

#### **Lions Clubs International**

### District A-15

**News Bulletin** 

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"A Wake in Service"

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## Policy review document now available online

At the present time the policies of District A-15 are contained in the following documents;

 $\frac{http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/StandingPolicyManual.pdf}{http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15ConventionPolicy2014.pdf}$ 

 $\underline{http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15VolunteerScreeningPolic} \underline{eCheckPolicy2014.pdf}$ 

 $\underline{\text{http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15WebCommunicationPolicy2014.pdf}}$ 

These documents have been created and added to over the years through the conscientious efforts of many. Over the past several months, recognizing that these current documents contain many redundancies, conflicting statements, items which are no longer relevant and are spread across several documents, a number of Lions including; Constitution and By-Laws Chair George Patton, VDG1 Diane Smith, DG Tim DeBlock and CS Dennis Lougheed, undertook a "house cleaning" of those existing documents. A single draft replacement policy document was made available to voting cabinet through the District Cabinet Forum and additional questions, edits and comments received.

The proposed single document is twenty three pages long and is a significant change from the present situation. There are at least two downsides to printing the entire document and providing it with the June agenda in preparation for a motion to adopt. It's a lot of paper which many don't necessarily want and it leaves too little time for thoughtful review by those with interest.

Should you wish to review the proposed revision document please go to;

 $\frac{http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/FinalDraftA15PolicyRevisionMay2015.pdf}{nMay2015.pdf}$ 

If you note an error or have further suggestions, please forward them to CS Dennis Lougheed by May 31st, 2015 for consideration.

Voting Cabinet will be presented with a motion to adopt version with their agenda for the June Cabinet meeting. The motion to adopt will refer to the document by name only

## Change in date for Aug. Cabinet

Please make note that due to venue availability constraints it has been necessary to change the date of the summer August 2015 Cabinet meeting from August 23rd to August 16th at Five Oaks Camp.



Brooke and Jade with Nettle



# First Guide Dog inducted into Hall of Fame

#### Aids Cambridge family

The <u>Purina Animal Hall of Fame</u> is celebrating its 47th year, and for the first time, a Dog Guide has been inducted. Nettle, a <u>Diabetic Alert Dog Guide</u> responsible for not one but two people's lives, has received this incredible honour, and her story will be part of the permanent exhibit.

Nettle is Dog Guide to twins Brooke and Jade of Cambridge, Ont., whom she watches over day and night, monitoring their blood sugar levels through scent.

Congratulations to all the inductees! Everyone at Lions Foundation is incredibly proud of Nettle, her trainers, and the family she is now a part of.

Story and photo courtesy of Dog Guides website

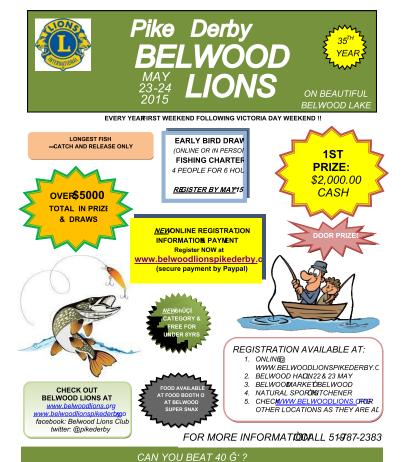


### Be Proud - Serve With Pride

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

Roar Like A Lion!







### 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 Uons International Youth Camp this summer. These youth arrive June27, 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.
- 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, ear-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 \$\$\$ 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 Youth Exchange Co- Chairs, District A15, Canada e-mail: <a href="mailto:yoex@a15lions.org">woex@a15lions.org</a> ph# - <a href="mailto:519-290-1402">519-290-1402</a>



Tickets are available at FirstOntario Credit Union in Woodstock and Ingersoll, from any Oxford Lions member or by calling 519-539-7437.

