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Lions Clubs International District A-15

News Bulletin

JUNE 2016



When I sat down to write this final piece as your District Governor, I found it very difficult to focus on a topic. There are so many thoughts to share with you and so many thank-yous to extend.

I wanted to write a message about the spirit of service. As I struggled with a definition of what

Lionism really is, I decided in the end there is no clear definition. Then, I came across an advertisement for a product that was being sold as an item “for those who shape the future”. I thought what an apt phrase to describe who Lions are. We are people of action. We shape the future for those whom we serve. We donate material goods, we offer companionship, we help bring about self-sufficiency and ultimately we bring an increased level of self-esteem to individuals in need. We have, through our actions, given Hope Through Service.

We also have the capability for shaping the future for our organization. If we culture new leaders by offering instructive and fun District activities and if we encourage new members to share in club events to learn the power of giving, our District will continue to thrive.

A thank you to all of the Cabinet members, the committee chairs and the Past District Governors who have been instrumental in keeping the District running smoothly. A sincere thank you to each club member of our District. You have indeed made me proud to have acted as your District Governor for this year.

With gratitude,

Diane M. Smith
District Governor 2015-2016
A-15



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Roar Like A Lion!
- Be Proud -



- Serve With Pride -
Finding New Lions:
They may simply need
to be asked to join.



“INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’S RECOGNITION AWARD”

ObserverXtra

The following are excerpts from an article from the Elmira ObserverXtra, reprinted with permission.
Written by Whitney Neilsen- Photo Journalist



Not unfamiliar to recognition for his efforts through the Elmira Lions Club, Art Woods was awarded the International President’s Recognition Award at the recent District A-15 convention in Elmira.

LION ART WOODS He was one of only three members in Canada to receive the honour, and he says there are many Lions members who have helped make the local club such a success. “I would like to emphasize it’s easy to generate ideas and get things done when you’ve got great people like the Elmira Lions Club to back you and support you. I couldn’t do it alone. It should be an award for the whole club, really,” Woods said.

“This year our international president is from Japan, so it’s quite special in my world to have received it based on the judgment from someone from Japan,” Woods said. The award is given out to members who have provided services beyond the usual expectations of a Lions member, as deemed appropriate by the international president.

Woods previously was a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs from 2001-2003 and has been a member of the Elmira Lions Club since 1972. Some of his past awards include the 100% Club President’s Award, Membership Key Award, the 100% District Governor’s Award, three International President’s Awards, the International Leadership Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award.

It came as a total surprise when he was given this award.

“I thought I was over my award receiving days. I’ve been around for a long time and have received most of the awards available in the world of Lionism, and hadn’t even thought of this coming up, for sure. Obviously I can thank a few people for making it happen,” Woods said.

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One of the reasons he was given the award is through the years he's given a lot of pro-bono services to Lions clubs and other not for profit organizations. Woods is a retired lawyer.

"One thing that was mentioned is I've incorporated close to 100 of these organizations around Ontario primarily, and offered my services to a variety of projects, and I'm happy to do it," Woods said.



AWARD PRESENTATION FROM PID CARL YOUNG

Some of the Elmira Lions Club work he's proud of includes the trails, Lions Park, and Lions Hall. He started the first Lions trail in Elmira and has been involved with the trails for the past 35 years. Now, he looks after Lions Hall.

"The main Kissing Bridge Trail on a nice, warm Saturday or Sunday afternoon is almost becoming like the 401," Woods says with a laugh. "And that's wonderful, that's what they're for."

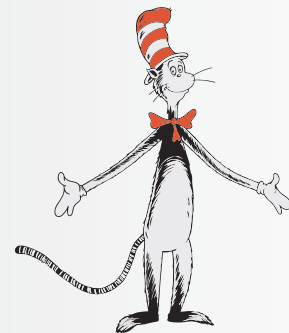
Lions Club International is focused on helping with the wildfires in Fort McMurray right now. Locally, they're getting ready to do spring work on the trails, roadside cleanup this Thursday, and their memorial forest dedication on June 12.

