



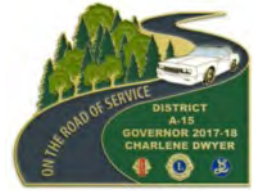
# THE A15 TIMES

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## DG'S MESSAGE

### Happy New Year Lions, Lioness and LEOs!!

Well here we are in a new year and already through our second quarter of our Lions year. It has been wonderful to witness the creative ways that you are promoting service within your own communities for Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Youth, Environment with another area of service for Pediatric Cancer. As you know the Lions International Centennial Service Challenge runs to June 30, 2018, it is important for Club Secretaries to report your club's completion of service in these focus service areas on My LCI for your Club to earn the LCI Centennial Service Award patch for your club banner as well as to show Lions International just how strong we are in service here in A15. Reporting your club service activities as well as your monthly membership updates is vital to not only show our strong service commitment but it also assists Lions International to create training and programs to help our Clubs be the best they can be to assist those who need our help. The Power Of We, together as we stand in service those who need us most will benefit.

It has also been such a pleasure to welcome new members into our District A15 Lions family but we do still struggle with retention. As we know bringing new members into our Clubs is vital for increasing our service but it is also just as important to keep our current members (retention), ensuring they are active and content in their membership within our Clubs. At the end of our second quarter membership for A15 was -10, we were +4 at the end of November. Thank you to our Lioness Clubs who are serving in their communities and raising funds to help their local communities as well as Lions initiatives, thank you for your service.

Please consider attending the Best practices for Membership Recruiting Workshop being held in Thamesford on Sunday, February 4th, 2018. We will have the pleasure of working with PDG Lion Paul Baker who is the Multiple District "A" New Club Specialist. If your club is struggling with low membership and could use some ideas on growing your Club, this is the event for you!

We are excited to welcome a new LEO Club to our District, the KW LEO Club sponsored by the Lions Club of Kitchener, embracing the enthusiasm of our Youth in our Club services brings a vitality and youthfulness to our events and they help make us feel young again too!

The dedication and the passion for helping those less fortunate is evident here in A15 and your District A15 Cabinet and Global Action Team is very proud to assist your Club with whatever you may need help with, just reach out to any one of us, we are happy to help!

We do hope that you will take time to attend the Zone and Combined Zone Meetings as well as our Cabinet Meetings as we bring you important tools and information to assist you with membership, service and leadership.

Thank you to all of the Lions, Lioness and LEO Clubs for your wonderful donations to the District A15 Governor's project on behalf of A15 toward sponsorship of an LFC Autism Dog Guide team. Thank you for all you do and continue to do to assist those less fortunate not only within your own communities but within our Global Village.

**Always remember, Kindness Matters.**

A15 District Governor Lion Char

## A15 HISTORY CORNER - GUELPH LIONS INDIA HOSPITAL

In 2007 the Guelph Lions applied for an LCIF International Assistance Grant, to provide high-tech ocular equipment, an ambulance and training to the Sushila Devi Hospital in Bithoor-Kanpur, India. The grant was awarded in January, 2007, in the amount of \$9,471 US funds. In November, 2008, Guelph Lions, Don Irvine, and Ernie Kaethler, traveled to India to join another fellow member Guelph Lion Onkar (O.P.) Dwivedi for the official opening of the Sushila Devi Eye Hospital. Background on the **DD Foundation of Canada**

In 1984, on the invitation of the government of India, Professor O.P. Dwivedi of Guelph took a tour of one of The poorest heavily populated provinces of India – Uttar Pradesh. During that study tour, two glaring gaps in the health care and educational sectors became evident. Despite provincial government's efforts, the problem remained with delivery of services as well as mismanagement of such facilities. To assist in a small way, an elementary school was started on an experimental basis in a town Bindki in 1985; this later became a junior high school with the enrollment of about 250 students. **This school was funded by Professor O.P. Dwivedi, his wife Sarla, and their family of Guelph;** soon there became a demand from other rural areas to expand these services. As funding became too onerous for their family, it was decided to convert that private effort into a charitable entity so that donations (both personal and from others) could be properly channeled. Thus in 1993 the D.D. Foundation was created with the Ontario Government Public Trustee granting Letters of Patent in 1994; subsequently the Foundation was approved by Revenue Canada as a registered charity for income tax purposes. One of the DD Foundation's Main Objectives – **to promote health, education and welfare of the poor people in India and neighbouring nations so that they may live** .Professor Onkar (O.P.) Dwivedi, a Guelph Lion, his wife Sarla, and his family had funded a junior high school

and the Sushila Devi Hospital, named after his late mother, a poet who died in 2005. Professor Dwivedi, who taught political science at Guelph University from 1967 to 2002, funded both facilities largely from book