#### Change in time for June Cabinet

The June 14th Cabinet meeting at the Lions Hall in Elmira has been changed to 3:00 PM. This will hopefully better accommodate your Sunday schedule and there is rumor of a BBQ after! Cabinet Secretary Dennis will be forwarding the usual notice with more details at a later date but please note the change of time.

Lion Tim DeBlock, Governor, District A15, "A Wake In Service"

#### Please Join The St. Marys Lions Club as We:



## Camp clean up awaits still need three hosts

An update for the Youth Exchange Program and also info on the camp clean up, May 22/23, 2015 is available at <a href="http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Programs/2015CampUpdate.pdf">http://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Programs/2015CampUpdate.pdf</a>.

June 27 is fast approaching and there are still three (3) 'HOST-LESS' youth, Adam, Max and Alvaro, looking for a place to park their luggage on that date. Can you help them out or do we have to make a phone call to say they cannot come this year? They would prefer to get to know their 'adoptive' family before they get here, rather than after or even, not at all.

It's not too late to claim one of them. It's as simple as e-mailing your desire to  $\underbrace{ycex@a15lions.org}$  and/or calling phone number  $-\underbrace{519-290-1402}$ . That's it!

Thank you to those clubs, who have taken it upon themselves to make the hosting of a youth a 'club effort', the way it was originally suppose to happen – Guelph LC, Innerkip LC, Sweaburg LC, Cambridge-Highlands LC, Atwood LC, Paris LC and Kitchener Oktoberfest LC

Camp clean up is also creeping up rather quickly on us. Remember the date of May 23. Remember it is at 5 Oaks, 1 Bethel Road, Paris, On. Remember it starts at 8:30 am sharp with a Health & Safety session (5 Oaks requires this for due diligence aspect) and work begins shortly thereafter. Coffee and Doughnuts will be available. Lunch will be provided by the St George Lions Club. Bring your working tools and safety equipment and be prepared for one or more of the following tasks and any others that come up between now and then.

Lion Rudy and Lion Lorea Boogerman

Youth Exchange Co- Chairs

District A15, Canada

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ph# - <u>519-290-1402</u>

#### Breslau Memorial Forest Cleanup is on Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup>

3751Chilligo Rd., Breslau from 12 noon to 5pm for the 1<sup>st</sup> shift and from 5pm to Dark for the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift

We need your help to spruce up the Forest for the Rededication Service on Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup>
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





## Reminders from DGE Diane Smith

I am planning the year ahead and am excited to be working with you for a great Lions year. A couple of reminders:

- 1. Club secretaries-please be sure to check the information on MyLCI for all of the members in your club, not just your club directors(executive). Each year there is always information that changes particularly with phone numbers and email addresses. For your incoming club executive please check that all information is updated and accurate. The information will be taken directly from MyLCI by Cabinet Secretary Dennis Lougheed to be printed in the new directory so it is very important that the information is correct. Please advise Dennis of any challenges you have in getting this done
- 2. I am basing my club visitation schedule on the day, time and location of your meetings as listed in the current (2014-2015) directory. If there are any changes with this, <u>please let me know directly</u> as well as Lion Dennis Lougheed.

THANK YOU.

Diane Smith DGE

# 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 - <u>519-669-1258</u>.

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







10th Annual

#### **Rockton Lions Club**

"All You Can Eat" Perch Fish Fry and Fundraiser Sat. June 6, 2015 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

#### **Beverly Community Centre**

A Portion of the Proceeds will be used to support Lions Foundation Dog Guides and other Community Projects

Adults \$25 in advance \$30 at the door Youth (age 6 - 12) \$10 Child (under 6) Free

For Tickets call: (289) 799 -1287

Door Prizes - Silent Auction - 50/50 Draw

Catering to our Community, Youth and the World of Lionism

### **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.

### Special MDA convention request

The Host committee of the MDA convention in Kingston are looking for volunteers to work at the Credentials Desk. If you are attending and would be interested please let me know and I will forward to the Chair.

Thanks

Lion Tim DeBlock Governor, District A15

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#### **CONVENTION**

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