



# Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

June 2015

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"A Wake in Service"

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## Thamesford Lions hold literacy day

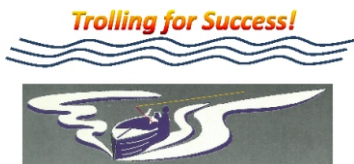
The Lions Reading Action Program features a recent event by the Thamesford Lions. Lion Wayne Romphf of the Thamesford Lions reports that his Club sponsored their own event this year - Literacy Day was on January 24th at the Thamesford Library. It was very well attended by both children and adults. The Lions provided rooms and an atmosphere that promoted reading by having their Lions read to the children as well as a room where they brought in some therapy dogs. Shy children who would not read found it easier to read to the therapy dogs and opened up



## Dog Guides are front and centre



Thamesford Lions displayed  
Lions Dog Guide during their  
community's recent  
Calithumpian Parade.



District A-15

## Reminder: Change over email responsibility

On July 1st there will be many clubs and individuals transitioning from 2014-15 positions to 2015-16 positions or to no position within the District's email system. There are a significant number of house cleaning matters that each of you as a predecessor and/or successor to those positions must look after.



**Be Proud - Serve With Pride**

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

*Roar Like A Lion!*



## Small but conscientious

# Fergus Lioness Club celebrates 35 years, recognizes service

In celebration of our 35th year as a Lioness Club, we created a calendar highlighting some of our charities and our members as well. It was very well received. 200 calendars were printed and sold! Many thanks to Lioness Wendy Mudd for her idea and creativity, not to mention the hard work involved. Also, our sponsors, Fergus Lions Club in recognition of service awarded three of our members with the Melvin Jones Fellowship at their meeting.

Recipients: Arlene Halman, President, with 20+ yrs. as a Lioness; Lynda Waterhouse, Past President, with her 11 yrs. of volunteering with the Eye Screening Program and coaching of area youth in Curling; Darlene Heffernan, Treasurer, and 35 yrs. of service with the Lioness. This award was presented by Fergus Lions President Eric Peterson, and District Governor, Tim DeBlock. There are now four members of the Fergus Lioness who hold this honour. With a club of only 10 members, that confirms that small numbers can do great things.

The Fergus Lions Home and Leisure Show held May 6, 7, 8, was a tremendous success. The Fergus Lioness hosted the annual Howell's Fish Fry Dinner and served over 280 people. A huge success and well received. Monies generated will certainly assist us in our pledge to help our community in the future.

Submitted with pride,

Lynda Waterhouse, MJF.

Past President, Fergus Lioness.

## Ariss Lions change name

The Ariss and District Lions Club is pleased to announce that Lions Clubs International has granted approval for the club name to change to Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club, effective May 9, 2015.

When the club chartered in 2011 the meetings were held in Ariss. This venue was sold in 2014 and its usage changed. Club President Lion Neil Perry stated that they were able to acquire a meeting place at the Heritage Park Community Centre in Maryhill. He went on to say that although Maryhill was included as part of the "District" in their club name, the club executive and membership unanimously agreed the name Maryhill should be included in the club's name. We are proud to serve both communities and surrounding area in the work of Lions, Perry added.



A-15 Youth Exchange and  
Bruce Murray International Youth Camp  
Ontario, Canada



NOTE: Not to be filed!

Place this under 'New Business' for your club's next Lions meeting, discussing and responding to the requests included.

- 1) The A-15 Youth Exchange Program currently (March 3, 2015) has 16 youth confirmed to attend our Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Camp this summer. These youth arrive June 27, spending the next 14 days with their host family. Camp is from July 11 – 21 at 5-Oaks Camp. Youth return to their host families July 21 and fly home July 25.  
HOST FAMILIES ARE NEEDED for these youth. Please contact Rudy/Lorea Boogerman ASAP with names of members interested in hosting. Police checks will be streamlined through the process introduced by Cabinet this year. Please remember – No Host Families = No Youth Camp.
- 2) Financial support from your club to support camp activities is requested. The approved budget for this year is \$15,000. Forward contributions to Cabinet Treasurer Peter Oswald, e-mail marked for Youth Exchange.
- 3) This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Camp. As part of the celebration/recognition of this special year, we would like to develop a slide show of past Youth Camp activities and memories. Should you have photos of past camps, youth, activities, please date the photo and either bring them to convention to be scanned, e-mail a copy to R/L or mail to R/L. Photos of early camps are specifically needed.

