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# Lions Clubs International District A-15

## News Bulletin

November/December 2016



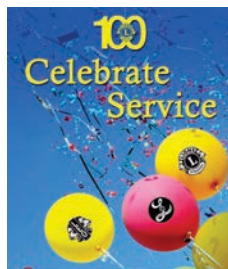
**A**lmost half of our Lions' year is complete. Food Banks, Salvation Army Kettles, Bake Sales, Parades, Senior Outings, Tree Lighting, Breakfasts with Santa, Stuffing Stockings and Angel Trees are just a few programs we support at this time of year.

Diabetes awareness, Gift of Life, Literacy, Opportunities for Youth and Lions Quest continue to "Make a Difference." Many Centennial Legacy project are underway.

On the leadership front two Lions have attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and three are registered for the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute.

On the global front, we as Lions continue to strive to control the spread of the highly contagious Measles disease. We have made great strides with partnerships with the Gavi Vaccine Alliance, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Kingdom's Department for International Development.

In the past you have reached into your pockets and pulled out a loonie. You potentially saved a child. The work is not done, consider a donation to the LCIF's Measles Fund so no more families have to endure the loss of a child.



I wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a Very Merry Christmas.

Lion Wayne Litt.

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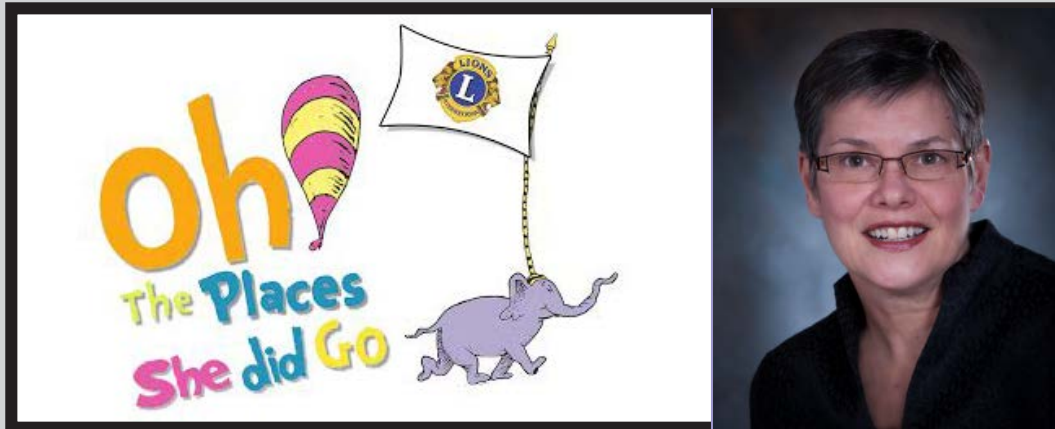
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# AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER!!!

## Appreciation Night for IPDG Diane Smith



Lion Art, as eloquent as ever  
but that tie has to go!!!

D.G. Wayne's presentation,  
must have been a tie sale!!!



Judge Brian Stevenson  
Fellowship presentation  
from Lion Christine Aberle  
Woolwich Community Lions,  
the Dollar Store must be sold  
out of those ties by now!!!



WA AFFAIR TO REMEMBER!!!  
Why not?, everything else is twisted a bit!!!



Looking for Work,  
obviously  
over-qualified!!!

The Cat in the Hats  
Living Library, beats  
the heck out  
of those ties!!!



OK, We got past the ties,  
the hats are a  
different story!!!

This has got to rate a caption!!!





## A15 CABINET MEETING

Hosted by: ST. GEORGE LIONS



**DG Wayne Litt presided at the Cabinet Meeting Wednesday November 9th in at the South Dumfries Community Centre in St. George.**

**A Big Lions Roar to the St. George Lions and the Women's Institute for hosting and catering, a great meeting and a great meal.**

**Aside from the business aspect on the agenda several awards presented by IPDG Diane Smith for Club Excellence, Membership, Presidents, Secretary's and Treasurers, congratulations to all.**





## COPETOWN LIONS



**L**ions everywhere take great pride in being involved in community events. On occasion an event comes along that goes over the top and takes everyone by surprise, such is the case with the Richard Oakes Benefit that occurred in Copetown on November 5th. Richard has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and a need was recognized by the communities of Ancaster and Copetown, Richard and his family needed help.

Thanks to the efforts of the benefit committee and with the assistance of the Copetown Lions a “Wing Ding” event was organized. The support from the communities and the sponsors was overwhelming. As evidenced by the pictures the turnout was fantastic. Eight Hundred pounds of chicken wings prepared by the Lions were served and the fundraising continued throughout the evening, upwards of five hundred people attended.

