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Lions Clubs International District A-15

News Bulletin

May 2017



District Convention 2017



And what a time it was.....

Your "Celebration of Service" in our Centennial Year and going forward to the next 100 years!!!

A big Lions Roar to the organizers, the volunteers, sponsors and the most important part, the Lions who made this event the success it was. The Lions of A-15 have done themselves proud, again!!!

D.G. Wayne

p.s. look for a few photos in the following pages. More to follow, keep an eye on the A-15 web site.....

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JUNE 7TH 1917
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL WAS BORN

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY LIONS



SO IN CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF SERVICE,
LET'S PROUDLY FLY OUR FLAG!

LIONS WAS FOUNDED ON THE IDEA OF SERVICE,
AND AFTER 100 YEARS LET THE WORLD KNOW...

"WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION."

WAYNE LITT
A-15 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

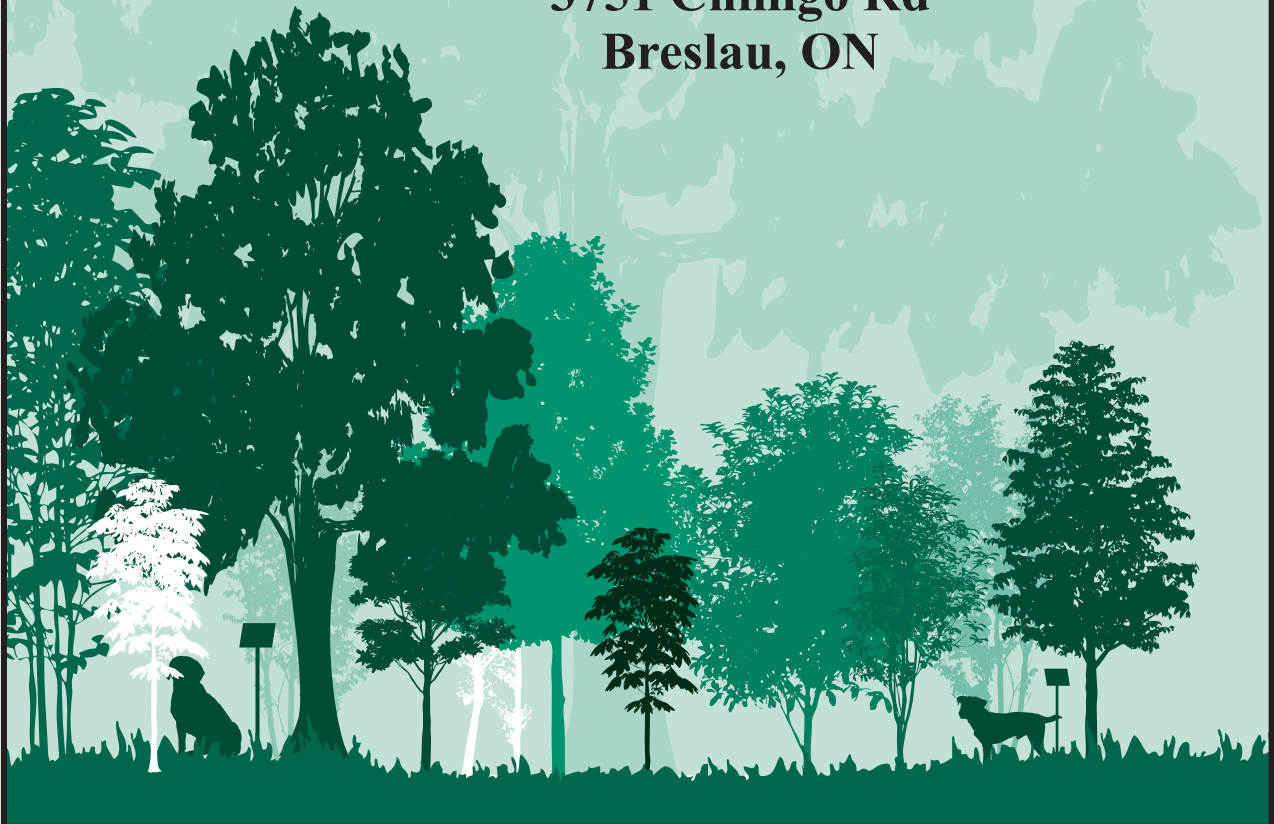


Save The Date

**Saturday June 10th 2017
10:30 A.M.**

Lions Memorial Service

**LFC Breeding & Training Facility
3751 Chilligo Rd
Breslau, ON**





L-R Back Row: Cabinet Treasurer Lion Peter Oswald, Cabinet Secretary Lion Rick Banks, Lion Harvey Wood ZCE9S, Lion Duane Malcolm RCE51, Middle Row: DG Wayne Litt, Lion Henri Callebert ZCE37W, RCE37 Lion George Corrin, RCE9 Elect Lion Tony Davidson, Front Row: ZCE51E Lion Linda Vinette, ZCE37S Lion Cecilia Falker, DGE Charlene Dwyer, VDG2E Lion Tracey Leary, VDG1E Lion Kevin Banfield





A15 Environmental Photo Contest Winner



Congratulations to Lioness Rose Rathwell, Exeter Lioness Club, and the good news doesn't stop there, her entry also won the MD "A" contest and now it is off to the 2018 convention in Las Vegas for the international competition.



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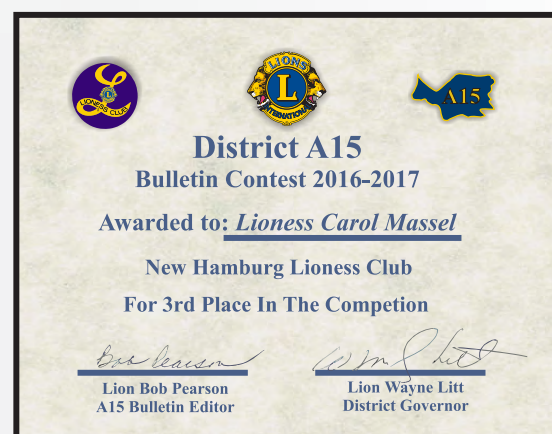
A-15 Bulletin Contest



**1st Place Winner Lion Kevin Mitchell
Ingersoll Lions on the left receiving winner's plaque
from Lion Bob Pearson, A15 Bulletin Editor.**



**2nd Place Winner
Lion Margeret deBoer
Cambridge Highlands Lions**



**3rd Place Winner
Lioness Carol Massel
New Hamburg Lioness**

**Judging Panel: DG Wayne Litt, IPDG Diane Smith
Lion Moe Crickmore, Copetown Lions, A15
