



# Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"A Wake in Service"

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## *Convention Days Ahoy! Stratford March 20*



### **A15 clubs support Dog Guide teams**

Wonderful news for Lions Foundation of Canada and Lions Clubs of District A15.

Lion Charlene Teasdale, A15 Chair Lions Foundation of Canada, recently sent cheques totaling \$3,383.50 to LFC on behalf of donations from Lions Clubs in A15.

A recent meeting of Lynden Lions Club and the Lynden LEO Club provided another \$3,000.

"Thank you all for your continued support with your donations and sponsoring Dog Guide teams," Lion Charlene said. "The demand is ever growing and your support is even more important as we continue to provide these life changing Dog Guides to disabled Canadians."

#### ***Some Upcoming Events:***

**Spring Open House - April 18, 9:30a.m. - 3p.m.**

152 Wilson St. Oakville, ON

The Spring Open House features a silent auction and the opportunity to learn first-hand about Dog Guides. Tour the facilities, see demonstrations from all of the Dog Guide programs and learn about the volunteer and foster puppy programs.

**Purina Walk for Dog Guides - Sunday, May 3**

[www.purinawalkfordogguides.com](http://www.purinawalkfordogguides.com) for more info!

**Evening for Dog Guides - April 30**

The evening will include a cocktail reception and live auction.

**Ride For Dog Guides - Oakville - Saturday, June 20**

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides hosts its annual [Ride for Dog Guides](#) every summer.

#### ***Golf Tournaments***

Lion Charlene urges clubs in A15 to host a golf tournament in support of Dog Guides, or participate in one of the existing tournaments.

### **Copetown Lions join A15, District is now 58 clubs**

Lions Clubs International has approved the transfer of Copetown Lions Club from District 7-11 to District A15.

"Join together in welcoming the Copetown Lions Club into our District Family. An entry transfer to District A-15 has been approved and we look forward to working with them in service," said DG Tim DeBlock, in making the announcement.

Copetown Lions "have been serving their community and our Association for 38 years so please take the opportunity to hear their story and to share ours."

The transfer was effective early this month following several years of on-off talks and several months of intensive discussions between all parties.

Copetown Lions joins with Lynden Lions Club in recent transfers into A15. The neighboring clubs have a natural connection with each other and will enhance Lion activities in Region 9.

Since Copetown is now an active member of the A15 family, they will have an official presence at the convention to be held March 20 in Stratford, including voting privileges.

### **Foundation of service vision creates success**

*By DG Tim DeBlock*

A couple of simple questions, on June 6th, 1917 how many Lions Clubs were there? How many Lions members were there? How many Lions service projects were there?

*Trolling for Success!*



District A-15

.....There were none of the above.

June 7th, 1917 who knew what "The Association of Lions Clubs" was? Were there challenges it getting the Association organized? Orientating, political issues, making a plan, the era: picture it the first 30 years of Lionism encompassed two world wars and the great

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## **Be Proud - Serve With Pride**

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

# *Roar Like A Lion!*



**"A Wake In Service"**  
**Convention Draw**  
Three, count em', Three




  


**Getaway Pkgs !!!**

**QUEEN'S INN**  
**Tickets \$5.00 !**





  


**"A Wake In Service"**  
**Convention 2015**  
**Stratford Mar 20-22**  
Hosted by the Monkton  
Lions  Club  
Arden Park Hotel

Campaign Demonstrations,  
Hospitality, Explore Dog Guides

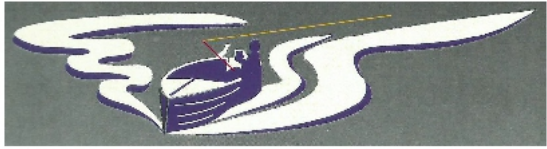
Stories from the Wilderness of  
Service! Campfire Hootenanny!  
and much more.....