"I joined because I wanted to be involved in something to help the community and beyond but I had no idea when I joined what all Lions were doing. We are the biggest service club in the world, 1.4 million members roughly, a huge amount of work being done worldwide... If you're interested and want to do any good and want to continue, you can have things to do for the rest of your life."

The 2015-2016 Lions Year in Review District A-15

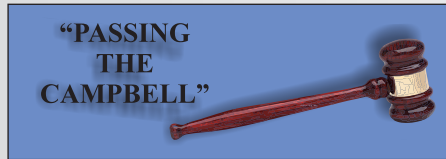


- Achieved a net positive membership growth
- Established the position of Information Technology (IT) Coach to provide on-site computer assistance, as needed, to our District clubs
- Added two new service committees :
 - Gift of Life
 - Special Olympics
- Your District Governor acted as Vice-Council at the MDA level
- As of June 13th there were 48, 992 service hours logged with International!!
- The policies and procedures for the District were revised and job descriptions were created for committee chairs
- District committees were organized as:
 - Administration
 - Programs
 - Youth
 - Special Projects
- An updated Volunteer Screening and Police Check policy was prepared
- Our GMT/GLT chairs held a membership workshop and a training session for club leaders
- A very successful District convention was held in Elmira with a total attendance of 471
- In preparation for the 100th anniversary of Lions International our District has begun planning and executing a Legacy project. This project will be entranceway stone pillars to be erected at the entrance to the dog breeding facility on Chilligo Road in Breslau.



CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESS!!!

A15 CONVENTION PHOTOS



The photos are available on the main page of the A15 web site or click the labels on this page. Special Thanks to Lions Cheryl Bauman, Linda Litt and Deb Cseralmi for the pictures and to Lion Ted Rypma, our I.T. Coordinator for his suggestions and posting the photos.



**Lions Clubs International
Multiple District “A”
Ontario and Québec**



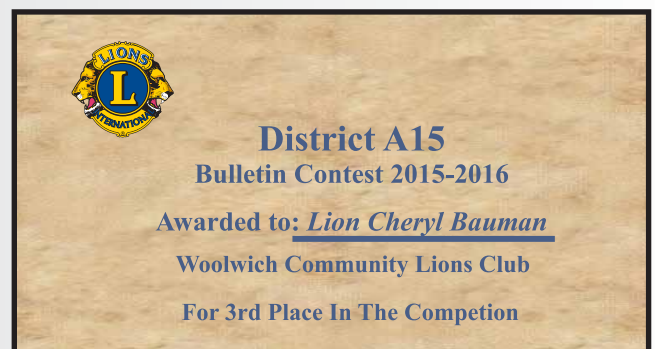
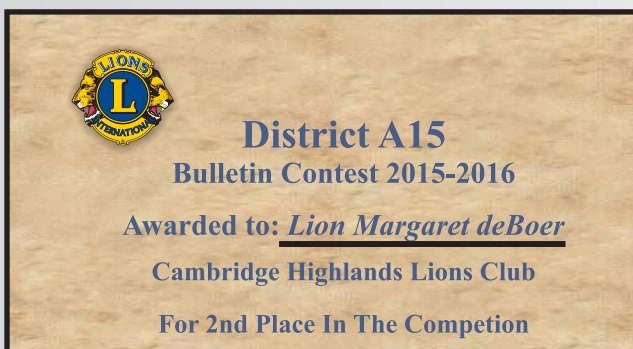
Congratulations to Lion Tom Gordon and his wife Lion Gillian. Tom was endorsed as our International Director for 2016-2017 at the MDA Convention in North Bay on May 29th. They will serve us well!!!