Bulletin Editor, Lion Bob Pearson, Copetown Lions**



In Memoriam

Past International Director Ernie Moore

“He Served”



Past International Director Ernie Moore passed away peacefully with his family by his side, in hospital, Perth, Ontario, on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Ernie Moore, in his 88th year, was the beloved and cherished husband of Julie (nee Malloy) of Perth and a wonderful and loving father to Nancy (Ken) Chapman of Brampton, Linda (Brett) Martin of Red Deer, Alberta and Ernie (Mary Jane) of Newmarket. Ernie was employed with the Ontario government for over 34 years and retired in April, 1989. Horace H. “Ernie” Moore served a two year term as a Director of the International Association

of Lions Clubs after his election at the Association’s 68th annual Convention held in Dallas, Texas, June, 1985. A Lion since 1953, Past Director Moore held the office of Charter Club President, District Governor, Council Chairman and Treasurer of the Lions Foundation of Canada. He served as an appointee to the International Board of Directors in 1987-88.

In recognition of his contributions to the Association, Past Director Moore received a 100% District Governor Award, six International President Awards, three Extension Awards and six International President’s Certificate of Appreciation Awards. He was a Life Member of Lions Clubs International, a two time recipient of the Key Member Award and recipient of the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honour granted to a member by the Association. He was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Donations to the Lions Foundation of Canada or the Great Wall Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.



UPDATE MAY 31st.....

Lions of A-15

We are not ready to hit the panic button but we do have some concerns.....

We have twenty three(23)Youth coming to camp and to date we have hosting commitments for fourteen of them. Only nine to go. There is a potential host who would like to take two girls for one week. Is there someone out there who could do the other week. We have sent out emails to clubs for the remaining meals for camp and are waiting to hear back. A reply wold be most appreciated so we can finalize the meal schedule.

They are arriving on July 8th, will come to camp on the 22nd and return to their host families on August 1st before flying home on the 5th.

