

# THE A15 TIMES



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*Lion Gerry Haliburton, Editor*



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## DG MESSAGE

Happy spring! Clubs are busy with their spring activities and I love reading about your service projects and fund raisers. From all reports it looks like all of the Walk For Dog Guides here in District A15 were successful, well done! What a time we had with weather for our District A15 Convention, thank you to everyone who braved the weather to attend and we sure did miss those who were unable to make it, the weekend was wonderful and the service projects on Saturday afternoon were well received. We were also very happy to have our own Lions International Director from Canada Lion Tom Gordon and Lion Gillian join us. Despite the weather the Convention was a success and I thank the Convention Host Committee, the Guelph Lions Club and the Guelph Royal City Lions Club for the great work in organizing such a fun weekend, thanks once again to all Lions, Lioness and LEOs who attended. It is hard to believe we are in the final weeks of our current Lions year already. It has been a pleasure to install new members, celebrate anniversaries and serve with such a dedicated team of Leaders here in A15. I especially want to thank our Cabinet Secretary Lion Rick Banks and our Cabinet Treasurer Lion Peter Oswald who have done an amazing job. To my fellow Cabinet members thank you for being a part of our District A15 Leadership Team this year, you have all done a wonderful job of serving our Clubs and you should be very proud of your leadership journey. I was very proud to be a Lion from A15 when I attended the Multiple District "A" Convention in St. Catharines, it is hard to believe it was just a year ago that I was

taken to the front of the room as the A15 District Governor "elect".... It was truly a privilege to accompany VDG1 Lion Kevin Banfield to the front of the room at this year's Convention as our A15 DG "elect", I wish you safe travels to Las Vegas! With the forming of a new Cyber Club in A7-11 we have had a number of members transfer out of our District but we are still on the "positive" side for membership growth, let's make a big push to finish strong! Thank you to all of the Lions, Lioness and LEOs who have donated to the A15 Autism Assistance Dog Guide project, we are hopefully going to reach our goal of \$12,000 to sponsor an Autism Assistance DG Team on behalf of every Lion, Lioness and LEO in A15! There's still time to donate if you wish too, please send funds to our District Treasurer. Thank you once again for instilling your trust in me as your District Governor this past year, it has been an honour to serve you and thank you for your warm hospitality and your dedication to service. It has truly been an honour to travel with you "On the Road of Service"!

# **Dues Credits for Membership Drops**

## **Club Secretaries Please Take Note**

**Beginning June 30, 2018, dues credits for membership drops will not be issued** after the release of the semi-annual billings on July 1 and January 1. Board Policy prohibits LCI from issuing membership dues credits, and the International Board of Directors recently decided that enforcement of existing policy is necessary in order to be in compliance with Board Policy. Here's how you can help your clubs prepare:

Remind club leaders to update their club rosters online using MyLCI or their regional reporting system.

Encourage club leaders to submit their membership rosters to LCI prior to June 30, 2018.

Inform current and future club leaders that membership dues credits will no longer be issued.

### **MORE NEWS ABOUT REPORTING IN MYLION.**

Dear Lion Leaders and Officers,

We received feedback from district and club officers about their challenges with the July 1, 2018 launch of MyLion as the new service activities reporting system. And we listened. We understand that clubs and districts need more time to prepare for this important transition. By giving clubs and districts the option to report through MyLion for web or through MyLCI in fiscal year 2018-19, we can:

Provide more time for training our club and district officers

Give officers at all levels more time to communicate with their members and clubs to ensure a successful transition to MyLion

Ensure that club and district officers have the time they need to test MyLion so they can use it with confidence

We are still planning to release MyLion for web on July 1, 2018. We encourage everyone who is ready to use MyLion web to begin using it next year, but MyLCI can still be used for service activity reporting throughout the coming year. We will be combining service activity reports for both systems so that reports will be accurate no matter which platform you or your Lions are using.

Innovations like the new MyLion for web reporting system are important to the present and future of Lions. It also takes time, training and communication to make sure innovative technologies like MyLion work most effectively for our clubs and districts.

To better support you, we will send out more information including FAQs and training schedules in the coming days. We look forward to working with you over the coming year to prepare all clubs and districts for a successful transition to MyLion for web in fiscal year 2019-2020.