The final numbers are not yet available but over \$50,000.00 was raised to assist Richard and his family through this difficult time. Included in that total was a donation from the Copetown Lions of \$7,500.00.



*footnote: Sadly Richard passed away on Tuesday November 29th, a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.*







## BAYFIELD LIONS



**Lions Penny & Dave Overboe on Bayfield Lions Float in the Santa Claus Parade**



**Lion Tom & Deb Grasby with Dog Guide in Training, Essex.**







# GUELPH LIONS



Lions Char Teasdale  
and Russ Dwyer are  
getting married in  
Niagara Falls on New  
Year's Eve.

**“PARTNERS  
IN  
LIFE & SERVICE”**

**Congratulations from the Lions of A15!**





## EXETER LIONS & LIONESS



**T**he Exeter Santa Claus Parade was held on Sat., Nov., 19th this was the 2nd year it was a night time event. The results are obvious as evidenced by the pictures. The Exeter Lions float was a big hit as was the Exeter Lioness display. Thanks to Ms. Mac Photography for the photos.





## EXETER LIONS



**For the first time in the history of the Exeter Lions, six new members were inducted at the same time on November 23rd of this year. 1st VDG Charlene Teasdale conducted the induction ceremony.**

**Front Row: (l to r) New Lions, Chris McDonald, Derek Beckett, Marc Denomme, Justin Reid, Mike (Woody) Wood and Steve Sararas**

**Back Row: (l to r) President Craig Hebert, Sponsor Lions Craig Glavin, Jim Beckett, Dan Turkheim, Rob Reid, Gar Penhale, Tom Passmore, VDG Charlene Teasdale, Membership Chair Paul Anstett**

*Photo courtesy Exeter Times Advocate.*



~~Work~~ **Fun Party at the  
Lions Den, preparing  
Grey Cup pool tickets  
and watching a  
hockey game  
no less!!!  
(Must be the Leafs)**







## TALK ABOUT TEAMWORK!!!

### ZONE 37SOUTH



### *Thousands Of Volunteer Hours Are Involved*

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**N**ot only is Canada's Outdoor Farm Show important to farmers and agricultural businesses, It's a strong community booster thanks to volunteers from area Lions Clubs. Larry Taylor, with the Thamesford Lions, has been involved from day one. "We do business in excess of \$150,000. Last year the Lions Clubs' contribution to the total show was 3,500 volunteer hours", he said. The clubs involved two based in Woodstock and clubs in Thamesford, New Hamburg, Ingersoll, Hickson, Drumbo, Innkerkip, Sweaburg, Ayr and Plattsville. "Everyone contributes. We couldn't do it without any one of those clubs." Profits from the volunteer efforts go back into the communities surrounding the show site in Woodstock.

Participating Lions Club are all part of the team. "In Thamesford, we support most groups that comes to us, hockey, baseball, scouts, girl guides, the Santa Claus parade and others," Taylor said. He has been doing this for twenty years and was one of the originals. All the Lions and volunteers enjoy doing this for the communities involved.



Lions Larry Taylor, Steve Ullman and Bill Vink were among the many, many volunteers helping with the food booth and catering service operated by eleven Lions Clubs from Zone 37South at the Farm Show.

...photo by Jeffery Carter



## CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS AWARDS NIGHT



**L-R: Helen Keller Fellowship Lion Janice Lajueunesse, Bruce Murray Youth Camp Fellowship Lion Jen Chaput, Lions Quest Fellowship & Lion of the Year Lion Marg de Boer, all with Lion Chief Dan Marcotte.**

## DONATION PRESENTATIONS



**L-R: Alzheimer's Society, Thayna Walter, \$3,000.00. St. Lukes Place Foundation, Allison Haddaway- \$5,000.00, First installment towards total pledge of \$20,000.00 over 4 years, Lions Foundation of Canada, Alissa Mendleson, LFC Trainer, \$12,000 towards Autism Dog Guide, Lion chief Dan Marcotte & CEO St. Lukes Place, Brian Swainson**





# COPETOWN LIONS CLUB 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1976 - 2016



"We Serve"



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
PID ART WOODS**



**LION CHIEF  
DOUG PADDON**



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
WAYNE LITT**





## COPETOWN LIONS

The Copetown Lions celebrated their 40th Anniversary October 15th. Shown on the previous page are the luminaries from the evening. Lion Chief Doug



welcomed everyone, D.G. Wayne made a presentation and PID Art Woods regaled all with his positive approach towards "*Lionism*". All of the Copetown Past Presidents were present, some in person, the rest by photos. The original charter was on display in large format and now hangs proudly in the Copetown Lions Community Centre.

Area clubs were very supportive with representation from Districts A711 and A15. In all with guests and Lions there was approximately 120 in attendance. Before, during and after a great meal we were entertained by a very well received dinner mystery "Who Wants To Murder A Millionaire".