It looks like International Night will be held in Copetown this year on Sunday, July 30th. Please contact Lion Bob Pearson if you plan on attending to assist in meal preparation:

bobpearson50@gmail.com 289-238-8877

Please contact us by email, phone or text.

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Committee Chairs/Camp Directors
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St. Jacobs Lions



At a recent meeting of the St. Jacobs Lions Club, a Helen Keller Fellowship was presented to Home Hardware Stores for their long standing, generous support of Lions activity in St. Jacobs. In particular the St Jacobs Club wished to acknowledge the free shipping to Montreal of used eye glasses collected District wide for use in the provision of eye glasses to the less fortunate through out the world. The St Jacobs Lions collect approximately twelve to fifteen thousand pairs each year.

Shown is Lion President Mike Leacy on the right and representing Home Hardware Stores, President Paul Straus.

**CONVENTION
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A Big Lions Roar for Lion Norm Bader, Elmira Lions & all the other Lions that sent along convention pictures. Keep an eye on the A15 Web Site for future postings.



AYR-NORTH DUMFRIES LIONS



The Ayr-North Dumfries Lions Club was both proud and pleased to be able to work with the North Dumfries Campaign Committee for the Transformation of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital in hosting a fundraising event at Knox United Church on April 20th.

A delicious meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, veggies, cole slaw and yummie desserts was served to over 150 hungry and deserving supporters of both the hospital campaign and our Lions club. The club donated the food and its preparation and 100% of the ticket sales enabled us to donate \$2300.00 to the campaign.



LYNDEN LIONS



On Thursday, May 8th, five post graduate students from the Lynden area received the Lynden Lions Memorial Scholarship Award. The award, which was established in honour of former Lynden Lions members, recognises students who have, in addition to their studies, contributed significantly to the community through their volunteer activities. L-R Andrea Bosma, Brooke Lowerse, Korey Lowerse, Alanna Devet and Sarah Hamilton.

Congratulations to these impressive young people!



BRIDGEPORT LIONS

DESTINY'S JOURNEY – HELP NEEDED!

Destiny is a 17-year-old high school graduate from Cambridge who wishes to attend college but cannot due to ongoing medical treatments needed this year.



What Happened:

- In December 2014, Destiny was cheerleading and got struck in the face by a flyer. A "flyer" is someone being thrown into the air.
- This minor trauma triggered a Giant Cell Granuloma which was categorized as "aggressive" and developed a tumour (the size of orange).
- This tumour was detected in jaw, teeth, tongue and sinus area.

Medical Treatment:

- Exploratory surgery was completed in January 2015. Samples determined that this was not cancer but a non-malignant growth needing immediate attention.
- Extraction surgery was completed in May 2015 (17 hour duration) involving removal of left side of mouth, lower jaw, teeth, and tissue. The jaw was replaced with bone from leg and a titanium insert (187 stitches).
- The picture taken after the surgeries illustrate the "expertise" of the Doctors involved. Limited external changes, extensive internal changes and more work required which must happen now.

Current Status:

Treatment was successful but reconstruction of teeth and face area is required. This work must happen this year as soon as possible. College has to wait for now.

Funding Problem (\$\$):

- Teeth reconstruction is not covered by OHIP or father's benefit plan ; OHIP considers this work cosmetic.
- Local MP has approached Government for \$\$ help but was declined multiple times.
- Thames Valley (TV) is providing a \$30,000 grant to pay ¼ of ongoing costs (each event) up to \$30,000.
- Doctors were convinced this would be covered but the reality was "No".

Funding Needs (\$\$):

- It is estimated that upwards of \$70,000 will be required in 2017. Parents cannot afford this.
- \$30,000 has been granted by Thames Valley.
- Minimum \$40,000 still required. The specialized teeth implants are at a minimum \$5000 apiece; 7 to 8 are implants will be required.