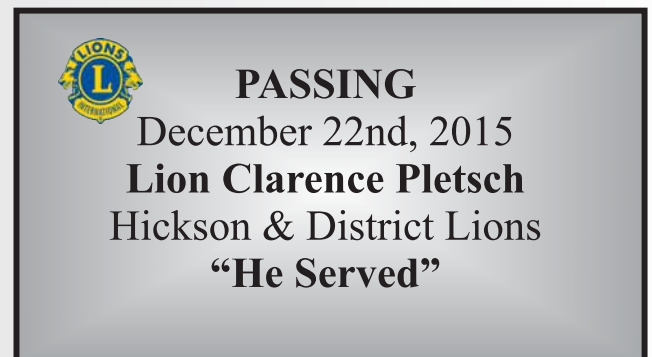
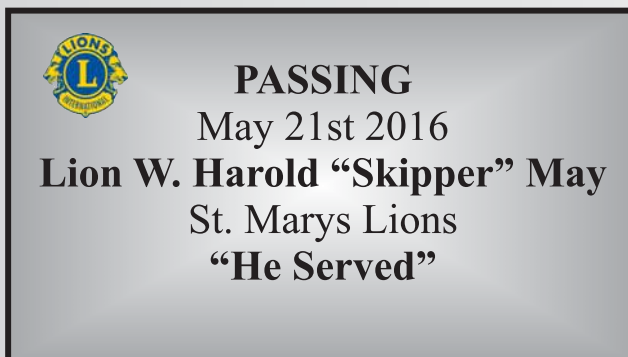
A15 BULLETIN CONTEST

1st place went to Lion Marianne Ferguson, St. Mary's Lions, 2nd was Lion Margaret de Boer, Cambridge Highlands Lions and 3rd was Lion Cheryl Bauman, Woolwich Community Lions.

The Judging Panel was DG Diane Smith, 1st VDG Wayne Litt, 2VDG Charlene Teasdale, Lion Moe Crickmore Copetown Lions and Lion Bob Pearson, Copetown Lions/A15 Editor



Awards were given out at A1 5 Cabinet Meeting
June 5th in Elmira





**“OH THE PLACES
YOU WILL GO”**



**Cakes presented to
DG Diane at
Cabinet Meeting**



GUELPH LIONS

Lucky #13!!



The Guelph Lions Club sponsored their 13th Canine Vision Dog Guide. On June 18th Lion Russ Dwyer and Lion Charlene Teasdale (A15 VDG2) attended the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide graduation ceremony where they were happy to wish the recipient Alessia from Ancaster and her new companion Bay all the best in their future endeavours,

Alessia is a kindergarten teacher so we are sure Bay will be a valuable asset. Guelph Lions are honoured to support our Foundation and hope to sponsor many more graduating teams.



ELMIRA LIONS 130 YEARS OF LIONISM



At our February 17th meeting, several Lions were presented with chevrons for their years of service. L to R: Bill Crane (30 years), Joe Metz (35 years), Bert Martin (20 years), Jamie Rozema (10 years), and Don Taylor (35 years). Chevrons presented by A15 District Governor Diane Smith. Well done guys!

PARIS LIONS



At a recent meeting Paris Lions inducted two new members, shown in the photo from L to R are Lion Chief Dwayne Budgell, Secretary Lorne Reid, New Member Cathy Proll, DG Diane Smith, New Member Rod LaFramboise and Lion Tony Panzera



MDA, District A15 and Trillium Gift of Life Network Partners in Saving Lives



**Gift of Life Chair Lion Bob Rutter
@ Kidney Foundation Dinner &
Mens Fashion Show with Gayle O'Brian,
Emcee, from 107.5, June Martin, event
organizer from Grand River Hospital
and Evelina Turney, Fund Development
Officer, Waterloo-Wellington Chapter,
Kidney Foundation of Canada.
Apparently Lion Bob is in high demand
for modelling jobs.**