( hospital and crowd at the opening ceremony)

### Why Eye Hospital and Walk-In Clinic in Bithoor?

Bithoor is a small town of about 25,000 people. It did not have a government hospital, and the nearest hospital was 25 miles away. Each year two large country fairs take place in Bithoor, when thousands of people come to visit local temples and take a holy dip in the River Ganges. At that time medical services were in great demand but almost non-existent. The nearest city Kanpur was too great a distance for rural people without access to easy modes of transportation. The creation of the DD Foundation in 2002 enabled charitable donations towards the building of a health care facility there.

Below is an **excerpt from the LCIF IAG Final Report -**

“ On Nov 30/08, Guelph Lions club president, Don Irvine, and past-president Ernie Kaethler were in Bithoor-Kanpur, UP, India for the official opening of an EYE Hospital. This is a modern, well constructed, two-story facility. Each level has over 3,000 square feet with: 2 diagnostic/treatment rooms, Interviewing/ assessment room; 1 well secured medical storage room; a large 20-bed hospital ward room; spacious, state-of-the-art, sterile theatre for eye operations; accompanying dressing room and autoclave facilities. A smaller two-storied building is available for hospital professional or service staff use - including kitchen. Both buildings have modern and appropriate hydro, plumbing and washroom facilities. A new generator, for electrical back-up is located appropriately between the two buildings. **The DD Foundation of Canada, along with Guelph Lions Club and Lion Clubs International – LCIF, underwrote the cost of the ambulance (transportation), and two high-tech pieces of laser & ocular equipment needed and used for diagnosis and surgery at the Eye Hospital (clinic).** The Dwivedi family, through the DD Foundation of Canada, underwrote the full cost of both buildings - Hospital/clinic and staff facilities. The land on which the hospital is built was "donated" by the adjoining Hindu Temple organization, truly an effort of international co-operation. The opening ceremonies were colourful and well attended - over 200 visitors. Speeches, and tour of the hospital ended with sharing of festive food. The hospital is staffed by Dr Jain, a competent, fully qualified eye surgeon and 3 technicians who work under the supervision of Dr. Vidhu Jain. *Specific training* for the use of the LCIF/Guelph Lions/DD Foundation pieces of high-tech equipment (Auto refractometer, Lensmeter), and ambulance driver, was in process -- in various stages of completion at the time of the opening on Nov.30/08. The Sushila Devi Eye Hospital had been accepting patients for cataract/eye surgery and conducting diagnostic eye care and treatment to the community since mid-October, 2008. The hospital has the capacity to do up to 12 eye surgeries per day, in addition to the many, walk-in, non-invasive eye-care treatments. The community is fortunate and grateful to have this facility. “

**Lion O.P. Dwivedi**



**(Lion O.P. with the school children)**



Professor Onkar (O.P.) Dwivedi, a Guelph Lion, his wife Sarla, and his family had funded a junior high school and the Sushila Devi Hospital, named after his late mother, a poet who died in 2005. Professor Dwivedi, who taught political science at Guelph University from 1967 to 2002, funded both facilities largely from book royalties (from over 31 books), lecture fees and the sale of his cottage in northern Ontario; also through the creation of the DD Foundation of Canada. An active community member, recognized by numerous organizations including the United Nations, he always wanted to give something back to Canada and his home country, India.

In 1999, O.P. Dwivedi was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; in 2000 as a two-year member of the United Nations group of experts on globalization and the state; and in 2005 as a member to the Order of Canada. Lion O.P. passed away in 2013, but his legacy remains to provide education and care for the under privileged in India.

**The Guelph Lions Club continued to forward support for the operations of the Sushila Devi Hospital for several more years. Today the Sushila Devi Eye Hospital continues with cataract surgeries, other eye treatments and care of patients; as well as providing many free eye screening camps and eye clinics in other rural areas of India annually.**



**Free Eye Screening of School Children,  
Jajmau, Kanpur September, 2017**



**Free Eye Screening of Truck Drivers,  
U.P. Delhi transport, 2017**



**Nankari Camp, Kanpur - August 10, 2017**



**Patients leaving Rambagh Park Surgical Camp,  
Kanpur – August 20, 2017**

## ROCKTON LIONS DONATION TO DOG GUIDES

On Thursday December 14, 2017 the Rockton Lions Club had the pleasure of attending the graduation of a Canine Vision Dog named "Harvest". We were very fortunate to meet the new owner, Helen of Cambridge, Ontario.