Help Needed: How can we help?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents are doing 50/50 Draw and some Facebook requests.• Dave, and Deb Millard and Bridgeport Lions have created a Bank Account/Fund for future expenses.• Please consider a club or individual donation, funds can be mailed to:• Bridgeport Lions Club
3243 Hemlock Hill Dr.
Elmira, ON N2B 2Z3
attn: Lion Debbie Stranz, | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ALTECH is donating \$3000 into Fund for Destiny.• Bridgeport Lions is donating \$3000 into Fund for Destiny. |
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- Cheques to be payable to:
- "Bridgeport Lions - Destiny's Journey Fund"



DRUMBO LIONS



The Drumbo Lions are conducting one of their largest fundraising projects in their sixty two year history. They are working to raise \$75,000 to assist by October 1st to help put in motion the plans to build a splash pad at the Lions Park. They are selling engraved "heirloom" stones to be placed at the site. They are \$200.00 and gives each person, family or fellow Lions members and clubs an opportunity to donate to an exciting local project as well as leaving a namesake for many years to come.

There are other sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact the Drumbo Lions for further information. Lion Chief Justin Read, drumbo@a15lions.org



THAMESFORD LIONS



Thamesford Lions engaged youth where they helped with our scrap metal and electronics recycling program getting a taste of community service by doing some heavy lifting. Thanks to the TPS Grade Eight students as shown above. The entire scrap metal and recycle day filled seven and a half large bins with a total weight of 47,000 pounds diverted from the land fill. Material was collected in Thamesford with a satellite pick up in Embro held in conjunction with their reuse-apoloosa event. All the money from the event goes back into the community.



ST. MARY'S LEOS



The St. Marys LEO Club along with members of the Brussels LEO Club and Cambridge LEO Club attended the District A-15 Convention, Parade of Banners on Friday, May 5, 2017 at the Elmira Lions Hall. Following the opening ceremonies, the LEOs participated in 5 rounds of Trivia with Lion Deb at the helm. Everyone had a fun time together.



The rain held off for the Perth County Road 123 Cleanup from Highway #7 to the town limits, sponsored by the St. Marys Leo Club. The Leos spent the afternoon down and dirty in the ditches and collected 7 bags of garbage among some other interesting items. Many thanks to Leo President Jessie, Leo Treasurer Marie, Leo Bryce and Leo Casey for a job well done. And we can't forget Lion Maria who drove the mobile with our sign on the back and her four ways flashing keeping us safe along the roadway.

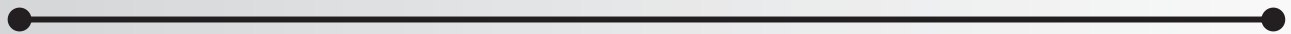


BAYFIELD LIONS



At the April 25th meeting PDG Tim DeBlock was on hand to induct seven of the eight New Bayfield Lions. L-R: Lion Don Vance (sponsor of 4 new Lions, Lion Penny Overboe (sponsor) Lion Tony Van Bakel (sponsor of two) and Lion Cubs Kathy Gray, Gary Sitton, Michael Potters, Rick Schinkel, Peter Keightly, Doug Vanderhaar and John Davies. Absent were Lion Tom Grasby (sponsor of Lion Cub Gary) and new Lion Paul Calley.

While inducting eight members in one night or adding eight new members in a period of just three months may not be a record, it is a significant step forward for the Bayfield Lions. Congratulations to the new Lions and their sponsors.



JASON CROWE UPDATE

It was great to see Elmira Lion Jason in the Hospitality Tent.
He has completed his treatments and he is expected to be back to work at the LFC Breeding & Training Facility in Breslau soon.
Many thanks to all those that supported his cause.



NEW HAMBURG LIONESS



The New Hamburg Lioness hosted their Spring Fashion Show - Celebrate Canada 150, Wednesday, April 19th at the New Hamburg Community Centre. The evening was a great success with the club raising over \$8,000.00 with all monies raised going to support the New Hamburg Lioness work in our community.



RIP



PASSING
May 27, 2017
Lion Don Young
Waterloo Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
May 6, 2017
Lion Ed Reidy
Guelph Royal City Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
May 7, 2017
Lion Ronald Lorch
Elmira Lions
"He Served"



PASSING
May 20, 2017
Lion Jennifer Milmine
Lynden Lions
"She Served"



PASSING
May 17, 2017
Lion John Tomiuk
Milverton Lions
"He Served"



INNERKIP LIONS



On May 4th at the general meeting of the Innerkip & District Lions Club, two of our members received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award for their many years of service. On the left is Lion Wayne Wright and Lion Ian MacFarlane is on the right. A great example of how “We Serve”.