Even with all the foregoing the obvious highlight of the evening was a special presentation to the Lions Foundation of Canada of \$25,000.00 for their Dog Guide Program. Accepting on behalf of LFC was Region Chair Debbie Cserhalmi.





## CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS



Lions Janice Lajueunesse and Margeret de Boer attended the Lions Foundation of Canada Graduation November 1st in Oakville as a follow-up to the club's donation of \$12,000.00 to sponsor an Autism Dog Guide. To our surprise the recipient, Rory, is from Cambridge. We met his mother, Monica, and Rory's new Dog Guide Preston. The emotion and gratitude from her was obvious. She will be bringing Rory and Preston to our club for a visit and attending future events.

Rory's mother is in the back row in the centre and Preston's foster parents, Terry and Jean Graham are in the front row. They have raised twenty two foster pups.



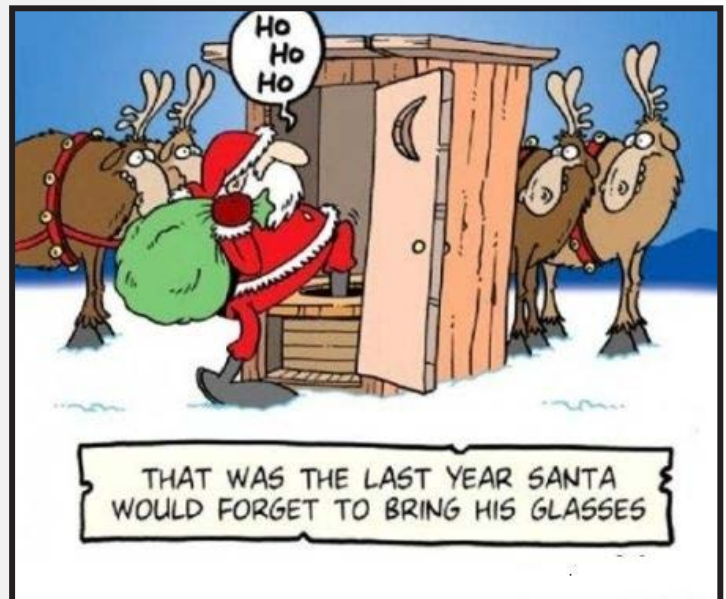
**PASSING**  
November 18th, 2016  
Lion Keith Raymond  
President Innerkip Lions  
"He Served"



## WATERLOO LIONS



**Thank you to the Waterloo Lions Club for their kind hospitality on October 13th in St. Agatha. I visited the Club on behalf of District Governor Lion Wayne Litt and inducted a new Lion into their Lions family, welcome Lion Faye Meadows! I also witnessed the Waterloo Lions Club and Past Zone Chair Lion Bill Weiler present Past Region Chair and Lion Chief Robert Montgomery with a Lions Quest Award for his dedication to their Club, well earned Lion Robert! A small Club but a very tight knit group working together for the betterment of their community.**







## Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Lions



**The Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Lions presented City of Waterloo Director of Community Services, Jim Bowman with a Lions Quest Fellowship at the City Council meeting on November 21, 2016. Jim has volunteered his time as Santa Clause every year at the Club's Free Family Skate Day at RIM Park. L-R Lion Joanne McQuiggan, Lion Janet Dawson Brock, Lion Shirley Ruller, and Jim Bowman.**





## EXETER LIONESS CLUB

### *Being a Lioness*

#### **What It Means To Me**

It's been a busy week for me,  
With Lioness, where I want to be,  
Here helping in our Community.  
With events that benefit not only me.  
With Quarter Auction and Greenery,  
And Laugh & Learn, what fun for me.  
I not only met great people here.  
I opened my ears without any fears,  
And found some friendships that are very dear.  
Hoping they last for many a year.  
Thank you Lioness for inviting me  
To join in making our Community a better place to live.  
Volunteering is a key to happiness.  
Laugh & Learn what a great way to get an education about what  
Lioness means to our Community.  
Laugh a lot, live in the moment, and make someone happy.

***Lioness Rose Rathwell***

This little gem was in the  
Exeter Lioness' Bulletin.....





## NEW HAMBURG LIONESS



The club inducted two new members and one returning member at a our 35th Anniversary celebration and Christmas get together. Shown L-R are: Lioness Shirley Collins sponsoring inductee Dianne BoDo, Lioness President Janet Dawson-Brook who inducted

our new members, inductee Michelle Brousseau who was sponsored by Lioness Tricia Miller (absent) and Lioness Marjorie Heimpel with returning Lioness Susan Hammer.