Following a six month training period, the Dog Guide were matched with their new partners during a four week intensive program at their training school in Oakville, Ontario. From commands to grooming, to handling and bonding, the pairs gained experience and knowledge to begin their journey together as a team. Their successful graduation marked the beginning of a loving relationship and increased safety and independence for Helen.

The Rockton Lions Club presented the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides with a cheque in the amount of \$6000.00 with additional support to follow later in 2018. The Foundation was very thankful for the generous gift as it has truly changed Helen's life with Harvest.

The evening was extremely rewarding and if anyone has the opportunity to attend a graduation in the future please ensure that you go!



The Lions from left to right in the picture presenting the cheque are, Lion Doug Cassan, Lion Secretary Debbie Zimmerman, Helen and Harvest, and Lion President Bruce McKnight.

## **REMINDER- WINTER CABINET MEETING**

**St Jacobs Lions Club on Tuesday, January 30th.**

On the agenda:

- Amendments to the District A15 Constitution and By-Laws as well as updates to the District A15 Policy Manual.
- Committee presentations such as
  1. Special Olympics,
  2. Opportunities for Youth
  3. Literacy.
- Awards will also be presented for Club Excellence (2016-2017) as well as the Club Centennial Service Challenge Awards (2016-2017).

**Loads of information, great food and fellowship. Something for everyone, don't miss it!!**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTE RE: BIDS TO HOST A15 CONVENTION IN 2020**

### **From the Convention Advisory Chair**

Fellow Lions:

Please be advised that the A15 District Cabinet along with the Future Convention Advisory Committee are now accepting bids for the 2020 District A15 Convention. All interested Clubs who wish to bid on the 2020 A15 Convention are asked to visit the *District A15 Policy Manual (page 19)* (see URL below) for your bid to be in compliance with the District Policy.

Please follow the guidelines and submit your Club's bid to the District Cabinet [cabinet@a15lions.org](mailto:cabinet@a15lions.org) as well as to the Chair of the Future Convention Advisory Committee, District Governor Lion Charlene Dwyer at [convadvisory@a15lions.org](mailto:convadvisory@a15lions.org).

Bids for the 2020 District A15 Convention are to be received, if possible, prior to the Winter Cabinet Meeting (January 30th, 2018) or at least 45 days prior to the District A15 Convention (April 13, 2018).

We look forward to receiving your Club's bid to host the 2020 District A15 Convention.

Please refer to the following:

### **District A15 Policy (June 2016) Page 19**

<http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15PolicyManualJune2016.pdf>

# Selections from the Lions Club of Kitchener

## January Newsletter

### KW Leo Club!



We are proud to sponsor the new KW Leo Club, a dynamic group of young leaders between 12-18 years. There will be a special ceremony for them Feb 5 to welcome this next generation - let's roar with them!



### Seasonal Celebrations!

On Thursday December the 7th, the Safety Village held a Christmas celebration, and several of our dedicated Lions attended, bringing the very popular Rudolph inflatable with them!



On Friday December the 8th, we had the pleasure of hosting the Seniors' Christmas, for those who otherwise would not have any seasonal celebration. It was great to see so many Lions and LEOs help with decorating, hosting, and cleaning everything up after the Event finished. We plan on continuing this fine tradition for many years to come.





**ELVIS COSTELLO AND ABBA  
ARE TOURING TOGETHER  
THIS SUMMER BUT THEY  
HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHO  
THE HEADLINER WILL BE.  
SO, WATCH FOR ABBA AND  
COSTELLO TO FIND OUT  
WHO'S ON FIRST.**

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No? How about this sound of music, for the Star Wars kind...