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St. Mary's Lions



On May 27th the Lions of St. Marys held their annual “Toll Bridge” event. They raised almost \$3,000,00 towards the revitalization of Cadzow Park. It also gave the club the opportunity to show their Lions Centennial Flag & Torch. Shown in the photo are PDG Karen McKnight on the left and Lion Georgina McGregor.





LYNDEN LIONS



On Sunday, May 28th, Lynden Lions held an Open House to celebrate their 60th anniversary. A large number of Lions, Leos, members of the community and people affiliated with the club attended and enjoyed wings, finger foods and punch. Our District Governor Lion Wayne Litt presented President Charlie Lawson with a framed certificate celebrating this milestone. A number of classic cars sparked the interest of those attending as well as the local antique firetruck circa 1925. Looking forward to the next 60 years!'





LIONS CLUB SPECIAL OFFER

\$35 PER TICKET

SECTION 207 | 50 YARD LINE SEATS



VS



HOME OPENER SUNDAY, JUNE 25

BMO FIELD

EACH TICKET
INCLUDES A

\$15 DONATION

TO LIONS QUEST
CANADA



TO PURCHASE, CONTACT KAY NELLES
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THIS IS
ARGOS
FOOTBALL



CHARTER EVENT



2017

SAVE THE DATE

2017

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Join in District A-15's newest Lions Club's Charter Event celebration!

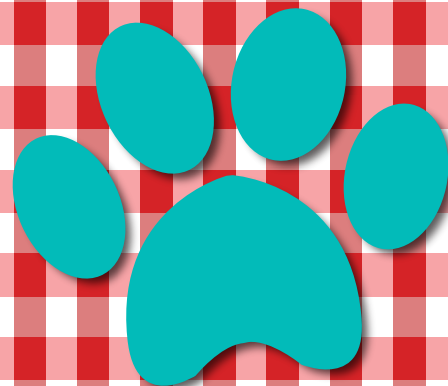
Members of the Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club invite you to an afternoon of entertainment, food, and puppy kisses on June 24th, 2017 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

Where: LFC Dog Guides Breeding Facility
Address: 3751 Chilligo Road, Breslau, ON

Cost: \$10 per person paid at the event

Dress: Casual
The event will be held outside in Breslau

More Information:
mosborough@a15lions.org



The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club supports the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides through fundraising, fun, and service.



We Serve

St. Marys Lions Club Classic Car Show & Craft Sale



Sat., June 24. 2017

**St. Marys Lions Park
Milt Dunnel Field,
Water St., N.**

**Judging by
Fan/Participant
Favourite**

**Food Booth
Opens At 9:00 am**

**First 100 Cars
Receive Dash Plaques
Contact: 519-703-1327**

**Craft Show & Sale
8am - 1 pm**

**519-284-2875
or any**

Admission by Donation

**St. Marys
Lions Member**

Franklin Street



Food Truck Fest

Mondays 5-8pm

May 1st- Sep 25th

At St. Luke's Lutheran Church

317 Franklin Street North, Kitchener

Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on!

**SPECIAL
EVENT**

May 23rd-May 29th

Bring your **eWaste** and **bagged**
used clothing to the church and place in a special bin!

**E-waste and bagged clothing may also
be given to any member of the K-W
Community Spirit Lions Club**



Enquires contact Shirley at 519-748-4304

Proceeds benefit the Breakfast Club

(Nutrition for Learning)



OKTOBERFEST LIONS FUND RAISER

**THE OKTOBERFEST LIONS ARE RAISING FUNDS BY SELLING TICKETS
TO A TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME**

TORONTO BLUE JAYS VS PITTSBURG PIRATES

DATE: AUG. 13TH 2017

PRICE: \$95.00

**SEATS ARE LOCATED IN SECTION 239 ALONG THE 3RD BASE LINE
DEPARTURE TIME IS 10:30 AM SHARP**

**BUS WILL BE LEAVING FROM LYLE HALLMAN POOL PARKING LOT
600 HERITAGE DRIVE, KITCHENER**

**THE BUS WILL BE RETURNING TO KITCHENER A HALF HOUR AFTER
THE COMPLETION OF THE GAME**

FOR TICKETS EMAIL: OKTOBERFEST@A15LIONS.ORG

NO RESERVATIONS