Shown is the organizing committee for the A15 Lioness Laugh & Learn Forum held at the Crowne Plaza in Kitchener, November 11, 12 & 13th. This was the twentieth year for the event with the theme being Cartoon Characters. Upwards of one hundred and seventy Lioness attended from the district and enjoyed the great speakers and the entertainment.





## NEW HAMBURG LIONESS



On a recent cruise which stopped at the island of Bonaire in the southern Caribbean we came across this Lion's Time Capsule commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Lion's club, February 2, 2002. The capsule contains documents describing current conditions in Bonaire, photographs and a selection of items typical of the present day like a cellular phone, cd, calculator and pen as well as stories or letter to the people of the future. The capsule will be opened on the Lion's 80th anniversary, February 2, 2082. Submitted by Lioness Joan Bilinsky, New Hamburg Lioness.



*It's a tough job but somebody has to do it!!!*







## INGERSOLL LIONS

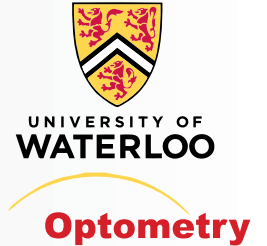


**In 2015 the Ingersoll Lions committed help finance the purchase of a swim trainer for the Ingersoll Sharks Swim Team, and in particular one of the young swimmers who is blind. The trainer has been purchased with the assistance of a \$1200.00 donation from the club.**





## WATERLOO SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY BRANCH CLUB K-W COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIONS



District Governor Wayne Litt inducted two new members in the University of Waterloo Optometry Lions, branch of the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club, on November 28, 2016, at the School of Optometry. L-R: Lion Shirley Ruller, new Lion Melanie Fox-Chen, DG Wayne Litt, new Lion Jaclyn Chang, and Branch Club president, Lion Phyllis Ho.



## EXETER LIONS



The Exeter Lions donated \$15,000 to Jessica's House Hospice during the MyFM radiothon today. Funds raised hosting the RCMP Musical Ride were utilized. A big Lions Roar out to the RCMP for their community efforts. L to R: Bridget Johnston from MyFM, Kimberley Payne, South Huron Hospital Director, Lion Chief Craig Hebert, Maria Hamather-Jessica's Mother, Lion Doug Upshall, George Finch, Community Volunteer.





## WEST COAST LIONS



The Westcoast Lions President Jody Cherwonak receives check from Glen Bailey for Christmas House Tour, Lions Jenny Roth and Mary Duggan worked. tirelessly with other community groups organizing the tour which was above all expectations. The Light Up The Bend weekend on November 18, was also keeping our Lions busy serving apple cider and cookies to the crowd and Santa visited on his sled. He resembled Lion Art Parkes. Leading up to the weekend of lighting the lights the Lions helped with lighting up the park and decorated the bridge.

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## LYNDEN LEOS



**On Saturday, December 3rd, 6 Lynden Leo's worked with the Lynden Volunteer Fire Department gathering contributions from the local community for the Lynden Food Bank. Pictured are two of the Leos, Mallory and Aela. This is one of several service activities the Leo's have scheduled for December including a children's party.**

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**YOUR EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL THE LIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**



**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF LIONISM!**





**KW Community Spirit  
Lions Club**

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# Free Family Skate

**Sunday December 18, 2016 12-2 pm**

**Lions Arena, RIM Park, Waterloo, ON**

*Free Hot Dogs  
and  
Hot Chocolate  
(while supplies last)*



*Santa will be on the ice  
from 12:30-1:15 pm!*

**Also sponsored by:**







*Ariss and Maryhill  
Lions Club*

*Breakfast with Santa!*



**Saturday**  
**December 17**  
**8 am to 12**

**\*Pancakes \*Sausage \*Maple Syrup \*Juice \*Coffee**

**13 and up \$7, 4 to 12 \$3, 3 and under free**

***Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre***



**Bring Your  
Camera  
Take a Picture  
With Santa**





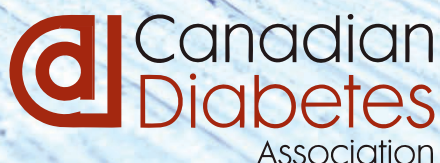


# Ralph's Ride



## 8th Annual Snowmobile Ride in support of Canadian Diabetes Research

This year marks the eighth anniversary of the first Ride for Diabetes that Lion Ralph took part in. Eight years ago Ralph and his friends rode from the Sault to Alaska. This year the ride will leave Sault Ste. Marie on January 21st on a six day trip through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Lions in Zone 37 have been especially generous in their donations though the years. We ask that, in this Lions centenary year, the generosity continue. Make this a special year, not just for Lions, but for Canadian Diabetes Research in their fight against this dreadful disease. It affects so many of our families, friends and fellow Lions...So please dig deep and give with your heart as well as the pocket. **YOUR DONATION COUNTS!!**





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