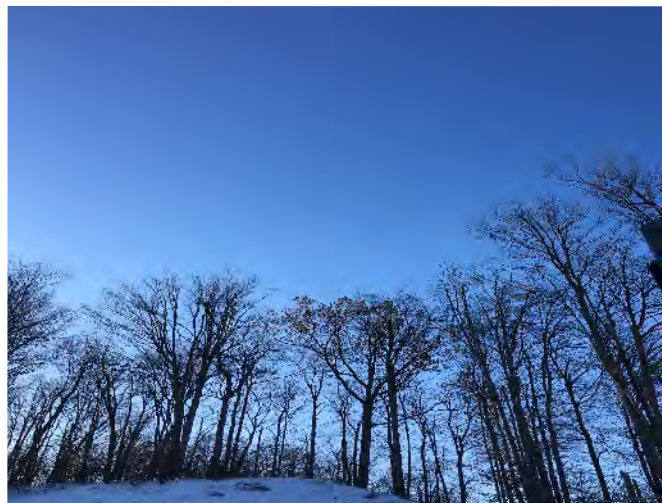


## Seasonal Celebrations, continued

Saturday, December the 9th saw a small gathering of Lions in downtown Kitchener, together to celebrate the holiday season with a lunch. Conveniently, the Christkindl Market was running up the street for some seasonal shopping as well. It was truly an enjoyable afternoon. We look forward to looking at a variety of options for a seasonal club celebration in 2018!

## Winter Blues? No Way!

As we enjoy our northern winter wonderland, we have a couple of months before our next event, Citizen of the Year. This is a good time to reflect on our busy fall schedule, to catch our breath, to look at attending Zone meetings or visiting other clubs, to find or create any array of new events to be involved with. Over the next few months, let us take the opportunity being together as a club provides us.



Now, who's a shutt erbug?



## **A CORRECTION FROM LION PAUL ANSTETT**

The upcoming date for the Annual Valentine's Dinner was incorrectly listed as Wed. Feb 8th when it should have been Wed. Feb 14.

My apologies for any inconveniences this may have caused.

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## **ROCKTON LIONS LIVE THE MOTTO WE SERVE**

Lions Jeff Jongeling, Bruce McKnight, Doug Cassan and Ron Moore getting ready to feed the guests of the Mark Preece House ham, potatoes, coleslaw and Lion Bruce's "home made" pumpkin pie! (They say it's an old family

recipe!)

Rockton Lions continue to support the Dr. Mark Preece House in Hamilton and have been doing so for the last 3 years. The Mark Preece Family House, which opened in April of 2011, is a home away from home for families whose loved ones are critical care patients at any of the hospitals in Hamilton. They rely on the support of families and the community to finance the operations of this House. They receive NO government money. People from all over the province call the Mark Preece House "Home" while they are in Hamilton spending time with loved ones who are patients or receiving treatment in Hamilton.

On the first Wednesday of each month, a team of Rockton Lions cook a full meal for the guests who are staying at the house. And boy, do they appreciate it! We've heard some pretty tough stories from people who are dealing with real crisis in their lives. We feel that giving them a meal also gives them a break. We've met people from Thunder Bay, Windsor, Kitchener, Niagara, Belleville, Ottawa, the East Coast and even the states. We've encouraged them to go back to their communities and search out their local Lions Clubs and tell them about their Mark Preece House experience. A number of clubs have followed up and made a donation.

This is a terrific cause that the Rockton Lions have championed. More than half the members have volunteered a bit of their time to make this work. The gratification is amazing!--



## **WHERE THERE'S A NEED**

Lions, Lioness and LEOs:

We wanted to share some further information on Guelph Royal City Lions Club member Lion Wayne Keefe. Lion Wayne's health has deteriorated in the past few years due to the affects of Diabetes. Lion Wayne has been a kidney transplant recipient but has fallen into ill health as of late and has had to have one leg amputated above the knee and now he has lost his second leg. He and Lion Sylvia live in Guelph but their home is not easily accessible for Lion Wayne to come home and get around by wheelchair.

Modifications are having to be made to their home and this will be quite costly for Lions Wayne and Sylvia. Close friends, Sandra and Bruce Grimmer have started a Go Fund Me Page and I have included the link below if you wish to donate individually. I had the extreme privilege last June to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Wayne.

If Lions Clubs would like to donate any funds to help Lions Wayne and Sylvia with their mounting costs and debts due to Lion Wayne's health challenges, cheques can be made payable to the Guelph Royal City Lions Club and mailed to them care of their Club Treasurer Lion Dawn Elliot, 36 Ottawa Crescent, Guelph, ON, N1E 2A6 . Please make a notation on your cheques that it is to assist Lions Wayne and Sylvia Keefe or Wayne's Way Home.

