



# Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"Follow Your Dream"

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Paradise & District Lions Club members taking part in Dog Guides reunion. Front row: Lions Janet Pfaffinger, Dianne Saunders and Moxi (Hearing Ear Dog). Back row: Lions Joe Brick, Bob Saunders, Ted Rypma, Ted's wife Sandy Rypma and Lion Barb

## **Paradise Lions organize reunions of dog guide grads**

Members of Paradise & District Lions Club Dianne Saunders and Amanda Motyer, both graduates of the Hearing Dog Program, organized a reunion of graduates of the Dog Guides of Canada in August.

The event held at the Dog Guide school in Oakville drew 130 attendees, 47 of which were graduates who attended with their guide dogs.

A silent auction, refreshments and reunion T-shirts raised more than \$1,000 for the dog guide program.

## **Convention info now online**

Lions of District A-15,

The Belwood and District Lions Club, with the assistance of other clubs in our District, are pleased to announce that we now have the District A-15 Convention Information available on-line at <http://a15lions.org/pages/Events/Convention>.

To download and print the Registration Form, please click [here](#) or the image on the A-15 Convention web page. NOTE: The new registration form allows for multiple registrations on the second page which might make a club combined registration much easier to complete. We hope that you will make an effort to attend our convention on April 11-13, 2014 as we have a remarkable agenda of presentations, speakers and entertainment sure to please every Lion in our great District.

Gord Hufnagel, Chair,

District A-15 Convention Host

## **Lions Aid Philippines, but more \$ needed**

Lions,

As Lions, we recognize that our Lions Clubs International Foundation provides relief to those impacted by major natural disasters **within hours** of receiving requests from the clubs in the affected communities. At this time, LCIF has provided substantial funds to areas affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan and are now asking Clubs to consider making a special donation to Lions Club International Foundation in the support of the ongoing relief effort in the Philippines.

Club, member or public donations may also be made through our Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF (LoCF). Personal donations of \$20 or more made to LoCF will be eligible for a tax receipt. NOTE: Donations made to LCIF or LoCF clearly marked as Philippine Disaster Relief are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

The donation form to be used for donations to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is available at :

[http://www.lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif42m\\_canada.pdf](http://www.lcif.org/EN/files/pdfs/lcif42m_canada.pdf)

Sincerely yours in Service,

Denis Vinette, Governor

**Effective July, 2014**

## **MD"A" seeks treasurer**

Multiple District A is looking for a qualified Lion to fill the position of MD"A" Treasurer, effective July 1, 2014. Lion Jack Fisher will be completing his term at the end of this Lions year. A [one page document](#) outlines the upcoming position and directs those interested where to find more information.

At the November 2, 2013 MD"A" Governors Council Meeting the Council approved distributing the attached document through the various District Chairs.

All interested and qualified Lions are invited to pursue the opportunity to serve the Lions of MD"A" in the capacity of MD"A" Treasurer.

Together through Lionism,

Lion Todd Wilson, PCC

519 669 4939

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# Melvin Jones Honours



A-15 District Governor Denis Vinette was pleased to congratulate some very proud and deserving Fergus Lions during his official visit to the club on Oct. 8. Shown from left to right are PDG David Whitehead, Progressive MJF; Lion Don Trilesky, Melvin Jones Fellowship; Lion Bob Zirk, Progressive MJF; Lion Les Halman, Progressive MJF; PCS Don Doyle, Progressive MJF; Lion Ian McArthur, Progressive MJF; and Lion Gary Waterhouse, Melvin Jones Fellowship. Past president Lion Claude Lacroix and current club president, Lion Eric Peterson, had the honour of presenting these awards at various meetings.



Lion Claude Lacroix, past president of the Fergus Lions Club, presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lion Elly Hoogendoorn and PRC Neil Hoogendoorn of the Marsville & District Lions Club for their ongoing help with the Walk for Dog Guides in Fergus as well as their longstanding contributions to their own community.



## AODA info on website

Links to a website and a support video related to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) are now available in the District Admin/ District Publications Section of the District Web site. The act has implications in varying degrees for all clubs. A previous email sent to all clubs gives further explanation.

