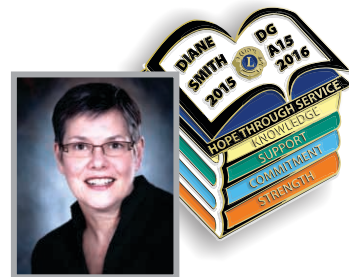




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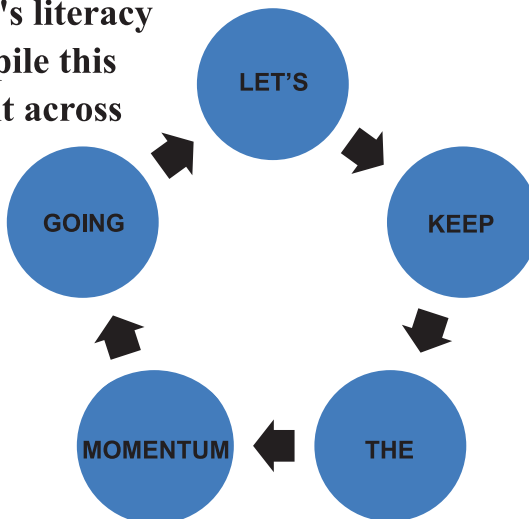


Come celebrate!

I invite all members of the District to come to this year's A-15 convention, in Elmira, April 29th -May 1st.

The annual convention is a time to celebrate the service accomplishments of our clubs. It is also a time to network with friends and to learn more about new things at International. The convention committee has planned an extraordinary convention that is sure to leave you impressed. Please contact our convention co-chairs, Lions Linda Litt or Art Woods at convhost@a15lions.org with any questions. Although we have had a very good year so far, we have a lot to do in our remaining three months. I encourage the following:

- ✓ Review your club membership action plan and determine your strategies for the remainder of the year. We started this year with 1534 members and as of this writing we are at a net negative balance with 1527 members. Let's finish strong with a net positive growth
- ✓ Invite potential members to join in your remaining service activities
- ✓ Apply for the Club Excellence Award
- ✓ Inform me of your club's literacy projects. I want to compile this information and share it across the District
- ✓ Take part in the club officer training on Sunday May 15th in New Hamburg 9:30 am -2:30 pm



*Yours in Lionism,
DG Diane*

District A15 Officers

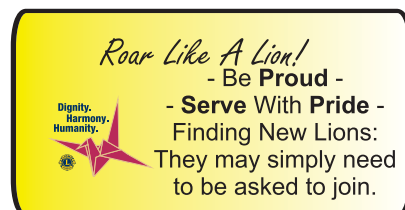
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BELLWOOD LIONS



L-R Lions Julian Vines, Linda Vinette, Gord Hufnagel and Todd Wilson

Two Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded at the February 16 dinner meeting of the Belwood & District Lions Club at Belwood Community Centre. Past Council Chair Todd Wilson of Elmira and Belwood club president Julian Vines presented the worthy recipients, Gordon Hufnagel and Linda Vinette, with their Melvin Jones plaques and pins. Both Lions are past presidents and have been very instrumental in the many successes of the Belwood Club and are well known in the community for their caring and compassion to others.



ROCKTON LIONS



Recently, four members of the Rockton Lions Club donated their time and cooking expertise to serve a ham dinner with all the trimmings to guests at the Mark Preece Family House in Hamilton.

The facility provides a "home" for those families who have loved ones at any of the Hamilton area hospitals and need a place to stay that is a welcoming, affordable residence during such a difficult time. The House serves people from all over the province. We've met people from Thunder Bay, Fort Francis, Chatham, Bracebridge Niagara and many more. Our efforts were very much appreciated!

The Rockton Lions have identified the Mark Preece Family House as a local charitable organization that needs our help. Even though members from our community would probably not use their services, we feel it is important to support such a important service in our community. The House can accommodate up to 50 people and often it is full. It does not receive any government funding and relies totally on charitable donations to survive. Guests pay a nominal fee.

Pictured from the left are; Lions Joanne Nichols, Doug Cassan, Pat Evangelisto, Ryan Judd



ROCKTON LIONS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



**Rockton Lions Club held a Community Breakfast on March 13th.
This is an annual tradition where “WE SERVE” the community.
Over 600 were in attendance.
Proceeds go to the many worthwhile Lions projects.**



New Hamburg Lioness Induct New Members



L to R: Lion Jim Miller, New Hamburg Lions inducted Lioness Maggie, sponsored by Lioness Mary, sponsor Lioness Karren who sponsored Lioness Michelle Wiszniowski.



LYNDEN LIONS



On March 17th a Helen Keller Award was presented to Lion Eldon Mannen. He has an enviable attendance record and is always available for club functions. Lion Eldon is a strong member and was recognized for his contribution to the local club and Lionism in general. He is shown accepting the award from Lion John Pepper.



As well the Lions were delighted to welcome three new members. from L-R Lions Mike Gough, inductee Johan Bolle, Lion Eldon Mannen, inductees Bill Dreyer and Heather Bolle and Lions Marilyn Burke and John Pepper.