**Lion Bob presenting
Gift of Life Patch
to Rockton Lions,
Eleanor Wood accepting
for Lion Chief Harvey Wood**



**Rockwood Lions Chief
Ken McNab receiving
Gift of Life Patch from
V.D.G. Charlene Teasdale**

**Lion Chief Andrew Mackinnon
receiving banner patch for
Guelph Royal City Lions from
Lion Bob**





LIONS CLUB OF KITCHENER



Attending the Lions Club of Kitchener's President's Appreciation Night, DG Diane Smith presented the following Lions with their well earned awards. (L-R) PRC Lion Charlie Davis, President's Certificate of Appreciation, Lion Gary Dunn, President's Certificate of Appreciation, Lion Murray Krajaefski, Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lions Erhard Kruger & Ken Buder, Extra Effort Award (an in house award), PZC Ron Ross, Melvin Jones Fellowship and Lion Frank Ramroop, President's Certificate of Appreciation.



Lion Diane also presented (L-R) Lions Eric and Alexandra Gerlach, and John Paul Bell with Lions Quest Awards.



NEW HAMBURG LIONESS CLUB



The New Hamburg Lioness Club held their annual dinner at Puddicombe House in New Hamburg, it was a significant evening which included a \$2000.00 donation to the Ft. McMurray Fund



On Saturday, June 11th the Lioness hosted their Welcome Home Tour showcasing six homes and suites at the newly renovated Imperial Hotel. The Lioness greeted and toured guests through the homes. \$8,300 was raised to be divided between Interfaith Counselling Centre and Wilmot Family Resource Centre. A featured home was that of the Weeden family, shown are: Kevin, Claudia & Mary Weeden, Lioness President Janet Dawson-Brock, Lioness Erma Godber and at the back, Lioness Carol Massel,



LYNDEN LIONS



On May 19th the Lynden Lions launched a Memorial Scholarship Program. Originally suggested and developed by Lion Ed Fritsch the program is in memory of former Lynden Lions who are now deceased and recognizes post graduate students in the community who have displayed both academic achievement and community service. A committee screens the applications and chooses the winners. Five local students were chosen this year. Each received a clock trophy and a cheque. This smiling photo shows both recipients and committee members. From left to right Lions Charlie Lawson and Rosie Brooks, Leo's Joshua Leegstra, Jillian Filmer, Taylor Devet, Lions Mike Gough Amanda Renton and Ed Fritsch Leo Katherine Filmer and Lion John Pepper. We look forward to recognizing other young people in our community in future years.



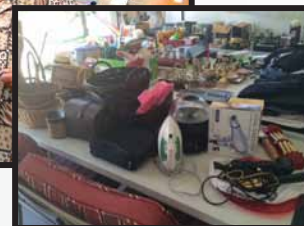
BAYFIELD LIONS



The Bayfield Lions Club recently committed to donate the proceeds from their annual community breakfast to the Fort McMurray relief fund. Combined with a cash jar at the door, they were able to raise \$3150. Lion Dave Nearingburg is shown presenting the cheque to Suzanne from the RBC in Clinton. The bank is the local custodian of the funds.



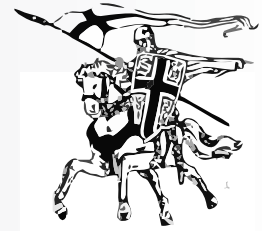
EXETER LIONESS



The Lioness participated in a Town Wide Yard Sale recently, they had tables at the home of Lioness Lynn Hope. They raised \$1,316.00 for their charitable activities. Well done!!!



ST. GEORGE LIONS



On May 6th the St. George Girl Guides were present at the meeting to thank the Lions for their contribution to their *Day of Literacy* event. The girls also sold numerous boxes of cookies. The club made a donation to the 3rd Annual Guiding Day event. The theme was “Words In Action” and they followed the Girl Guiding of Canada National Service Project focused on empowering girls through literacy and sharing in the joy of reading. the girls brought in two books each, one to be donated to the Wish Closet in Brantford and one to trade. In all eighty-six books were donated.

