknown".

Ranking: 1 = First Place, 2 = Second Place, 3 = Third Place, etc.

BULLETIN CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 31st.

LIONS DISTRICT A-15 BULLETIN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

LIONS CLUB INFORMA	TION		
Club Name			
Club Address			
Town/City		Postal Code	
Phone	Email		
Bulletin Editor			
Club President			
Submit by email to:	bulletin@a15lions.org		

or Mail to: The Current A15 Bulletin Editor

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28.





2017 District "A" -15 Convention "Celebrate Service"



May 5th to 7th, 2017

Hosted by:
Lions Club of Elmira and The Woolwich Community Lions Club

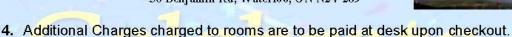
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2017 District "A" -15 Convention "Celebrate Service"

Important Notes

- 1. Cancellation MUST be made in writing or by e-mail. Cancellations after April 3, 2017 will be subject to a \$20.00 handling fee.
- 2. No refunds after April 18, 2017.
- 3. All requests for room Must be paid in full.

Hotel Name / Location Courtyard Waterloo St. Jacobs 50 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo, ON N2V 2J9



- 5. Late Check-out Sunday 12 Noon latest.
- 6. Non-serviced RV parking available.
- 7. Hospitality Areas for Candidates are available (Cost \$150.00) Full payment to accompany this form.
- 8. Registration badges are required to participate at ALL functions and meals.

Pre-Registration Deadline: April 3, 2017

Make Cheques Payable to:

District A-15 Convention, PO Box 92, Elmira, ON N3B 2Z5

For Additional Information, Contact Convention Co-hosts

Lions Club of Elmira PID Lion Art Woods Tel: 519-669-8091

E-mail: convhost@a15lions.org

Woolwich Community Lions Club ZC 51-W Lion Linda Litt Tel: 519-669-5544

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Where there's a need THERES'S A LION



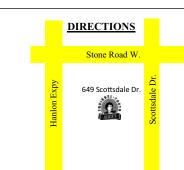
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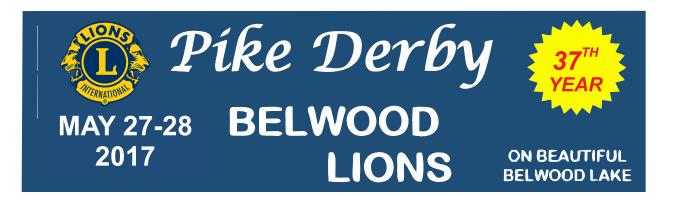






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Numerous award and draw prizes
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Youth eight to twelve \$10.00
Children under eight Free and provided a guaranteed prize

Registration on line at <u>www.belwoodlionspikederby.org starting mid</u>
<u>April</u>