Lion Dennis Lougheed  
A15 Cabinet Secretary

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*What do Mike Duffy and Anne of Green Gables have in common?*

*- An imaginary home in PEI  
(Courtesy of Thamesford Lions)*



# LCIF provides \$80,000 to expand Dog Guide program

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has granted \$80,000 to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides in support of the Opening Doors to Independence fundraising campaign. The grant is being used for the expansion of Lions Foundation's services and will help launch a new Dog Guide program.

LCIF's grant to the Opening Doors to Independence campaign will help the Lions Foundation reach its ultimate goal of raising \$1 million dollars. The funds raised from the campaign will provide 30% more Dog Guide teams annually, increase residential space for clients by 25% at the Oakville training centre, and introduce the Diabetic Alert Dog Guide program.

"We are very fortunate to have the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation for our newest venture and know that this grant will go a long way in helping provide even more Dog Guides to Canadians with disabilities," says



Lion Peter Oswald, Lion Charlene Teasdale, Julie Jelinek, Director of Development at Lions Foundation of Canada, Sandy Turney, Executive Director at Lions Foundation of Canada, and IPDG Dan Ayim standing amidst the construction of the new residential rooms at Dog Guides Oakville school. The dog guide is a Diabetic Alert Dog Guide.

## Melvin Jones Honour for Fergus Lioness



Lion Eric Peterson, president of the Fergus Lions Club was very pleased to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lioness June Ball at the club's first meeting of the year on September 10.

Sandy Turney, Executive Director, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Lions Clubs International Foundation has a long history of supporting the Lions Foundation. In 2006, they awarded the school with a \$50,000 grant to expand the Dog Guide facility in Breslau, and in 2009 they gave a \$100,000 grant to build a veterinary clinic at the Lions Foundation's Oakville facility. The clinic has since been used for countless operations and has gone a long way in keeping future Dog Guides and Dog Guides in training healthy and ready for their important role of assisting people with disabilities.

## IPDG Dan Ayim lauds program expansion

*In Early 1980's, Lions Clubs across Canada started a project to assist Canadians with visual impairments. Canine Vision Canada was established in 1985, training dogs for the blind. Since then the program has grown to include other service dogs – for hearing, special Skills dog, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance and recently Diabetic Alert Dog.*

*To provide space for training the 6<sup>th</sup> service dog for diabetics and accommodation for patrons at the Oakville location, Lions Clubs across Canada have donated funds and applied for a matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation.*

*On behalf of LCIF and all Lions across Canada, I am glad to present to the Administration of Lions Foundation of Canada, the grant cheque in the amount of US\$75,000 (CAD \$78,750 ). We are grateful to Lions Clubs International Foundation for the grant and for helping us make a difference in our communities.*

*I wish LFC continued success in your service to people with disabilities across Canada.*

*Daniel Ayim, Immediate Past District Governor – A15.*

## Environmental Photo Contest deadline set for March 31, 2014

It's time to go through your photos and pick your submission for the Environmental Photo Contest this year. Please send your Environmental Photos to me by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. Please send them to: **Lion Linda Vinette, Environmental Chair, 20 Skeen St, Belwood, Ontario N0B 1J0**

The criteria for Environment Photo Contest are;  
Lions from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings. The Photo must be an unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment in the following Contest categories:

8"x10" photos of Animal Wildlife, Landscapes, Plant Life & Weather Phenomenon.

I'll be happy to accept your Photos at the District Cabinet Meetings, Zone Meetings, Region Rallies & Lions Now events. I look forward to your submissions



## Kid's day success

On July 6, the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club had the privilege of partnering with the organizers of the Forbes Park Music Festival, to provide the children's activities. These included bouncy castles, games, a craft table by Cambridge Library and Gallery, The Big Print project, balloon animals, vision screening, and a demonstration by the Guelph police canine unit and Cambridge Fire Department.

The success of the day was evident by the smiles on the faces of the children, and the increased number of children attending. This was the second year of the partnership and it is hoped that it will be ongoing.

This event would not have been possible without the continued support of the following sponsors – Essence Salon and Spa, Com Dev Ltd., Toyota Canada, Costco, Royal Canadian Legion Preston Branch 126, Hostess Frito Lay, Schiedel Construction, Dr. Ken Hamel and Dr. Kevin Lee.

