



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"Follow Your Dream"

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Cost aid sought for new refractor

We need to raise \$12,500 to purchase new equipment! Will your club please consider a donation to this important work.

Many clubs in the District have been involved again this year and more than 7,000 junior and senior kindergarten children were tested. Of that number, about 35% were referred to an optometrist for further testing.

The screening is done by Lions volunteers working in the schools during school hours using equipment purchased by the District. This past year, we had the privilege of using a new refractor, the S12 by PlusOptix. Our thanks to the former Committee Chair, Charlie Davis who researched and purchased this unit.

It has been trialed and tested by most of the clubs in the district that do screening with very positive results. The benefits are many; it is much more volunteer friendly to use, works much faster than the older models and can be recharged while it is working. .

We need your help to purchase more of these units. The costs per unit is \$6,100 Canadian dollars This includes HST. We will save money every year with these units, as we will not have to pay to have them calibrated. Our current annual cost for this is about \$2,000.

Please send all cheques to Peter Oswald, District Treasurer marked as a donation for Vision Screening.

Thanks for your support
Yours in Lionism
Pat McLean, Committee Chair

Cabinet Reminder: Contact host club with numbers, please

Lions

Once again the host club for the Spring Cabinet Meeting has received very few responses from clubs regarding their attendance. This is most unfair. The final day for notification was June 15th.

PLEASE. Refer to your earlier email, get your counts and report as requested. Remember that the host club is under no obligation to provide meals for those who did not notify that they were going to attend or purchase extra meals just in case and then have to absorb that cost.

Dennis Loughheed, Cabinet Secretary,
District A15 Lions, Cs@a15lions.org, 519-213-1397



Diving into the fryer

Thamesford Lions Dave and Doug act as "friars" at the successful club Trout Brunch. More than \$4,000 was raised after nearly 700 people attended the event.

Caution to cabinet, committee chairs on close out of email

Lions

On July 1st many of you will be leaving your current Cabinet and/or Committee Chair roles. Some of you will be taking on new roles. Be aware that on that date, the new holders of these positions will have been provided with a new password, set by me, for their positional District Gmail account and the old holder of the positions will no longer have access. If there are any Emails you feel should not be available to your successor than take the time to delete them **BEFORE** June 30th.

The new passwords will be sent to the personal email address of each positional address in the week prior to July 1st.

Lion Dennis Loughheed, A15 Cabinet Secretary,
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Be Proud - Serve With Pride

Finding New Lions: They may simply need to be asked to join

New shipping contacts for eyeglasses recycling

June 2014 – CANADIAN LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTRE

Clerc accepts the following eyeglasses - Reading, Single Vision, Bifocal, Children, Safety, non-prescription Sunglasses New and Used.

Please send both plastic and metal frames. **Remove eyeglass cases, loose and broken lenses or damaged lenses and frames before shipping.** Rather than storing glasses for a long time, send as soon as possible to the Lion Eyeglass Recycling Center. Time, extreme temperature and weather conditions cause damage to frames and lenses, often rendering them useless.

Pack eyeglasses in a sturdy corrugated box. Layer rows of eyeglasses with tissue paper, newspaper or styrofoam. Please avoid using shredded packing materials or Styrofoam "peanuts." Seal box with tape. Be sure label is legible and Include your return address. All glasses from Ontario and East are now shipped to Montreal.

For clubs in District A15, the following options are available for shipping:

Manitoulin Transport 790 Industrial Rd, Cambridge ON N3H 4W1. The contact person there is Chris Smith and his number is 519 653-0321 x85227

Address each box to:

CLERC,

c/o Manitoulin Transport, 1890 Sources Blvd, Point-Claire, Quebec H9R 5B1

Important, please print donation #2014-142 on the shipping label.

With the address also include the following: Contact Pierre Labine at 514 747-5992 for pickup

Home Hardware;

Take boxes to Winn Ferris at the head office, Henry St, St. Jacobs ON. Her phone number is 519 66404605

Address each box to:

CLERC,

c/o Martel Express (United Van Lines Agent)

10105 Boul Henri-Bourassa

O, St. Laurent, QC H4S 1A1

Ph:514-331-3311

Attention: Eric LeBrun

We acknowledge and thank these companies for their support in shipping these nn

Choose to attend Toronto 2014

Lions of A15,

As you already know, Lions Clubs International is holding its 97th Annual International Convention in Toronto on July 4th to the 8th, 2014. I want to express my thanks to all that have already registered to attend and a special thank you to those who have signed up as volunteers. For those who have not yet registered, or who do not have plans to attend, I would like to ask that you re-consider attending this once in a lifetime opportunity in your Lions experience.

From the first day to the last, there is something for everyone. Whether attending plenary sessions, gathering with Lions from all over the world or experiencing that indescribable feeling of seeing thousands of Lions, from every corner of our world, celebrating their pride and service at the Lions Parade, you will never truly "sense" Lionism in any other venue as much as you will there.

If the thought of such a celebration is not motivating enough, please consider this.

As you may have noticed, there are presently 2 candidates for the position of 2nd Vice President of our association. PID Mike Butler and PID Bob Curlew. As a club, you are empowered to a vote for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. NOTE: Each club gets at least 1 vote. So why is your vote important and why is it most important this year. The reason is simple.