Lions, Lioness and LEOs, please keep Lions Wayne and Sylvia in your prayers and thoughts. Thank you for your consideration.

DG Charlene

WAYNE'S WAY HOME Fundraiser Page

URL: <https://www.gofundme.com/wayne-s-way-home>

# AYR-NORTH DUMFRIES DONATES BENCHES FOR CENTENNIAL LEGACY PROJECT



For some time our members had remarked on the poor condition of the benches in the village's Centennial Park and the lack of a bench by the library on the main street. Many of our seniors live in an apartment block at the east end of downtown and find that the walk from the library and downtown back to their apartment can be quite exhausting.

We learned that the Township had some plans to do some significant upgrades in Centennial Park so our club determined that replacing 3 worn-out benches in the park and adding a new bench in front of the library

would be a timely and good and lasting Centennial Legacy Project.

We were pleased to officially turn the benches over to the Township on Nov. 20th

The attached photos show the bench in front of the library, the plaque attached to the benches and a group photo of some of our members, the Mayor of North Dumfries Township, and members of the Township council.

Lion Bob Cooper, Secretary

Ayr- North Dumfries Lions Club



FROM THE KITCHENER OKTOBERFEST LIONS



**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**



**We Serve**



### **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**



**We Serve**

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**Guelph Lions and Royal City Lions**

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 N1E2A6

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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 [convhost@15lions.org](mailto:convhost@15lions.org) or phone Lion Russ at 519-780-1112

<b>Committee Use ONLY</b>	Date Rec'd:	Cheque Number:	Amount:	Confirmation Sent:
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**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 )**



## 12 things to always remember

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Opinions don't define your reality
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Things always get better with time
5. Judgements are a confession of character
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness
7. Happiness is found within.
8. Positive thoughts create positive things
9. Smiles are contagious
10. Kindness is free
11. You only fail if you quit
12. What goes around, comes around





## The Lighter Side...



### HUSBAND DOWN HUSBAND DOWN

A husband and wife are shopping in their local supermarket. The husband picks up a case of beer and puts it in their cart.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the wife.

"They're on sale, only \$20 for 24 cans," he replies.

"Put them back, we can't afford them," demands the wife.

They carry on shopping. A few aisles farther on, the woman picks up a \$40 jar of face cream and puts it in the basket.

"What do you think you're doing?" asks the husband.

"It's my face cream. It makes me look beautiful," replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: "So does 24 cans of beer and it's half the price."

That's him, there in Aisle 5.



**Is this a quiz or a joke? You decide!!**

You are driving a bus from New York City to Philadelphia.

In Staten Island, 17 people got on the bus.

In New Brunswick, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on.

In Windsor, 2 people get off and 4 get on.

In Trenton, 11 people get off and 16 people get on.

In Bristol, 3 people get off and 5 people get on.

And, in Camden, 6 people get off and 3 get on.

You then arrive at Philadelphia Station. Without going back to review, how old is the bus driver?

*Don't you remember your own age??!! It was YOU driving the bus!*



## GUELPH LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CNIB CHRISTMAS DINNER



Olivia pulls her own ticket

The Guelph Lions Club once again hosted their annual CNIB Christmas Gala. The Holiday Inn served a fine turkey dinner to 160 CNIB clients and their guides, the most we have had in a number of years. Including the six members of the band and all of Santa's Lions helpers, 186 enjoyed a fine meal and entertainment. The live band provided festive music and Santa even made appearance to bring a small gift to each attendee. Santa was assisted by our youngest CNIB client yet, Olivia who is 5 years old and she told Lion Chief Jim "I am very smart". 3 draw prizes were available to be won and the second prize of a Talking Watch was won by none other little Olivia who drew the winning ticket with the help of District Governor Lion Char. This is truly one of our favourite service projects.



Guelph LC CNIB dinner



Guelph LC Lion Jim and band.

## GUELPH LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE AND CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Once again the Guelph Lions Club along with their good friends CJOY/Magic 106.1 Radio Station held their annual Christmas Toy Drive. Our community partners once again showed the generous and giving spirit here in Guelph! On December 17th we held our Wrapping Day and Hamper packing day, there were a number of Lions and guests wrapping gifts and helping to provide a full days worth of gifts and food for families in need in our community. With the project being led by Lion Debbie Lascelles, this event was well managed and brought many smiles to families this past Christmas season. The heart felt Thank You cards we received from the recipients truly showed us that We Serve!