I need to also acknowledge and thank the numerous volunteers who helped to supervise the activities.

For anyone who missed this year's festival – this is a free event, plan on attending next year.

Jan Ho, festival chair, Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

## Leader Network now available

Attention! The new edition of the Leader Network is now available. This issue includes information on New Pilot Program: Faculty Development Excellence Series (FDES), Webinar schedule for 2013-2014, Welcoming Zone and Region chairperson to GLT, What's New in the Leadership Resource Center and much more. The Leader Network provides tips and tools Lions leaders can use to encourage quality leadership. Take a look: [Leader Network](#)



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

## PASSINGS



**We Served**

Nov. 1, 2013  
Lion Wendy Voigt  
Waterloo Lions Club

## Int'l recipes sought for cookbook

Lions,  
We are planning to publish an International Cultural Cook book. I am requesting all the clubs and their members to submit their favourite cultural recipes to me. All the funds raised from the sale of this cook book will be given to Lion Quest.

Lion Ajit Manku  
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## Zone and Region Meetings

### Region 9

Zone 9E | Thu, Oct 17  
Cambridge Highlands |  
Mon, Jan 20 KW  
Community Spirit

Zone 9S | Thu, Oct 24  
St. George | Tue, Jan 14  
Rockton

Joint | Tue, Mar 18 Paris

### Region 37

Zone 37S | Wed, Oct 16  
Thamesford | Wed, Jan  
29 Drumbo

Zone 37W | Wed, Nov  
13 Exeter | Tue, Feb 25  
Bayfield

Joint | Thu, Mar 20  
Stratford

### Region 51

Zone 51E | Wed, Oct 9  
Hillsburg | Wed, Jan 8  
Elora

Zone 51W | Thu, Oct 3  
Milverton | Mon, Jan 27  
Woolwich Community  
Joint | Tue, Mar 11 Ariss

## District A15 Officers

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## District A-15 Bulletin Deadlines

District A-15 News Bulletins will be published each month of the 2013-2014 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](mailto: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.



## Lions Roar! with pride

## CONVENTIONS

July 4 – 8, 2014 - 97<sup>th</sup> International Convention, TORONTO  
June 26 – 30 2015 - 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Honolulu, HI





## West Coast Lions Present



A dramatic reading of

*Charles Dickens'*

# A Christmas Carol

With proceeds to community projects

**HOSTED BY PAUL CIUFO**

**NOVEMBER 24TH/2013 2:00PM**

**Grand Bend United Church  
25 Main Street**



### TICKETS \$10.00

Tickets at **UBU Fashions**  
59 Ontario Street North.

**Grand Bend  
Chamber of Commerce  
81 Crescent St.**

From any Lions member  
Or call 519-238-8616



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR LOCAL FOOD BANK**

## THE GALT / CAMBRIDGE LIONS CLUB 23rd ANNUAL CURLING BONSPIEL

at the

**GALT CURLING CLUB**

**1610 Dunbar Road**

**CAMBRIDGE**

**SAT. FEB 22nd 2014 -- 9:30 AM**

Three - 6 End Games

\$140.00 per Team

**REGISTER EARLY -- 8 TEAM LIMIT**

REGISTRATION INCLUDES  
Curling, Lunch & Dinner

Send your entry and cheque to Lion Bob Rann

105 Highman Ave.

Cambridge, ON. N1R 3M2

OR

PLEASE CONFIRM Entry to Bob at

[pb\\_rann@rogers.com](mailto:pb_rann@rogers.com)

519-621-9828

and bring entry money to the bonspiel

#### Schedule:

1st Game-9:30 am to 11:00 am

Lunch - 11:15pm to 12:00

2nd Game-12:00 noon to 1:30

3rd Game-2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

(Prize table)

Dinner Approx. 4:30 pm

## SWEABURG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CURLING BONSPIEL @WOODSTOCK CURLING CLUB NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

Come and have a fun day with good curling

Register by Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>/13 - draws 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION FOR TEAM ----- \$100.00

INDIVIDUALLY ----- \$ 25.00

New curlers welcome: bring a clean pair of running shoes -  
brooms & sliders will be provided.