The club has been busy with their food trailer events, namely St. George German School Fun Fair from which they made a \$1,000.00 donation to the school.



They were also busy at the Sunrise Brantford “Roughneck Mud Run”. Sure looks like a lot of fun! Shown are Lions Bob Ammerman, Chris Price, Courtney Davidson, Merle Ammerman, Barry Ames, Jeff Sullivan and Roger Lyster with three of the “Mudders”.



Lions Clubs International

CAMPUS LIONS CLUBS

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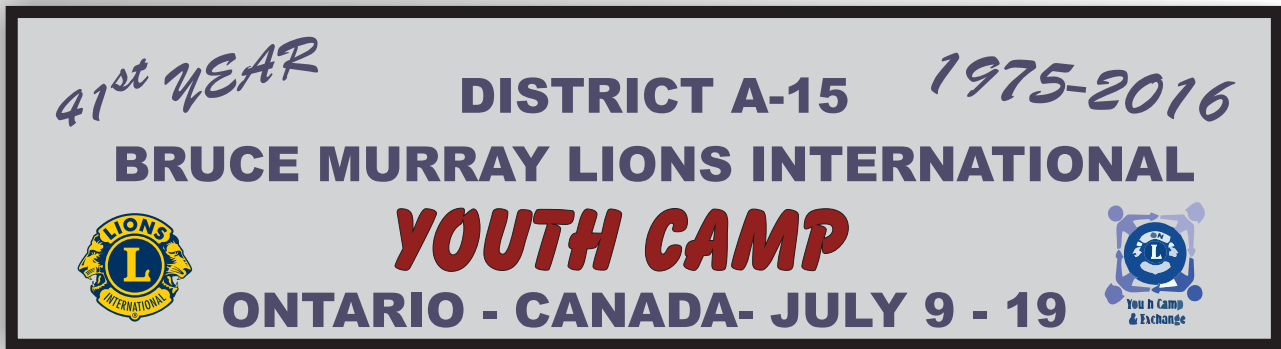


The University of Waterloo Optometry Campus Lions sponsored Canine Vision Dog Guide “Zircon” in May of this year, pictured with his new owner John on the left, Lion Marilyn Smith and K-W Community Spirit Lion Ken Oliver(parent club).

WEST COAST LIONS



The West Coast Lions held their very successful annual Purina Dog Walk in Grand Bend on May 30th.



DISTRICT A15 YOUTH EXCHANGE

Good news! All the Youth have been hosted. Thank you to District A-15 for making it happen. Our guests will be arriving on or about June 25 and will be spending the next four weeks in our District.

Opening Exercises will commence at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 9th, at the Summer Center of Five Oaks Camp in Paris. Visits are set for Niagara Falls and area, The Lions Foundation of Canada, CN Tower, St Jacobs & area and of course Wonderland.

Please mark July 17 on your calendar in order to attend the International Youth Night on July 17 at the South Dumfries Community Center in St George, Our guests will put their presentations on display at 3:00 pm then the St. George Lions Club will provide a light supper (free will donation). The Youth will then provide the entertainment for the evening following the presentation of awards. All Lions and guests are invited to attend. Please advise the St. George Lions of your intentions to attend and the number in your party. Your cooperation is appreciated. Camp will conclude on July 19. The youth will return to their host family until the weekend of July 23 when they return home.

We would like to thank the host families for opening up their homes to accommodate and feed our guests, the Lions Clubs who sponsor our outgoing youth or provide a meal at camp and all who financially support the Youth Exchange Program. It wouldn't happen without you.

Sincerely Lions Rudy & Lorea Boogerman.



EXETER LIONS



**10TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR
HUNTINGTONS DISEASE**

The annual “Hike for Huntingtons” is spearheaded by the Knights of Columbus and involves many worthwhile community organizations, including the Exeter Lions.

The following are excerpts from a letter to his club from Lion Matteo Pauselli.