Thank you for your continued support and leadership in making your districts and clubs the top destinations for service-minded men and women around the world.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Rodwell, on behalf of the LCI Product Team

## Your club may qualify for the Excellence Award



Will your club maintain its membership or have a net growth at the close of the 2017-2016 Lion year? Will it have participated in at least three service projects? Are you promoting your club's events or activities to your community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award!

View the [Club Excellence Award Application](#) for complete details, and apply before August 31, 2018.

You know your club is excellent so get recognized for all your achievements!

## CLEAN UP AT LIONS FOUNDATION Breslau FACILITY

WHEN: Wednesday, June 6th, 2018, 2-5PM and 5-to dusk

WHERE: Lions Foundation of Canada - Breslau Facility - 3751 Chilligo Rd

The main focus for the first shift will be cleaning up flower beds, weeding and tree and shrub trimming.

The later shift will be mainly involved in mulching trails.

We encourage everyone to bring along garden tools (shovels, weedwhackers, rakes, trimmers etc)

Once again the Elmira Club will be supply a BBQ Fixins for the day workers at 5pm and the evening workers around 8pm.

Once again we look forward to working alongside the Lions of A 15.

# SCHEDULE OF CABINET MEETINGS FOR LIONS YEAR 2018-2019

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY

Date	Location	Start Time	Pre Cab	Start
Aug Cabinet Meeting	August 19, 2018 Wellington County Museum 51 e	2:00 PM	19-Aug	11:00 AM
Oct Cabinet Meeting	October 29, 2018 St Jacobs 51W	7:00 PM	15-Oct	7:00 PM
Jan Cabinet Meeting	January 29, 2019 Rockton 9S	7:00 PM	15-Jan	7:00 PM
Convention	April 5, 2019 Woodstock 37s	TBD if needed		
June Cabinet Meeting	June 20, 2019 KWCS - RIM Park	7:00 PM	TBD if needed	
Aug Cabinet Meeting	August 18, 2019 Wellington County Museum	2:00 PM	18-Aug	11:00 AM

New Hamburg Training Date April 28 2019  
 District Induction Day Denis

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**Kevin J. Banfield**  
**A15 Vice District Governor 2017-2018**  
**A15 LCIF Chairperson 2015 - 2018**  
**519 501 3014**

## MD - A PEACE POSTER WINNER



Thanks to Lion Janet Dawson Brock for the above photo of the M D A Winner of the Peace Poster Contest from District A 4, Artist ShéeAhn Hunter.



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## **The District A-15 Spring Cabinet Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018 7:00 PM**