**Convention Draw, Three  
Getaway Pkgs !!!**

 **QUEEN'S INN** 



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**District A-15**

## **Ahoy! Convention Ahead!**



**DG Tim DeBlock**

***March 20 - 22, 2015***  
**Arden Park Hotel**  
**Stratford**  
***Monkton Lions Club***







***"HOOKED ON SERVICE"***  
 District A-15 CONVENTION – March 20 – 22, 2015  
 Hosted by: Monkton Lions Club

Registration, Events and Accommodations  
 Arden Park Hotel - 1144 Ontario Street  
 Stratford, ON, Canada, N5A 6Z3



	ITEM / FUNCTION	COST EACH	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.	Lion/Lioness Registration	\$17.00		
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.	Non-Member Registration	\$15.00		
Fri.-Sat.-Sun.	Leo Registration	\$10.00		
	Convention Pin	\$ 5.00		
Sat. March 21	Convention Luncheon (includes tax & gratuities)	\$16.00		
Sat. March 21	Governor's Banquet (includes tax & gratuities) (Formal or Business Attire)	\$42.00		
A MINIMUM OF ONE PAID CONVENTION REGISTRATION MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ROOM REQUEST NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE ALL REGISTRATIONS RECORDED ON THE REVERSE IN YOUR CALCULATIONS.			<b>SUBTOTAL "A" \$</b>	
ROOM TYPE	COST EACH	NIGHTS required	AMOUNT	
Queen/Double/King	Per Night <b>\$140.00</b> (including taxes) Includes 2 FULL Breakfasts	Fri. _____ Sat. _____		
Hospitality (only 8 rooms available)	<b>\$150.00</b> Per Night (Please Register under a Lion's name) (Taxes included)	Fri. only _____		
			<b>SUBTOTAL "B"</b>	\$
			<b>TOTAL "A" + "B"</b>	\$

**Additional Information:**

- ☐ New member since April 2014  
☐ A-15 Convention First Timer  
☐ PDG / PCC / PID / Out-of-District

**Special Requests:** (Please give details)

☐ Vegetarian/special meal : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Display area required : \_\_\_\_\_

Lion/Lioness/Leo: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Date Received	
No. of Persons	
Confirmation Sent	
Room #	

A-15 makes  
waves



District A-15



Leaves service  
in its wake



## Belwood and District Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

8am to 11am

Join us for a hearty breakfast of :  
Pancakes with Real Maple Syrup,  
Sausage,  
Fruit Cup,  
Juice & Coffee

Price: Adult \$7, Children age 4 to 12 \$3, Preschool Free

Face painting & Balloon Animals  
For more information, call (519)787-2383  
or visit our Club Website:

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/belwood/index.php>

Donations for the Centre Wellington Food Bank are welcome  
ASK US ABOUT VOLUNTEERING OR BECOMING A MEMBER OF BELWOOD LIONS



What better way to enjoy Family Day than with a skating party!

## Thamesford Lions celebrate Family Day festivities



Hay rides were popular among the young crowd.

## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

Keewatinook Internet High School

String Instruments



Guitars

Violins

Keyboards

Small Amplifiers



All donations can be dropped  
off at:

Peak Investment  
Services Inc.

552 Huron St.  
Stratford, Ontario  
519-272-0070



Ray Black will be arranging for delivery of  
the musical instruments to Red Lake,  
Ontario where Melissa Black, the high  
school teacher will arrange for the  
delivery to the Keewatinook Internet High  
School (KIHS) in POPLAR HILL, ONTARIO.

## DISTRICT A-15 LIONS 2014-2015 PHOTO CONTEST

### Lions with Cameras

What great picture they will take. Plan to participate  
in this years Environmental Photo contest with an 8X10  
picture

Photo Contest official rules/entry form can be found at  
[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/contest\\_md\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/contest_md_entry_form.pdf)

Please mail your original Photo to me by  
March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 or bring to the February Cabinet  
meeting.