Hi everyone,

I wanted to send out a thank you to the group for the generous donation from Lions for the Huntington's Hike in Exeter.

It was a great year this year with the largest turnout to date. We also set a new record this year in donations rising to just under \$27,000. To put that into perspective, 2014 was around \$10,000 and 2015 was around \$13,000.

All the funds donated will be going towards research towards Huntington's disease which will also be beneficial to helping the search for a cure in many other neurological diseases.

**Thanks again,
Lion Matteo**



Lions Ken James, Bruce Nisbet,
Dave Hughes & Bill Hunter

The Rockton Lions held their 11th Annual All You Can Eat Fish Fry on June 4 at the Beverly Community Centre in Rockton. Almost 800 people attended this event! There was a fabulous Silent Auction with

gifts donated by local businesses, a 50/50 draw which the winner walked away with over \$1400. Children's activities are part of the event.

This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. Proceeds go to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and local community projects. In the past four years the club have sponsored four guide dogs and donated \$10,000 towards the reconstruction of the Foundation's Oakville facility.



COPETOWN LIONS



The Lions in Copetown recently approved a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Ft. McMurray Relief Fund, also included was \$200.00 from a special donation jar at a their latest community event. Shown in the photo are Lion Chief Elect Doug Paddon(L) and current President Sami Jashan.

ST. GEORGE LIONS SPLASH PAD DONATION

St. George Lions Club members Wayne Branchaud and Tony Davidson presented a cheque for \$50,000 to County of Brant Mayor Ron Eddy, left, and councillors John Wheat and Willem Bouma towards funding a new splash pad and washroom at Sunny Hill Park.





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Canada**

The Centre for Positive Youth Development

To Do List

- Donate to Lions Quest Canada
- Honour someone with a Lions Quest Fellowship
- Include Lions Quest Canada in your club budget annually
- Share this information with every Lion you know
- Put a copy of this flyer in your club, District, Multiple District newsletter
- Include a speaker about Lions Quest at a club meeting
- Host/sponsor a Lions Quest workshop for your school or community
- Visit our website at www.lionsquest.ca and sign up for the newsletter

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Making a Difference

Have you ever wiped the tears away from a loved one's eyes when they were bullied? Are you concerned about the risks young people face on a daily basis? What are your hopes and dreams for your children and grandchildren?

Lions Quest Canada believes in 5 things all kids need:

- Strong positive relationships with people who care about them
- Safe and caring places to live, learn, and play
- Opportunities to provide service to others, learn and try new things
- Healthy habits
- Hope for the future

What are we working on right now?

Updating programs for our schools – The US revision of **Skills for Growing**, **Skills for Adolescence** and **Skills for Action** is complete. We need to invest \$90,000-\$100,000 to further revise and adapt the Lions Quest material for our Canadian schools. This will ensure that we continue to deliver the most effective programs to support the social emotional development of our young people and remain a leader in the field.

Expanding our work into communities – We have workshops and train-the-trainer options to involve all adults in supporting our children and youth with the same positive youth development approach we use in schools. We say it "takes a village to raise a child" – we need to help the villagers be effective in their role.

How can you help?

For **\$250**, you will be recognized as a **Champion Club**, and we'll send you a banner patch.

For **\$500**, you can honour someone with a **Lions Quest Fellowship**. The application is available on our website at www.lionsquest.ca.

Make sure Lions Quest is part of your annual club budget.

Contact us if you are interested in bringing Lions Quest training to your school or community.