## From New Hamburg

Lioness President Karren Faulkner presented Lioness Bobbi Williams with the Lioness Life Award at our recent Christmas party. Lioness Bobbi, a charter member when our club started in 1980, is still an active member. Congratulations Bobbi.



2017 was the Lioness 34th year for our Tree of Light program.



The New Hamburg Fire Department Aerial truck lit up the area, The New Hamburg Concert band played and the Waterloo Oxford Girls Choir entertained singing Christmas songs. It was a wonderful evening with lots of complementary hot dogs and apple cider provided for one of our largest crowds all enjoying this start to the Christmas season by lighting the Tree of Light. The New Hamburg Lioness Tree of Light campaign has raised over \$311,000.00.



**The University of Guelph Campus Lions** recently launched a traveling mascot for the DG's project – the sponsorship of an autism assistance team. Douglas (he prefers Doug) is a chocolate lab stuffy-puppy that visits district clubs looking for a place to stay for a night or two before being assisted in getting to another club. When he visits, he reminds the club about the DG's project. There's even some questions that the club tail-twister can ask on that or a following meeting night.

So far (as of Jan 18), Doug's travels have added \$200 to the project's coffers. Who will he visit next?

If Doug visits your club, please be sure to take some pictures, and send them to Lion Pushy at [lion.duane.a15@gmail.com](mailto:lion.duane.a15@gmail.com). He can help you find a club that hasn't yet been visited with a meeting soon and nearby. He'll send you an updated script to use to introduce Doug at his next club visit.

Donations for the DG's project can be sent to Lion Peter Oswald, the District Treasurer. Please give until it hurts! There is a family out there that will be tremendously helped by an autism guide dog. The training sponsorship is \$20k. See progress chart next page.



GMT Lion Bill Robertson and RC Tony with Douglas on his travels.

Lion Duane with Douglas and Guelph Lion Chief Jim Sanders



Douglas' new clothes

# District A-15 Governor's Project



Send cheques to:  
District Treasurer Peter Oswald

Cheques to be made out to:

**District A15 Lions**

*\*\*\*Please note on the cheque that it  
is for the Governor's Project\*\*\**



**WANT NEW MEMBERS? LOSING THOSE YOU HAVE?  
ALL IS NOT LOST, COME TO THIS WORKSHOP!!**



**District A-15  
Lions Clubs International  
Ontario, Canada**



**District A15, GMT Presents a Workshop:**

## **Best Practices for Membership Recruiting**

**Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, 1-5 PM, at the Thamesford Library, 165  
Dundas, Thamesford ON.**

Is your club struggling with low membership and having trouble recruiting new members?

The session will be led by PDG Paul Baker who is a MDA new clubs specialist. The context is a “new club workshop” but the recruitment methodologies are broadly applicable in any club situation.

There is no charge and we will provide coffee and cookies.

Email attendance to Jim Keron ([gmt2@a15lions.org](mailto:gmt2@a15lions.org))

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## CHRISTMAS CHEER AT SWEABURG

On Friday, December 9, the **Sweaburg & District Lions Club**, along with members of the **Sweaburg Parks Board** held its annual Old Fashioned Christmas. 18 Lions and members of the Sweaburg Parks Board provided crafts for the kids, a warm fire, sweet treats, and wagon rides, plus a visit from Santa. Non-perishable food items and

wrapped gifts were collected and donated to the Salvation Army. About 150 members of the community enjoyed the evening



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## BREAK UP THE WINTER BLUES AT BELWOOD

You've heard about it. You have seen it on You Tube. Well it's back for our 5th year!

This year we are proud to provide you with the same great meal but with a different entertainment twist. We are very glad to have Buzz Collins, Mentalist perform at our event on February 24, 2018.

Tickets remain at the low low price of \$25. This includes your meal, glass of wine and entertainment.

So join us. We are "for sure" you'll be glad you did! See you there!