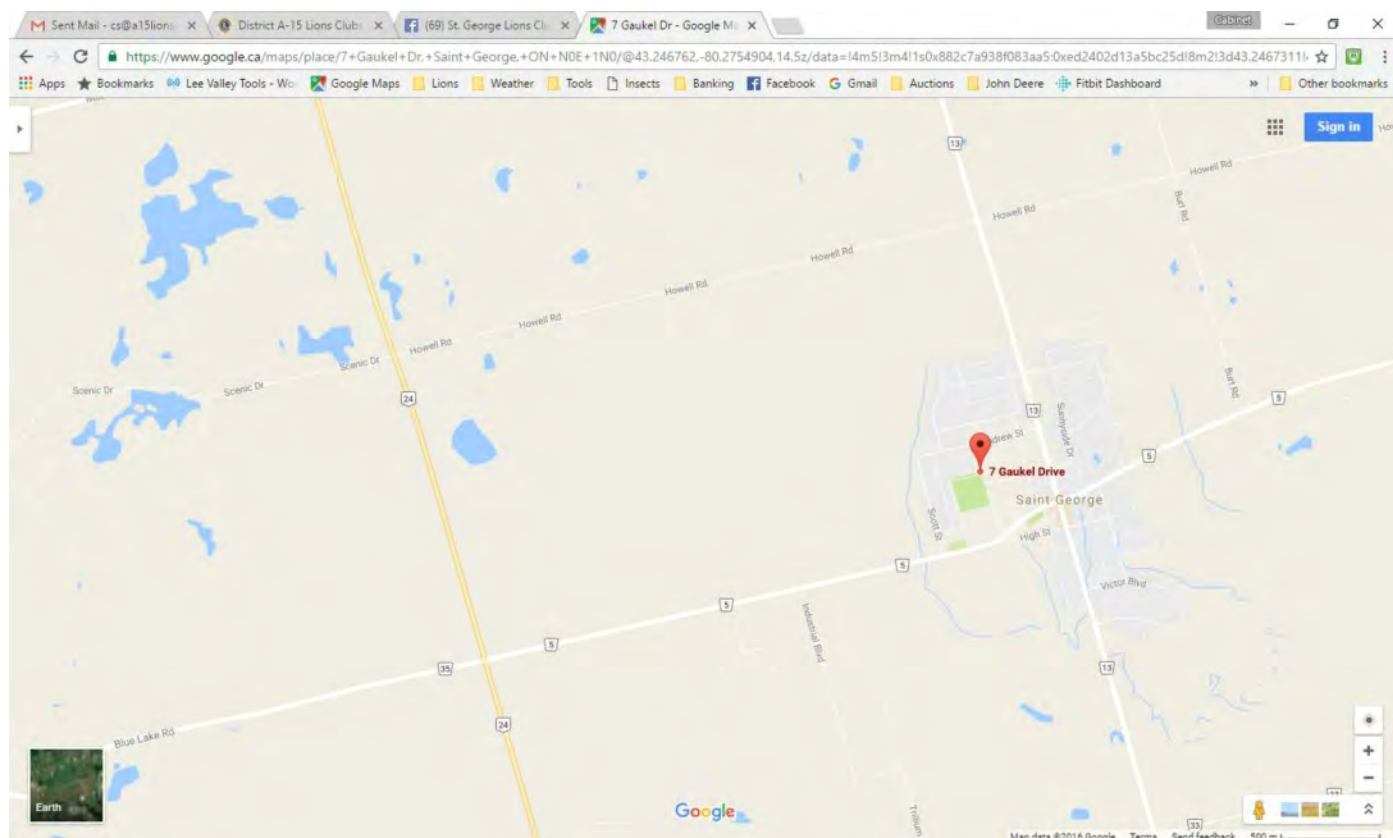
### **St. George Lions**

**South Dumfries Community Centre**

**7 Gaukel Drive, St. George**

**\$20.00 per person**

**Club Presidents: Please report Attendance Numbers to St. George Secretary  
Lion Chris Price at [stgeorge@a15lions.org](mailto:stgeorge@a15lions.org) or (519) 650-0380,  
by June 6, 2018.**



## **FUNDS FOR AUTISM DOG APPROACHING THE GOAL**

**DG Char sent the information below recently:**

**Hi Lions, Lioness and LEOs:**

**I just wanted to send you an update on how things have been progressing on the A15 Autism Assistance Dog Guide Team sponsorship.....we are getting close to the goal of \$12,000. Please see below for the update and I can't thank you enough for your wonderful donations you have made, I can't wait to share the moment with you when we present the cheque to the Lions Foundation of Canada staff and witness the graduation of the team sponsored by all Lions, Lioness and LEOs here in A15. We should all be so proud!**

**Funds sent directly to Lions Foundation (Oakville) \$3,275.00**

**Funds sent directly to Cabinet Treasurer: \$5,059.00**

**Funds required to reach \$12,000 goal = \$3,666.00**

**There's still time to help if you can, every dollar counts! Roar Lions, Lioness and LEOs!!!**



## MOSBOROUGH BUSY BUSY LIONS CLUB LIVING UP TO ITS NAME

The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Clubs has a couple of events coming up in June. First on June 9 and 10 join us for a BBQ at Harmony Meadows Alpaca Farm. Harmony Meadows (6185 Sixth Line, Fergus) is hosting their annual open house and alpaca shearing. Come out and see the alpacas and then get a tasty lunch cooked up by our club members featuring food from local businesses. We will be there from 10 to 3 on both days. All proceeds from the BBQ will be used to benefit the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.



The second event is the Motorcycle Ride for Dog Guides on June 16. We have teamed up with Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and the Rockwood Lions to make this event bigger and better. In this poker run you will start your ride at the Dog Guide Facility in Oakville, and end at the facility in Breslau, making several stops along the way. There is a new route, fun games, prizes and a great lunch planned at the end. Join us for a fun day of riding and puppies, all to benefit Dog Guides. To register in advance go to <https://www.dogguides.com/ride/>



The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions presented two cheques to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in May.