Environment Chair Lion Linda Vinette  
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**A-15 Lions  
Roar!  
With Pride!**

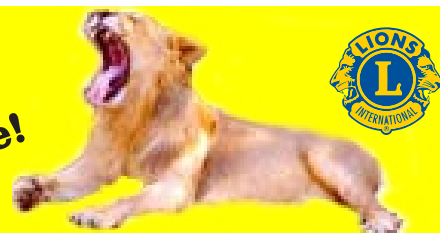






Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

# A-15 Lions Pride

## Winter Cabinet notes

There were articles discussed to effect the constitution and bylaws be approved by vote at the Convention. Written reports were received from members of the cabinet as well as reports from committees.

The LFC report indicated that this year they have graduated 153 teams in the six venues.

Lions Quest has paid off all their debts and is holding workshops in the district.

The Peace Poster contest was won by Lydia Wilson of Park Manor School in Elmira. Poster kits are available for the next fall contest.

Sight Screening has tested nearly 6,000 children with several schools to be done. The District continues to collect eyeglasses.

The Environment Photo contest continues to seek entrants for the photo contest. An 8"X10" photo of animal, plant, or landscape is requested. Clean up at Breslau is June 3 and the rededication service on June 13.

PDG Karen McNeight is collecting

*Courtesy Wellesley Lions*

## *And on the Sixth Day*

**On the sixth day, God turned to Archangel Gabriel and said, "Today I am going to create a land called Canada. It will be a land of outstanding natural beauty. It shall have tall majestic mountains full of mountain goats and eagles, beautiful sparkling lakes bountiful with bass and trout, forests full of elk and moose, high cliffs over-looking sandy beaches with an abundance of sea life, and rivers stocked with salmon."**

**God continued, "I shall make the land rich in resources so as to make the inhabitants prosper, I shall call these inhabitants Canadians, and they shall be known as the friendliest people on the Earth."**

**"But Lord," asked Gabriel, "don't you think you are being too generous to these Canadians??"**

**"Not really," replied God ... "Just wait and see the Winters I'm going to give them."**

*Editor's Note: Did He save it all up to give it to us last month?*

*Courtesy of Thameford Lions*

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## 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.

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.

## PASSINGS



*We  
Served*

Feb. 22, 2015  
Lion John Cheeseman  
Elmira Lions Club

## CONVENTION

March 20-22, 2015 - District A-15, Stratford (Monkton L.C.)  
June 26 - 30 2015 - 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Honolulu, HI

# Vision, foundation makes Lions great

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depression. BIG challenges!

So how did between June 7th 1917 and Oct of 1947 had it become the

world's largest service organization?..... They had a foundation. "A vision of wanting to address the betterment of their communities and the world".

Working from that foundation our forefathers in Lionism were able to address their challenges and provide opportunity for serving those in need.

The world is changing and our challenges are changing but really they are

rooted in the same issues. Orientating our members and our communities

about who we are, politics both internally and those regulating us externally,

making a plan, and the era we live in: the demographics of today's society. We

still have that foundation of a vision which to work from. The vision of

wanting to help those less fortunate and the betterment of our communities.

We need to keep that vision in mind in our efforts "To Strengthen The

Pride". Our net membership is the largest drop we have had in many years.

But we also have many new service projects and are continuing to reach out

to those in need. There are many conversations about looking at ourselves in

a constructive manner. I believe if we can use the positive energy created

from service and combine it with the learning from our challenges we will

eventually make our Lions Family stronger. Look at the picture of the Burford

Lions Friendship Arch. I am hoping this will help remind us about working in

cooperation with each other and our communities. It also signifies welcoming

of others into our Lions Family. If you feel good about the service you are

doing extend a welcoming hand to some one that you would like to share that

feeling with. You are making an impact through your service!



## Drug info awareness

Waterloo Region police officer Greg Hill presented a new drug information board during a presentation to the Lions Club of Kitchener. The club funded the creation of the new info board.

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