2016



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

A hearty Lions Roar! for those clubs in A15 that have taken up the mantra of finding a location in their communities to fly the beadonor.ca flag during April.

“Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month”



St. George Lions Club



On Feb. 24, our club was treated to a presentation given by Lion Barbara Melara, she has been to Bangladesh numerous times and is involved with an organization called the Amarok Society. This organization has devised a program to teach the mothers to read and write in Bengali and English. The mothers commit to teach children these skills. Education reduces vulnerability and gives them the opportunity to attain better jobs and a higher education.



Lion Barb touched us all by telling us about the school she supports, “Libby Women’s School”, named in honour of her mother. This school and her work with Amarok Society is Lion Barb’s way of honouring her parents while satisfying her need to be of service. Many thanks Lion

Barb for reminding us all of the need for service beyond our community.

More information about Amarok Society can be found online at:

<http://amaroksociety.org/wordpress/>



Amarok Society
Teach a Mother, Change the World



THAMESFORD LIONS



The Thamesford Club recently donated \$5,000.00 towards the outfitting of the new Zorra Township Fire Hall. Shown here is Lion Chief Dan Fisher presenting the cheque to Fire Chief John McFarlan



ST. GEORGE LIONS

The Mens's BBQ was held March 4th. The community is always very supportive of this event. There was a good turnout of newcomers and "alumni". There were a variety of games, door prizes and a 50/50 draw. The winner, Steve Sheffar donated his \$750.00 prize towards the splash pad project. A special guest was Lions Herman Boehmer from Galt-Cambridge Lions, he entertained the guests with excellent humor.





WEST COAST LIONS



The West Coast Lions Club recently donated five Osmos tablets to the Grand Bend Public School. Principal Lynn Douglas and students Lillian, Victoria and Basil with Lions George Jenkins, Marg Steadman, Peter Bourgoeis, Charles MacDonald and Jodie Chernowak made the presentation.



FREELTON LIONS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

THE FREELTON LIONS CLUB

Will be celebrating our 30th anniversary and would like you to join us for dinner

Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club
10 Woodley's Lane
Dundas, Ontario

Date: Saturday, May 14th, 2016
Reception: @6:00 p.m.
Dinner: @7:00 p.m.
Tickets \$50.00 per person

Tickets can be obtained by sending a cheque to the address above or by contacting Lion Teri Cook at jcook31@sympatico.ca or 905-659-0055. RSVP Deadline May 1st, 2016.

Guest Speaker District Historian Ray Charbonneau
M.C. Region 25 Chair, Lion Rick Mallon



PLATTSVILLE LIONS



The District Governor visited the Plattsville Lions Club Feb 18th, shown above from left to right: Lion Gwen Parker, Plattsville, Lion Bea Dechert from Woolwich Community Lions, DG Diane Smith and Plattsville Lions President, Janet Moss. The photo to the left shows DG Diane presenting Lion Gabrielle Paff with a certificate in recognition for her twenty years of service.



COPETOWN LIONS



Lion Chief Sami Jashan and Lion Doreen Wilson presenting the cheque.



Lion Dorothy Mamela & Lion Chief Sami on the “Wing Line”.

The Lions of Copetown hosted a “Wing Ding” event Feb 27th to support “Choices” an organization to benefit persons with developmental disabilities. The event was a sellout and was highlighted by a \$5,000.00 donation.



Excerpt from:

**The
Roar**

Exeter Lions Club
Bulletin

HERE WE GROW AGAIN - NEW MEMBER INDUCTED MARCH 9TH



L-R: Lion Secretary Pawel Pach, Lion President Chris Keller, Sponsor Lion Gar Penhale, New Lion Allen Plant, Lion PCC Bill Carson, Membership Chair Lion Tom Hartai, Lion PRC Paul Anstett

DISTRICT A-15 LIONS 2015-2016 PHOTO CONTEST



Lions with Cameras

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

Criteria is an 8X10 picture of your immediate surroundings of
Animal life, Plant life, Urban or natural landscape, or Weather
phenomenon

Please mail your original
photo to Environment Chair

by April 20th
Lion Linda Vinette
20 Skeen St.,
Belwood, ON
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PASSING
March 19th 2016
Lion Wm. "Bill" Maguire
Past International Director
Coburg Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
March 11th 2016
Lion Bill Gillespie
Woodstock Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
February 24th 2016
Former Lion
Edward "Ted" Rooney
Waterloo Lions
"He Served"



**Breslau Memorial Forest Cleanup is
on Wed. June 1st 2016**

3751 Chilligo Rd., Breslau

from 12 noon to 5pm for the 1st shift

and from 5pm to Dark for the 2nd shift

We need your help to spruce up the Forest for the
Rededication Service on Sat. June 11th

Please bring your rakes, shovels, hoes and any other
garden tool to clean up garden beds and to re-mulch the
trails.