The first cheque for \$30,000 was for a Dog Walk donation matching program. Our club matched Walk for Dog Guides donations collected by foster families, graduates and volunteers with LFC. We matched a total of \$30,000 for 97 walkers in 33 walks all across Canada.

Our second cheque is part of a donation of \$12,000 to purchase various items for each of the programs at the Lions Foundation. These items will provide much needed tools to the hard working staff in all areas. Our members and pups took advantage of the opportunity to see firsthand some of the many things this donation funded.



## Congratulations to the New Hamburg Lions Club on 50 years of service.

CENTRE: Shown is Lions President Paul Mackie welcoming everyone to their celebration dinner.

LEFT President Lion Paul Mackie receive congratulations from District Governor Charlene Dwyer on the 50th Anniversary of the New Hamburg Lions Club. Also shown is Lion Bob Starr a charter member of the club.

RIGHT: Shown are Lion Bob Starr a charter member of the New Hamburg Lioness Club and Lioness Bobbi Williams a charter member of the New Hamburg Lioness Club founded in 1980.





# CONVENTION 2018

## A15 CONVENTION 50 - 50 DRAW

Hi Everyone:

We just wanted to let you all know that the winning ticket holder for the 50/50 Draw at the A15 Convention was Lion Judy Kurtz of the Guelph Lions Club. Thank you to all who purchased a ticket and we do hope you thoroughly enjoyed your time at our District Convention.

DG Char.

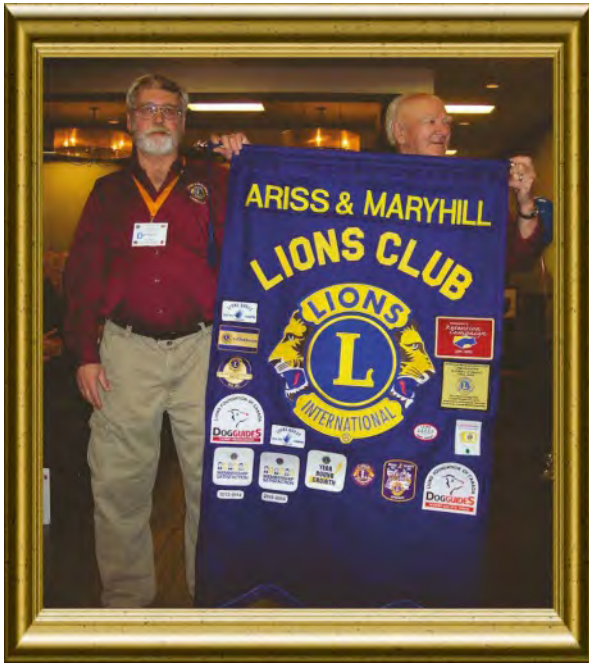
## A15 BULLETIN CONTEST

This year, the judges awarded a tie to Lioness Carol Massel from the New Hamburg Lioness club and Lion Margaret de Boer from the Cambridge Highlands Lions. Congratulations to both on a great job.

Below left is a photo of Lion Margaret receiving her plaque from Lion Chief Dan Marcotte, and right is Lioness Carol with Lion Janet Dawson Brock.



# MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS

















# PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Presented by PID Lion Art Woods, LCI Canadian Director Lion Tom Gordon and A15 DG Lion Char Dwyer:

Lions Clubs International President's Medal- PDG Lion Diane Smith

Lions Clubs International Leadership Award PDG Lion OJ Wilura

Present by LCI Canadian Director Lion Tom Gordon and A15 DG Lion Char Dwyer:

Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation:

PDG Lion Tim DeBlock

PDG Lion Denis Vinette

Lion Ernie Kaethier- past District A15 Effective Speaking Char, presented to Margaret Kaethier (Lion Ernie's wife)  
and to daughter Meleanie Zanay and husband Sean

Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock

Past Cabinet Secretary Lion Dennis Lougheed

LCI Global Action Team certificates of service for commitment to their Clubs and Lionism

Lion Jack Broadfoot- Thamesford & District Lions Club

PZC Lion Bill Shewfelt-Copetown Lions Club

Other recipients yet to receive their certificates are:

Lion Larry Ford-St. Marys Lions Club and Lion Roger Lyster-St. George Lions Club.