COPETOWN



LIONS

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Please Join Us On This
Auspicious Occasion!**

**Saturday October 15th 2016
Copetown Community Centre
1950 Governor's Road Copetown**

Social Time 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

\$50.00 Per Person

**Gala Dinner
Entertainment**



TICKETS:

Lion Doug Paddon 905-627-4508

Lion Dan Bingham 905-628-9089

Lion Doreen Wilson 905-628-1531

Lion Bob Pearson 289-238-8877



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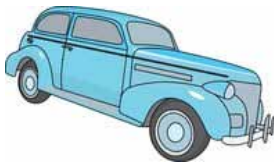
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ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB

CLASSIC & ANTIQUE CAR & CRAFT SHOW – 2016



SATURDAY, JULY 2TH, 2016, FROM 8 AM - 1 PM

At the **St. Marys Lions Park/Milt Dunnel Field/Water St.**

(Queen St. to Wellington St. N., left on Parkview Dr. to Milt Dunnel Field)

Participant door prizes, trophies and dash plaques

(Judging by Fan Favourite and Participant Favourite)

Car Entry fee: \$5.00, Spectator entry fee - Donation

Judging by Fan and Spectator

Serving Pancake Breakfast at 8AM

Hotdogs/Sausage on a bun at 12:00 Noon

FOR INFORMATION

Contact: 519-703-1327 - 519-284-2875 or any member of the

St. Marys Lions Club

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/stmaryson>

***Craft Show & Sale* - 8AM – 1PM** (Vender Fee \$20.00)

(Self-contained tables please at this outdoor venue)



We Serve



We Serve



BELWOOD & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

FISH FRY ***DINNER***

SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH, 2016

5:00PM TO 6:30PM

BELWOOD COMMUNITY HALL

**SERVED WITH BAKED POTATO, VEGETABLE,
COLE SLAW, ROLLS, BEVERAGE &
PIE (APPLE, BLUEBERRY, LEMON & PEACH)!**

ADULTS: \$15.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 12): \$8.00

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY
BELWOOD LIONS MEMBER,
AT THE BELWOOD COUNTRY MARKET
HIGHLAND PINES CAMPGROUND STORE
OR CALL 519-843-7011 OR 519-787-2383**



**GLEN MORRIS & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL NIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Grand Valley Golf & Country Club
1910 Roseville Rd.
Cambridge, ON
Friday, July 15, 2016

Deadline June 30, for Registration@ \$50.00 pp*
After June 30 registration is \$60.00 p/p

***Payment must be received by June 30 for \$50.00 rate**

Registration: 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm Buffet Dinner: 7:00 pm

☐ **Cost: \$50.00 p/p** ☐ **After June 30 \$60.00** ☐ **Dinner Only: \$25.00**

Includes Buffet – 9 Holes of Golf – Prizes for all – Glow Balls & Glow Sticks
Shot Gun Start (Best Ball) – Approx. 9:30 pm

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN **FLASH LIGHTS** – GLOW BALLS WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER GAME

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	PLAYERS NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	AMOUNT PAID
1)				
2)				
3)				
4)				

DONATIONS TO THE LIONS DOG GUIDE FOUNDATION IN OAKVILLE, ON

Cheques payable to Glen Morris & Dist. Lions Club

ATTENTION: Forms, cheques or cash may be dropped off at 14 Centre St or mail to the address below.

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E-MAIL: takacsclan @live.com

Ride 4 Autism *and Chapter Picnic!*

hosted by



Sunday, August 28, 2016

1 in 94 children in Ontario is diagnosed with autism.
Take part and change lives with your ride! Register today!

www.autismontariohamilton.kintera.org/ride2016

The Hamilton Chapter of Autism Ontario and the Dundas Lions Club are hosting their second motorcycle ride for autism with all proceeds going to the Chapter.

The \$25.00 registration fee will be removed with donations of \$100 or more.

The ride starts and finishes at the Dundas Driving Park.



The picnic is 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Dundas Driving Park and will feature children's entertainment!



Registration runs from 10:00 am to 11:30 am
For information and donation registration forms contact:

Wayne Griffiths - wgriffiths@cogeco.ca
Kevin Martin - jewelerman101@gmail.com

All riders will enjoy a BBQ at the finish.
We will be doing a poker run with prizes for the best poker hand and the most donations collected.

Deadline to register is August 20, 2016.