### Dates To Remember:

May 22 - 23 - Camp Cleanup at 5-Oaks United Church Camp. Remember – each person hour during clean-up is converted to \$55 which are credited to the rental of 5-Oaks for Camp (approx. \$6,000).  
June 27 – Youth arrive in Toronto. Host family meet their youth at the Toronto International Airport.  
July 11 – 21 – Youth are at camp  
July 19 – International Night hosted by St. George Lions Club at South Dumfries Community Centre, St. George.  
July 25 – youth fly home.

Lion Rudy and Lion Lorea Boogerman, Innerkip Lions Club  
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Please Join The St. Marys Lions Club as We:

## Celebrate Two Milestones!



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### Accommodations:

St. Marys —  
Westover Inn  
Stone Willow Inn  
Stratford —  
Queens Inn

St. Marys Lions Club  
Diamond Jubilee  
1940-2015

&

50 Years in Lionism  
PID Bruce Murray

June 20th, 2015

Social — 6:00 PM

Dinner — 7:00 PM

Catered by Kennedys

Cost — \$35.00

Where — Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James St. South

St. Marys, ON N4X 1B6

R.S.V.P. : June 12th



# Fergus Lions award Mel Jones Fellowship to Lion Sherri Holmes for park services



Lion Chief Eric Peterson presented Lion Sherri Holmes with a MJF at our January 13 meeting, with the help of Region 51 Chair, Lion Charlene Teasdale. Lion Sherri, and Lion Margaret Murray, have cochaired our Grand River Arboretum/Wilkie Park committee for several years, along with assisting with many other club projects and activities.

**A-15 Lions  
Roar!  
With Pride!**



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](mailto:bulletin@a15lions.org)

## SURPRISE RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JOAN BRINTNELL

SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2015  
12:00 TO 3:00

LIONS MCINNES HOUSE  
170 HENRY STREET

RSVP BY JUNE 1, 2015 TO:  
[laurielmh@rogers.com](mailto:laurielmh@rogers.com)

WARM WISHES WELCOME  
PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR



## Elmira - Woolwich Family Fun BBQ

The Lions Club of Elmira and the Woolwich Community Lions Club are jointly hosting a "Family Fun Chicken BBQ" on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 at Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m., with dinner being served from 5:30 to 7:30.

Advanced Tickets Only - Take Out Available.

\$15 Adults & \$8 Children ages 4-12.

Live Entertainment - "Cowboy Up"

Children's Activities

Guide Dog Puppies on Display

Licensed Patio - Cash Bar

Tickets available from any lion or by contacting Lion Bea Dechert - [519-669-1258](tel:519-669-1258).

Proceeds to Woolwich Community Services - "Lions Resource Centre"

Join us to help usher in the summer and have a great time!



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

# A-15 Lions Pride

## Much success offered for upcoming Dog Walks

Hello Lions, Lioness and LEOs:

I wanted to wish you all much success with your upcoming Walk For Dog Guides and thank you all once again for participating in this very important fund raiser for our Foundation. It is great to see more Clubs coming on board to host a Walk, why not team up with Lions, Lioness and LEO Clubs in your area to create a Walk for Dog Guides, many hands make light work!

Fingers crossed that Mother Nature will shine on us on Sunday wherever you may be. Thank you all once again. To find a Walk near you please visit the website [www.purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com) and find the town/city closest to you! Go A15!!!

Lion V. Charlene Teasdale  
A15 Chair Lions Foundation of Canada  
Region 51 Chair 2014-2015

## District A-15 Bulletin Deadlines

District A-15 News Bulletins will be published each month of the 2014-2015 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](mailto: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.

## Directory review, changes, errors

Voting Cabinet and Committee Chairs:

Directory Information Review. Respond with changes to CS Dennis Loughheed no later than Friday, June 26th.

This is your only opportunity to correct the data. After June 26th it becomes the data used to produce the Directory layout for printing and for updating the District website.

The 2015/16 print District Directory will be distributed at the August Cabinet Meeting. "Free" copies are provided as follows

Each Lions Club - 5

Each LEO Club - 2

Each Lioness Club - 1

Each Cabinet Member and Committee Chair - 1 per position held

Each PDG - 1

DG Allocation - 15

Additional copies may be ordered for delivery at the August Cabinet Meeting for a cost as yet unknown. Last year it was \$5.

Additional copies must be ordered through the club by June 30th. Payment will be taken at the August Cabinet Meeting. Copies not collected at the August Cabinet Meeting will be available through your Zone Chair.

Please get your additional copies order to CS Dennis by June 30th.

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## CONVENTION

June 26 – 30 2015 - 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Honolulu, HI