The District A15 GAT certificates were presented to:

Lion Shirley Ruller- KW Community Spirit Lions Club

Lion James Sanders- Guelph Lions Club

Lion Marie Bohner-Hickson and District Lions Club

Other recipients were:

Lion Sandra James- Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club, Lion John Hynes- Galt=Cambridge Lions Club, Lion Carolyn Parks- St. Jacob's Lions Club.



Left: Lion PDG Denis Vinette, and Right, Lion PDG Diane Smith



Left Lion Ernie Margaret Melanie Sean



Right Lion Lioness Janet Dawson Brock



L: Lion Tim DeBlock, cert. Of Appreciatnon



R: Lion OJ, LCI Leadership Award



L: Lion Dennis Loughheed- LCI Pres. Cert of Appreciation



R: Copetown Lions Service Award



Guelph Lion Chief Jim Sanders Service



L: Hickson LC Marie Bohner -Service Award



R: Lion Jack Broadfoot Service Award



L: Lion Shirley Ruther Service Award



















A full-length portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket over a white dress shirt and a dark, patterned necktie. A small, circular, gold-colored pin is visible on the left lapel of his jacket. He is standing with his hands behind his back, against a wall with a light-colored, ornate floral or damask wallpaper. The lighting is warm and indoor.

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## CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS CLUB PENNY SALE – April 28, 2018

What a great day we had at our Annual Penny Sale! The hall was buzzing with anticipated prize winners. Our new BBQ was cooking up delicious burgers and sausages by Lion Chief Dan (or should I say Chef Dan?) Many great Raffle Prizes were up for grabs. Special guests, Executive Director, Bill Davidson and Billie Jo O'Brien from Langs attended (recipients of our fundraising profits for this Lions Year). My **SINCERE THANKS** to all of my fellow club members and family members who worked so hard, and to all the donors who also made it such a success! - Lion Marg



Lions Courtney, Catherine, Christine and helper Lyra.



Lion Chief Dan Marcotte with Bill Davidson and Billie-Jo from Langs



Lions Courtney & Janice on Kitchen duty.



Grandma Barb with 4 Granddaughters



Mother-daughter Sandra & Chantel



Lions Dan & Ferne with Past Member Pat

## EDITOR'S NOTES - Lion Marg

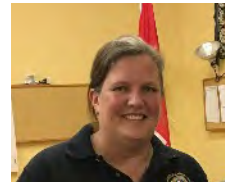
***Our members have been very busy these past months as you will read about in this bulletin.***

***A special Congratulations to Federico Chaux, Lion Victor's son who won first place in the District A15 Effective Speaking held in St. George on April 7<sup>th</sup>. He now moves on to compete in St. Catharines May 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck Federico!***



***Lions Jan and Angela attended the Child Witness Symposium on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Guelph and were very impressed with it.***

***Congratulations! to Lion Jennifer Chaput. As part of the Centennial Membership Awards program she was recognized as a Gold Centennial Lion. Lions clubs is stronger now because her support as a sponsor has guided Lion Courtney to remain active for two years.***



***Congratulations to fellow member PDG Cathy Tyler for earning a silver Centennial Pin for 25 years of Lions Service. We miss you and Lion Milt.***



***Lion Janice spent a few Saturdays with Foster Puppy Pria, in local Pet Value Stores in Cambridge promoting our Walk for Dog Guides on May 26<sup>th</sup>.***

***Last but not least Congratulations to our members who have stepped up to fill our club officer positions for 2011-2012. I know our club will continue to be strong and work well together.***



## A-15 LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

In the past, people repaired, rebuilt and reused almost anything that could be; today recycling is a routine part of our lives, but more in the way of tossing items into the appropriate bin to be picked by the city truck. However, Lions Clubs in District A-15 have been recycling used eye glasses for decades.

In 1970, the Bridgeport Lions spearheaded a project called Glasses for India. With help of other groups such as the local Mennonite churches, fire stations, and the UW School of Optometry, 3,500 pairs of glasses were collected and sent to Lions Clubs in India.

In the early 1980s, the St Marys Lions gathered eyeglasses and old suitcases for missions to the Caribbean and Latin America. In 1984, a Hamilton optician Barbara Skinner, who went with a team to Ecuador, said that “10,029 patients went through the eye clinic; in total 7,500 pairs of glasses were fitted, but you need much more than you dispense.” This speaks to the challenge of matching the available glasses to the needed prescriptions.