Over the last decade or more, a small group of individuals have held positions in our organization which "entitles" them to "triage" the candidates for the position of 2nd Vice President. Because of this, many worthy candidates are "weeded" for reasons solely known by this small group of people. In addition, this year, the International Board of Directors took the extremely unusual position of formally "Endorsing" a candidate, and in that fashion, allowed decisions about the leadership of the highest office in LCI to be held in the hands of this small group of people. One candidate, PID Mike Butler, a highly qualified leader in our organization, in concert with other highly respected Lions leaders, are trying to stop this disturbing trend. They believe that we cannot allow a small group dictate decisions that are



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solely the privilege of the membership. It is for that reason, and many more, that PID Mike has stepped forward to allow us, the membership, to have a choice and a say in this process.

At this time, I also wish to remind you that Multiple District "A" Council has endorsed the candidacy of PID Mike Butler and we are asking that clubs make the best effort to come to convention, listen to the candidate messages, understand the issues and make their decision to support the candidate of their choosing.

Lions... This is a critical juncture in the democratic process of our organization and only you, by your vote, can take a stand for our rights to choose.

So, consider registering, attending and casting your vote at this upcoming convention.

Thank you,
Denis



Generator need for Woodstock Sakura House

The Sakura House residential hospice in Woodstock does NOT have a Generator for backup in case of Hydro failure. Three Lions members met at the Sakura House on April 16, 2014 with Ian McAskile, Danielle Wilmont and Kyra McMamara to discuss the possibility of the Lions Clubs purchasing the generator and installation.

In discussions with the Tillsonburg Lions Club and many Lions Clubs at our convention, we feel that with a lot of work we should be able to raise enough money for the project.

We are going to get two or more estimates, the cost may be as high as \$65,000 and the project cannot start until we have the money to pay for it. The procedure would be that money for this would be given to Sakura House and designated for Generator.

We hope this will include all Clubs of 37S as well as Lions Clubs in A2 Region 4 and any others that would like to.

Yes we have many Lion club project commitments and this one we hope you will consider. The amount you give will be kept confidential and totaled by Kyra McMamara.

If you would like to join our group please call -

Vern Fleming - Tillsonburg Lions Club, 519-842-4042

Dan Fisher - Thamesford Lions Club, 519-285-2620

Jack Broadfoot - Thamesford Lions Club, 519-285-2729

For information on Sakura House residential hospice please use this link -

<http://vonsakurahouse.com/>



Breslau Lions sponsor concert

Soprano Beverly Leslie performs with the Guelph Male Choir during the *Love is in the Air* spring concert sponsored by the Breslau Lions Club. Two performances were held which drew large numbers of patrons.



June 14th, 2014
10am - 4pm

Cambridge
Newfoundland Club

50+ Tables

Admissions: \$3

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Ray Hollick's
Tribute to
The King



Barry Moyle's
Tribute to
Neil Diamond



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

presented by
Galt-Cambridge & St. Agatha Lions Club
at the
Cambridge Newfoundland Club

Saturday - June 14, 2014
7:00pm - 11:00pm

Tickets \$40.00 each or Table of 8, \$280.00

Tickets Available from

Richard Green
519-632-8511

Galt-Cambridge Lions Club
519-622-4588

David Cole
519-752-4533



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CTC Dollars for Dorset

Lions Camp Dorset has a continuing need for Canadian Tire currency to repair and replace equipment used by dialysis patients

Contact Lion Bob at bulletin@a15lions.org for



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

A-15 Lions Pride

MDA Ontario director required for October, 2015

Send the name of the candidate and relevant qualifications to Cabinet Secretary Dennis Lougheed no later than August 10th, 2014 for consideration by Cabinet before the August cabinet meeting.

Multiple District 'A' has received official notification that the position of Ontario Director for Lions Foundation of Canada will become vacant in October, 2015.

The following will outline the requirements, timing and procedure for electing a new

Ontario Director from Multiple District 'A'. The term of office of the Ontario Director of

Lions Foundation of Canada shall be three (3) years.

QUALIFICATIONS:

To qualify as a candidate for Provincial Director on the Lions Foundation of Canada Board

a person must:

(a) be a Lion in good standing; and

(b) any one (1) of the following:

(I) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of Canada

as appointed by the Provincial Director;

(II) Served as a District Representative for the Lions Foundation of

Canada as appointed by the District Governor;

(III) Served as the Multiple District 'A' Representative for the Lions

Foundation of Canada as appointed by the Council Chairperson;

(IV) Has served as District Governor, and has participated in the Lions

Foundation of Canada's orientation program;

(V) Has served as a Representative, appointed by the Lions Foundation of

Canada Board promoting and supporting one of the Lions

Foundation of Canada projects.

PROCEDURES:

(a) Each sub-District is entitled to nominate one (1) candidate for the office of Ontario

Director of Lions Foundation of Canada.



Peace poster available now

Lions,

Peace Posters are here please contact Peace Poster Chair

Janet Dawson Brock at 519 886 4096

djbrock@uwaterloo.ca

If you would like a kit Janet will have them at the Cabinet meeting.

Don't wait until the fall do it now. We have about 13 clubs involved this year so it should be fun picking the winner

— Lion Janet Dawson Brock

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CONVENTIONS

July 4 – 8, 2014 - 97th International Convention, TORONTO
June 26 – 30 2015 - 98th International Convention, Honolulu, HI