**Small tractors, ATVs and small wagons are needed to
move mulch around**

Lunch provided by the Elmira Lions Club
email env@a15lions.org for additional info

Please plan to attend



District A-15 Convention 2016

HOPE Through Service

Join us at the Elmira Lions Hall
Hospitality
Campaign Demonstrations
and a variety of

Exhilarating Entertainment

Hosted by
**Woolwich Community Lions Club
Lions Club of Elmira**

Accommodations at
Courtyard Marriott, St. Jacobs
Contact: convhost@a15lions.org

Friday, April 29th - Sunday, May 1st



Registration Form on A15 web site.....

District A-15 Convention 2016

Entertainment

Craig Douglas — Kinetic, Frenetic Comedian

Craig is a professional comedian, juggler and dad. For more than 20 years he has been thrilling audiences across Canada and around the world. Onstage, his boundless enthusiasm is contagious and he quickly has audiences roaring with laughter. Whether you've seen his show once or dozens of times, his spontaneous energy and interaction with the audience makes for a thrilling experience every time.



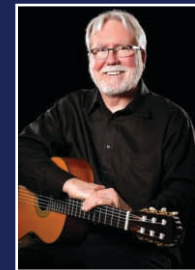
The Blazing Fiddles — Je Taylor, Brielle Goheen, Adam Poot, Chris Kettlewell

The Blazing Fiddles are known for their high energy and versatility when it comes to playing a variety of musical styles. From classical and fiddle, to show tunes and jazz, this show is truly entertaining.



Bob MacLean — Guitarist - Music To Nourish The Soul

Bob MacLean is an Event Guitarist, Celtic/Classical Guitarist & Folksinger with roots in Cape Breton (Glace Bay) and Quebec. He's been playing guitar for as long as he can remember and his interest and passion for the guitar have only grown over the years. His passion led him to McGill and Western where he graduated in music education and classical guitar.



Cowboy Up — Larry Lesperance, Holly Hope and the Band

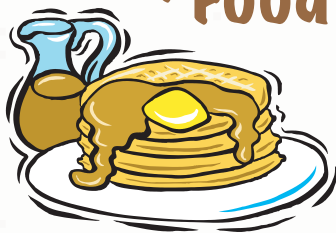
From their first performance at our "Grease" event in June of 2012 Larry, Holly and the Band have consistently and energetically supported our clubs and our community. They have kept the crowds rocking at our Classic Car Show and Drive-A-Ford Events and entertained all ages at our Family Chicken BBQ. Life is Good!



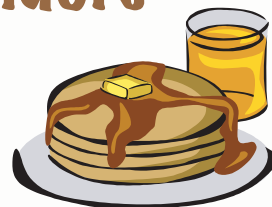
PARIS LIONS CLUB Maple Syrup FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 9, 2016
7:00 am to 3:00 pm
on Grand River St. N., Paris
(between William St. and Mechanic St.)

- Pancakes with REAL Maple Syrup
- Breakfast Sausages
- Food and Craft Vendors



We Serve



Call Andrea 519-771-0886
for more information
maplesyrupfestival@parislions.ca
parislions.ca

Event supported by County of Brant and local BIA. Grand River St. N. will be closed from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm.



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A unique resort that offers a vacation opportunity
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Please make your check payable to

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Buy a brick fundraiser

P.O. Box 306

1087 Camp Dorset Road

Dorset, ON P0A 1E0

27th

Conservation Dinner

Come celebrate this community success story with us!

Thursday, April 14th, 2016

South Huron Recreation Centre • Exeter, Ontario

\$65.00 per person

You will receive a gift receipt for income tax purposes for a portion of that amount.

Gala Dinner, auction of fine art, sports and entertainment memorabilia,
travel, jewellery and more!

Live Auction - Silent Auction - Special Raffles - General Raffles - Door Prizes

Feature Artists - Special Guests - Complimentary Wine Tasting Ticket

Enjoy Good Friends, Good food and Make a Difference to Your Community

To get your ticket or to donate call 519-235-2610 or toll free 1-888-286-2610
email info@abca.on.ca

Support accessible trails, conservation education, parks and recreation and more!

The Conservation Committee would like to thank donors and businesses,
patrons and guest, volunteers and visual and musical artists for their generosity
which has made these community projects possible.



Exeter Lions Club



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Conservation Foundation



Ausable Bayfield
Conservation Authority



Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club



Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Heritage Park Community Centre
58 St Charles St E, Maryhill
Social 6-7 pm Dinner 7 pm **\$18 pp**

Entertainment
Renowned TV Celebrity



Reserve tickets by
April 5th
Contact Lion Pat Kurtz
519 836 8466
kurtzjpjk@explornet.com
Or mail to
Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club
7191 Sideroad 10, RR # 2
Ariss ON NOB 1BO



St. George Lions Ladies BBQ



BAR OPEN 5:00 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M.

Friday, April 8/16

GET YOUR GRILL ON!

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES

Join us for our annual BBQ. Tickets are \$35.00 each and available from any

Lions Club member. Tickets are always at a premium so get yours early.

Your choice of steak or chicken. Prizes include gift cards, jewelry, and home décor. Tables of 8 may be reserved ahead of time. Don't miss this fun

St. George tradition.

For Tickets Call 519-448-3627