In 1988, the Guelph Royal City Lions twinned with the Lions Club of Negombo in Sri Lanka. In addition to much needed hospital equipment, the Royal City Lions shipped hundreds of pairs of glasses, which were used in eye clinics set up in poor villages in Sri Lanka.

(pictured right - Lion Quinton Van de Vrie (project chairperson), Lion Peter Misersky, and Lion Paul Beattie packing 600 pairs of glasses for Negombo Lions)

The Guelph Royal City Lions today still collect, sort, pack and ship thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses annually.

For several years in the early 2000's, Lions from A-15, accompanied the medical teams on missions to Guatemala. Among these volunteers were Stratford Lion Royden Brien, Guelph Royal City Lion Stephen Jones, and Kitchener Lion Charlie Davis. They went into some of the poorest areas such as the Peten Rainforest, populated by 500,000 people of Mayan and Spanish descent.



(above – this woman received her first pair of eye glasses at the age of 103)

(right – fitting glasses on a young lad, in Peten)



Due to the many dialects, double translation was often needed, from English to Spanish to local dialect, and reverse. Lion Stephen Jones developed a computer program to keep track of the sorted eye glass prescriptions in their packing cases.

Others, such as St. Jacobs Lion Bill Runke, also travelled with the teams to help build schools as part of the Missionary Ventures Canada project.

District A-15 also supplied a YAG lazer, for the eye hospital in Guatemala. The cost was \$20,000 USF, which was purchased with matching funds from an LCIF International Assistance Grant. The opening of Vincent Pescatore Eye Hospital, San Benito, el Peten, in April 2004, was the culmination of several years work in Guatemala.

Many of the Lions Clubs in A-15 since then have been collecting used eyeglasses on a continuing basis. This April, at the District A-15 Convention held in Guelph, Clubs were invited to bring their used eyeglasses to the convention for a special service project, sorting eyeglasses. The Royal City Lions organized and supervised the eyeglass sorting event. The group of Lions who participated, including our International guests, ID Tom and Lion Gillian Gordon, had a fun time, sorting and visiting with each other, while Lions Bob Keleher and Bill Hocken sealed and labelled the boxes for shipment to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Montreal via Home Hardware transport from the H St. Jacobs warehouse.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Lions of District A-15 sorted 6, 061 pairs of eyeglasses in one afternoon!



Millions of people in other parts of the world have no or little chance of receiving the eye care they need. By donating our old eyeglasses and sunglasses, we can help improve someone's vision and change their life. This is truly a hands on way to recycle and help others in need in developing countries. Well done Lions!

*- Lion Nancy Ransom*

# ST MARYS LIONS CLUB



**Diabetes Awareness Meeting.** The club recently invited local pharmacist and Diabetes Educator Cathy Forster to speak to us about Diabetes, its treatment, and advances in the field.



**BUNNY MONEY** Left, Lion Bill McNeight, bunny chair, accepting proceeds of the sale of bunnies from two LEO members, who sold the bulk of the bunnies.

Below, lion Ron Annett presenting proceeds of sales at Ulch Transport- Ron's employer.





## TOLL BRIDGE

Once a year, the St. Marys Lions receive permission from the town to collect money on the Victoria Bridge. This year we collected about \$2980.00, which will be donated to the renovation of a town park, specifically to help build a shelter and washrooms.



Lion Maria in a Lion suit.



Lions David, Raymond and Ernie



A classic - very well kept.



Lion Chief David and Lion Matt



A pedestrian made a donation



The counting begins,



## **PASSINGS**

May 17

Dear Lions, Lioness and LEOs:

We are sad to announce we have received notification of the passing of Lion Dave Ritchie of the St. George Lions Club.

Please see the current details as we have it below. On behalf of all of us here in District A15 we send along our deepest condolences to Lion Dave's family and friends and to his Lions family the St. George Lions Club. Lion Dave has been a Lion for over 20 years and has served as Club President.

"I am saddened to advise that Lion Dave Ritchie of the St. George Lions Club has passed away on May 16th. He had not been sick very long and will be missed by the membership. At this time I am not aware of any specific Lions service but will advise if one is to be held.