



# Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"A Wake in Service"

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## G2G / KISSING BRIDGE TRAIL

If you have not yet heard, the new bridge has finally been installed over the ravine in Millbank. This bridge project, many years in the making, has opened up the trail from downtown Millbank (access behind school house on the corner) all the way to Guelph. I encourage you all to take a stroll, bike or hike (or soon snowmobile) on this trail to see how our donation helped complete this project.

– **Milverton Lions Club**

*Trolling for Success!*



District A-15



## Permanent Fixture

Lion Paul Kennette of Burford Lions was a permanent fixture at the Burford Fair selling cash draw tickets.

## HERE WE GROW AGAIN – TO 57 CLUBS

## U of Guelph club chartered



Guelph Lions Club members PDG Lion Thom Herrmann, (left) PZC Lion Jim Sanders (right) along with RC51 Lion Charlene Teasdale met with the Lion Chief of the new University of Guelph Lions Campus Club Kristina Seidel (centre) and LFC Foster Puppy "Chip" for a breakfast meeting at Cora's in Guelph.

District A15 Governor Lion Tim DeBlock is happy to announce our new baby! The Guelph University of Guelph Lions Campus Club. Immediate Past District Governor Lion Denis Vinette and Region 51 Chair Lion Charlene Teasdale have been working on "The Dream" of establishing a Campus Club at the University of Guelph since last year. We are thrilled to announce that the team of IPDG Lion Denis Vinette, RC51 Lion Char, VDG1 Lion Diane Smith & A15 District Governor Lion Tim DeBlock, Kristina Seidel and Rachel Poppe – students at the U of G – have successfully chartered the newest Lions Club in District A15. The Guelph Lions Club is the sponsoring Club as well as having the Guiding Lions help of PDG Lion Thom Herrmann and PZC Lion Jim Sanders. We look forward to many great events from our newest Lions Club. stay tuned for information on the Charter Night! roar Lions!



## Email confusion

**Lions**

When emailing PRC Vaughan Braby as Membership & Club Growth Team Leader use [mcg@a15lions.org](mailto:mcg@a15lions.org).

When emailing PDG Larry Wainwright who used to be Membership & Club Growth Team Leader but is now Membership Renewal Chair use [memrenewal@a15lions.org](mailto:memrenewal@a15lions.org).

A number of you are misdirecting email, probably because of confusion in the changes made in who holds these positions.

**Lion Dennis Lougheed**

**A15 Cabinet Secretary**

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## Be Proud - Serve With Pride

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

## Roar Like A Lion!



## SEVERAL QUERIES RECEIVED BY CLUBS

# Caution urged on "spam" email requests for funds

Lions:

As Lions we receive from time to time requests for support from individuals and organizations. Be aware that where Lions through the International organization, the Multiple District or District have endorsed the request a very clear statement of that endorsement is always made.

The absence of such an endorsement does not in and of itself mean that the request is illegitimate. HOWEVER you are strongly urged to exercise due diligence when deciding as a club or as an individual how you wish to proceed.

In the past couple of days a specific example of such a request has been received by a number of clubs. The email comes from a Kenneth Springer and requests your support of

something called the Hueyfy Project. Several people have brought the email to our attention and sought advice on how to respond. We cannot make that decision for you but offer the following commentary.

At first glance the request may seem legitimate however closer examination by myself and IT Chair Ted has raised the following red flags as examples of the kinds of things you need be aware of when evaluating such requests.

The domain name for the "organization" is registered in Australia.

The phone number is not North American and the registrant is from New Zealand.

It is not a charitable operation. You have to read through a FAQ on their website to learn this. Nothing is stated in this regard in the email but one could argue that it is

implied.

This appears to be a request for you to fund product development out of the "goodness of your heart" rather than through a legitimate investment opportunity. There is no guarantee that such a product will ever be produced of that it will accomplish the stated goals. It seeks to raise capital for the further development of a software that will make the use of the internet easier for the blind and the autistic. The manner in which this will be done is more philosophical in nature than specific.

The concept statement makes undemonstrated claims; there is no proof of concept and there are no working samples of a p p l i c a t i o n . We did not find mention of support from a broader base of recognizable organizations working on behalf of the blind or the autistic.

If they are legitimate, we find it odd that they have not approached and/or received the support of existing charitable organizations who provide services etc to the blind or autistic. Why seek help from the bottom levels of large organizations such as the Lions rather than from the top levels of the organization? On an emotional level it sounds good but from a verifiable fact basis we find little to trust in the statements being made.

As stated earlier, always exercise due diligence when evaluating such requests.

District Governor Lion Tim is aware of and supports this commentary.