Contact:

Vi Curry - 524971 Curry Rd., R.R.#1,  
Woodstock, On. N4S 7V6

Tel: 519-539-4304

Email - [vicurry@xplornet.com](mailto:vicurry@xplornet.com)

Cheques made out to: Sweaburg & District Lions Club

Mail to above address *TO SAVE YOUR SPOT - ALSO FOR US  
TO SEE IF WE HAVE TWO DRAWS*

## Royal City Ambassadors



present a

## Christmas Concert



Breslau Mennonite Church

226 Woolwich Street, Breslau

Saturday, November 23, 2013

7:00 pm

**SHOWCASING TALENTED YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**

**Sponsored by the Breslau Lions Club**

*Net proceeds to Youth Initiatives*



**Royal City Ambassadors Chorus Present  
Barbershop Harmony**

### Admission:

\$10 person, \$25 family of 5  
Children 3 years of age and under: free  
Children 4 - 12 years of age: \$5

FOR TICKET / INFORMATION:

[mem@breslaulions.org](mailto:mem@breslaulions.org)

Ernie 519-827-1360

Dennis 519-213-1397

# Effective Speaking a success, needs \$ support

To: all LIONS clubs of District A-15;  
... Chiefs, Officers & all ROARING members;  
This past 2012 - 2013 year was a significant success in terms of Youth participation in this **Opportunities for Youth**, public speaking contest.  
Forty-three (43) contestants, from eight(8) clubs of our District  
[Guelph, Fergus, Breslau, K-W Community Spirit, St George, Hickson, Sheffield]  
participated at the District finals held on March 2, 2013 in St George, superbly hosted by the local Lions Club.  
The five(5) first place winners represented our District in the MD'A' finals, held in early May.  
The Fergus LC sponsored youth speaker, Laura Bender, placed FIRST, receiving \$ 1,000.00 award.  
Speakers - contestants sponsored by K-W Community Spirit & Breslau LC placed SECOND.  
Guelph LC sponsored contestant placed THIRD.  
CONGRATULATIONS to all the contestants and their sponsoring CLUBS.  
TWO things are needed for the successful continuation of this VERY worthwhile **Opportunities for Youth** program.

## First:

This excellent program needs **dollar\$** to exist & continue to serve our youth;  
and by extension our very own communities.

Please send a contribution to:

cheque payable to: A-15

and mail to: District Treasurer .... **Peter Oswald**  
**4 Tristan Court**

**Dundas ON L9H 7G7**

This program DOES need fund\$.

Many District clubs have supported it generously in the past with donations of \$ 250 -- \$ 300.

Many Clubs have ignored this opportunity to support our Youth.

Please continue your past generous giving pattern.

Last year's Eff/Spkg budget avoided red-ink, only because of an Anonymous donation.

For those Clubs who do NOT have this worthwhile

program on your 'budget radar screen'

please, PLEASE **consider a contribution of \$100.00 or**

**more** to cover the program's legitimate

expenses of: prizes; medals; stationary type costs; MD'A' **levy of \$ 45.00 per Club &**

accommodation for District winners competing in the MD'A' finals.

## Second:

The Effective Speaking program needs **participants**.

Please continue your club efforts to hold local Club contests and forward the winners on

to the A-15 District finals to be held on Saturday March

29th, 2014, hopefully again at St George - ??

Are their interested Clubs who want to hold a local

Effective Speaking contest ??

Do you wish MORE information ??

Please contact me and I will be happy to provide you with all the help available.

To download the official Effective Speaking booklet: go to

[http://www.a15lions.org/forms/2006\\_eff\\_speaking\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.a15lions.org/forms/2006_eff_speaking_booklet.pdf)

Respectfully,

In Lions Service for Youth,

Lion Ernie

  
**District A-15 Lions International Festival**  
United Kingdom Club of Cambridge  
35 International Village Drive, Cambridge

  
**IRISH FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, March 1, 2014  
6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program  
**Boyle Academy of Irish Dance**  
Ticket: \$20.00 each  
(children under 10 years: \$10.00 each)

  
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Irish Festival is a time for food and fun  
Come and celebrate together

  
**CTC Dollars for Dorset**  
Lions Camp Dorset has a continuing need for Canadian Tire currency to repair and replace equipment used by dialysis patients  
Contact Lion Bob at [bulletin@a15lions.org](mailto:bulletin@a15lions.org) for