Denis Vinette

Secretary, Belwood and District Lions Club

(226) 343-0261 or email at: [dvinette@belwoodlions.org](mailto:dvinette@belwoodlions.org) or [belwood@a15lions.org](mailto:belwood@a15lions.org)

**See flyer on the next page for date and details.**



**BELWOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**



*presents...*

# ***“Belwood is BUZZing”***

***Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>***

***Dinner & Show at the Belwood Hall***

***Featuring ‘Mentalist’ Buzz Collins***

***Dinner at 7:00pm***

***All you can eat  
Spaghetti and Meatballs Dinner  
Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread  
Dessert & Beverage  
& a Glass of Wine***

***\$25 per person***

***Tickets available from  
Belwood Lions members, Belwood Store  
or call 226-343-0261 or 519-787-2383***

***Limited seating***



**BUZZ COLLINS**  
HYPNOTIST MENTALIST

**“EASILY ONE OF THE BEST!!!”**  
—Mike Morse - V Theater - Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas

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**To the New Hamburg Lioness and the New Hamburg Lions Club**



December 2017



After debating on how to do this, I figured it was the right time to do and say something as a special challenged person in this community. Since I have been a part of Aldaview, you both have done a lot of events for all of us under the umbrella of Aldaview and have put the time towards us and making sure we had a great time at the events you always plan.

You've asked for help from me and I gladly did all I was ask even if the job wasn't my thing. I never gave you the appreciation you deserve and I'm paying it forward to the Lioness and Lions clubs by saying a HUGE Thank You!!!

I would like to give a big thanks to all who was involved in the Lioness and Lions for doing the events as the Santa Claus parade, Tree of Light, helping at the Farm Show in Woodstock, Dances and Christmas parties and my list could go on. You have always made sure everyone within the community was happy and having fun.

I've seen so much change within myself, but like I said my appreciation goes out to especially Paul Mackie!! You as a community person and an amazing friend made my life so better. I was shy, quite nervous and kept to myself. I felt so empty and alone and both the Lioness and Lions changed my view of the community and how others should be treated. You are not only friends but you show passion, loved and feelings toward everyone, including ME!!

I Love you All and I wish each and everyone a  
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS Season!!!!

LINDSAY NEUBAUER





## THANKS TO THE EXETER LIONS FOR THESE ITEMS



A retired older couple returned to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman was just selling the car they had been looking at only a couple of hours earlier to a cute little blonde who was wearing quite a short skirt and a sexy top.

The old man was visibly upset. He spoke to the salesman sharply, "Young man, I thought you said you would hold that car till we checked our finances to make sure we had the \$85,000 asking price. Yet I just overheard you closed the deal for \$58,000 to the lovely young lady there. And if I remember right, you had insisted there was absolutely no way you could discount this model."

The salesman took a deep breath, cleared his throat and reached for a large glass of water. "Well, what can I tell you? She had the cash ready, didn't need any financing help, and, Sir, just look at her, how could I resist?", replied the grinning salesman sheepishly.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man. "There you go, Dad" she said. "I told you I could get that idiot to lower the price."

Once again..... Don't mess with seniors.

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## Baptizing An Irishman

An Irish man is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. The drunk proceeds into the water, subsequently bumping into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, whereupon, he asks the drunk, "Are you ready to find Jesus?"

The drunk shouts, "Yes, oi am."

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the water. He pulls him back and asks, "Brother, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk replies, "No, oi haven't found Jesus!"

The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him again but for a little longer. He again pulls him out of the water and asks, "Have you found Jesus, my brother?"

The drunk answers, "No, oi haven't found Jesus!"

By this time, the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk again -- but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds, and when he begins kicking his arms and legs about, he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, "For the love of God, have you found Jesus?"

The drunk answers "Are yez sure dis is where he went in?"

## Family Day Breakfast – Mon. Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018



### Family Day With The Exeter Lions Club

*in conjunction with the South Huron Rec Centre*

**Monday, February 19**

**South Huron Rec Centre**

**Breakfast: 8 am - 11:30 am**

**Adults: \$8.00   Children: \$5.00**

**Take Out Available**

**Free Public Skating**

**9 am - 3 pm**

**PROUD SPONSOR**

**The Lions Club  
of Exeter**



# Welcome to the Bayfield Lions Home Show.

## FREE ADMISSION!



Food Bank donations gratefully accepted

Join us for the annual Bayfield Lions Home & Garden Show!

Friday April 27 from 5-9 pm

Saturday April 28 from 11-5 pm

Sunday April 29 from 11-4 pm

Bayfield Arena and Community Centre

Enjoy the Community Expo, Food Booth, Door Prizes, Face Painting and MORE!

Here's an invitation to come out and enjoy our 21st annual Home & Garden Show in Bayfield at the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre . Check out all the particulars at Bayfield Lions Home & Garden Show.

Lion Tony Van Bakel

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