Lion Dennis Loughheed

A15 Cabinet Secretary

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## DISTRICT A-15 LIONS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

United Kingdom Club of Cambridge  
35 International Village Drive, Cambridge

# EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL



Saturday, March 7, 2015

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

ENTERTAINMENT: **Juneyt & Ishra**

Ticket: \$20.00 each

(children under 10 years: \$10.00 each)

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Come for fun and good times



## Camp Dorset now collecting pop can tabs for fundraiser

Lions Camp Dorset is now collecting pop can tabs as a fundraiser. Should you or anyone wish to help, contact Lion Bob Rutter at [bulletin@a15lions.org](mailto:bulletin@a15lions.org) and arrangements can be made to pick up the tabs. This is a wonderful way to help support an ongoing Lions project.





## Guelph Lions nominate RC51 Lion Charlene Teasdale

# Bid for 2nd VDG announced

To The Lions of A15  
Subj: Lion Charlene Teasdale for  
Vice Governor.

The members of the Guelph Lions Club are pleased to announce our support for Lion Charlene Teasdale to be the next 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor for District A15.

Lion Char has served well as our Club President, Zone Chair for 51E and this year as Region Chair for Region 51. She has received "Excellence" recognitions from LCI as she passed through the positions.

More importantly she has been dedicated to the Lion Foundation of Canada both through engaging



**Lion Charlene Teasdale**

our club with the Walk for Dog Guides and the Ride for Dog Guides as well as being one of the most active LFC Chairpersons our District has ever had.

Lion Char has taken advantage of LCI's leadership programs and attended the USA/Canada Forum, the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute during her time with the Guelph Lions Club. Lion Char is dedicated to grow as a leader and use that growth to help the Lions and Clubs in District A15.

Dedicated to the LFC.

Dedicated to be the best leader she can. Aren't these the qualities we want?

The Guelph Lions Club proudly commends her to you and asks your support for Lion Char for 2nd Vice Governor.

Thom Herrmann PhD, PDG,  
PHB

Secretary

Guelph Lions Club



*Lions Take Pride  
in offering Service*

## *Cambridge Highlands lauded by newspaper*

**From Cambridge Times published Sept. 25, 2014  
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**By Walter Gowing**

What a mixture – lions, women and dogs. It was a joyful time when the Highland Lions Club of Cambridge handed out money to further the Guide Dog program in Canada and to assist Haven House, a Cambridge shelter for women.

Last week at a dinner meeting at St. James Anglican Church in Hespeler, members of the Highlands Lions Club showed their generosity and their caring for the community when they presented a cheque for \$2,136 to Haven House.

Representing Haven House was Merle Fast. She thanked the club for its timely donation, as the shelter has launched a new building fund program to establish a new and larger centre at 70 Acorn Way.

"The present location of our shelter for abused women is located on Concession Road," said Fast, "and (it) simply cannot accommodate the number of women and their children who need emergency help."

Haven House takes care of food, housing and counselling for those women who stay at the facility. Help is also given to women who remain at home or return home from Haven House.

"Every abused woman deserves a shelter and a better



**A roar  
without conviction  
is simply noise**

life," she said.

The Lions Club was told three therapy dogs are available at the shelter to assist women and children.

To build the new shelter, \$6 million is needed.

The Lions Club did not forget those wonderfully clever Guide Dogs bred and trained by the Lions

Foundation of Canada. The breeding facilities are just outside Cambridge near Breslau.

Representing the foundation was (RC 51 Lion) Charlene Teasdale of Guelph who accepted a \$12,000 cheque from Highlands past-president (Lion) Margaret DeBoer.

"I am so thankful that during my term as president we raised the money for such a great cause as the Guide Dog program," said DeBoer.

Guide Dogs are trained in six programs: vision, hearing, special skills, seizure response, autism assistance and diabetes alert.

**A-15 makes  
waves**



**Leaves service  
in its wake**



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

# A-15 Lions Pride



Parade Season Float

Thamesford Lions parade their float during Thanksgiving celebrations.

## 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.



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)

## Lions defined: DGTim DeBlock

## ***District A15 Officers***

"We are ready to roll up our sleeves and to do what we can as Lions to help face the challenges of being part of this family.

"I believe all of us, all members are up to the task.

"I also believe this work can be based on four thoughts; not policies, not protocol. Just four basic thoughts:

"#1 Our Motto: We Serve.

"#2 Our basic principle: Unselfish Service.

"#3 Appreciate that everyone has a story.

"#4 Respect."

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DG Tim DeBlock



## ***CONVENTION***

March 20-22, 2015 - District A-15, Stratford (Monkton L.C.)

June 26 - 30 2015 - 98<sup>th</sup> International Convention, Honolulu, HI