



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"In A World of Service"

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Lion Marg de Boer Three Lions awarded Queen's medal

Three Waterloo Region Lions have been awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for service to the community.

Lions Dr. Jack Bishop and Gary Dunn, of Kitchener L.C. and Lion Margaret de Boer, a member of Cambridge Highlands L.C. for more than 20 years.

One of 50 recipients at a ceremony held Sept. 22, the medal for Lion Marg was presented by Cambridge MP Gary Goodyear.

Lion Marg served as President, Secretary, and Membership Chair and will once again hold the office of President for 2012-2013.

Hurricane Sandy Update

Lions aid storm-ravaged U.S. east coast with through funds and volunteer services

Dear Lion,

As Superstorm Sandy was near landfall on the East Coast, we let you know that Lions would be there for those in the storm's path. We know the devastating impact that a disaster can have in a community and as always, our thoughts and prayers are with those who were affected, including members of our own Lions family. As Lions, we have once again demonstrated our quick response in the time of need, and we want to update you on relief efforts.

Lions Clubs International assistance. Many Lions are already working with local food banks, police and fire departments and other local organizations.

In addition to the Major Foundation (LCIF) awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant with money from the disaster relief fund, allowing Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing

St. Jacobs L.C.

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Lion Mike Leacy named a Melvin Jones Fellow

In recognition of his commitment to serving the world community, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has named Lion Mike Leacy of the St. Jacobs Lions Club, a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor. It is given by a Lions Club in recognition of a commitment to humanitarian service and qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate.

At a recent Club Meeting, Past Council Chair Tim Cronin presented Lion Mike with a plaque, lapel pin and congratulatory letter from Sid L. Scruggs the chair of the board of trustees of Lions Clubs International.

The letter acknowledged his dedication to the foundation's humanitarian goals through his dedication to serving our youth through his involvement in, coaching, Scouting, Big Brothers, K2K Youth Dances, International Youth Exchange and Lions Vision Screening, as well as Lions Walk For Dog Guides, Lions Camp Dorset and Club Presidency.

When there is a Lions activity of any kind, within the Club or with others, Mike is always the first to say "I can help with that." As a Melvin Jones Fellow, he becomes a part of the growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally and in communities around the world.

PDG Nancy Ransom new Bulletin Editor

PDG Nancy Ransom has been named District Bulletin Editor, replacing Lion Bob Rutter who steps aside because of on-going medical concerns.

Lion Nancy's appointment takes effect immediately.

Contributions should continue to be sent to bulletin@a15lions.org.



Bayfield Fish Derby Winner

Winner of the Bayfield Lions 34th Annual Bayfield Joe Brandon Memorial Rainbow Trout Derby. Lion Tom Grasby presented the first prize trophy to Kevin Langille, of Goderich. The heaviest Rainbow Trout, weighed 7.95lbs.



From Left to Right: Past President Lion Dennis Lougheed, Lion President Mike Leacy, Past Council Chair Lion Tim Cronin



Monkton Lions give kids summer camp adventure

The Monkton Lions Club held their first Fishing and Outdoors Camp for Kids July 15th-19th on Lake Nipissing. This adventure was made possible through the co-operation of eight Lions Clubs, many sponsors and volunteers. Sixteen children who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to go to camp, enjoyed canoeing, swimming, fishing, building projects, co-operative games and orienteering.

Leave it to kids to show us some of life's best lessons. These children seized each opportunity head on and tackled every minute of the day with zest. Even when they encountered challenges, they worked through them and grew every step of the way. For some, it was the first time away from their caregivers and significant others and perhaps the first time so far away from home. They were a courageous lot. For every one thing the kids learned from this experience, the leaders learned 10 fold. It was a privilege to come to know such resilient individuals.

For more info go to www.monktonlionsclubkidsclub.com



Sip, Sample & Savour

"A Grape Night Out"





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presented by

Stratford Lions Club

Saturday, January 26, 2013 – 7:00-11:00 pm
Factory163 – 163 King St., Stratford

Tickets \$40.00 each

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Tickets available from
Dundee Wealth Mgmt – 272-0070
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or any Lions Club member



Lions Serve our communities

Region Rally

Fun, Fellowship, Entertainment

Hosted by

St. Mary's Lions Club

Thursday, November 29/12

Social 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

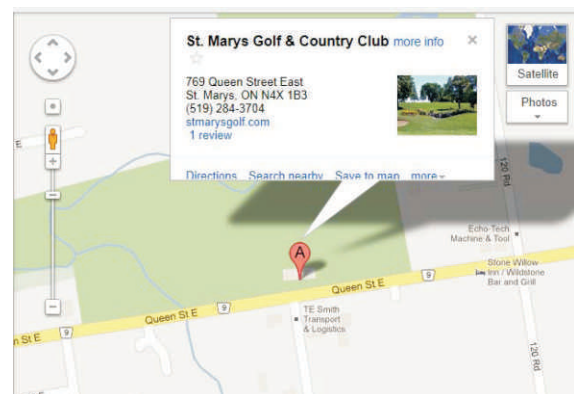
Social 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Location: St. Mary's Golf & Country Club

Meal: \$20.00 per person

CONTACT: PDG Karen McNeight



Email: kmckneight@rogers.com or stmarys@a15lions.org
DEADLINE: Nov. 22/12 for Reservations

Region Chairs to continue

Each year since District Regions, and hence the position of Region Chair, was made optional in 2008, the 1st Vice District Governor has had the responsibility of making the decision to either continue or not continue with the Region Chair position for the upcoming Lions year. Because this choice might impact the decisions of District office candidates to stand for Region Chair or 2nd Vice District Governor, it is important that it be made on or before November 1st. After careful consideration, and in consultation with members of the Cabinet and District, I am confirming that we will continue with Regions and the position of Region Chair in District A15 for the 2013/2014 Lions Year. Thank you, Lion Denis Vinette 1st VDG—District A15



Tapping the Keg

Lions Club of Kitchener opened 2012 Oktoberfest with the traditional Tapping of the Keg as Miss Oktoberfest looks on. The Altes Munchen Haus was a great gathering spot and a successful venture.

Royal City Ambassadors

and the
King Street Brass
present a

Christmas Concert

at the Breslau Mennonite Church
226 Woolwich Street, Breslau



Friday, November 30, 2012
7:30 pm

Admission: \$10 person, \$25 per family of 5



Sponsored by the Breslau Lions Club
Net proceeds to Lions Dog Guides and Lions Quest



Royal City Ambassadors Chorus present barbershop harmony

For tickets / information: mem@breslaulions.org

Tanya 519-213-0416

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Dennis 519-213-1397



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presented by

St. Agatha Lions Club

Saturday, February 9, 2013 – 7:00-11:00 pm

St. Agatha Community Centre

Tickets \$40.00 each – Table of 8, \$280.00

*“A great medley of tastes to
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Tickets available from
Fisher's Esso – Kennedy's – Angie's
or call David Cole 1-519-752-4553



Belwood Lions Jamboree

At the Belwood Hall
1st Thursday of every Month,
Starting October 4th to May 2nd
From 7:30pm to 10:30pm
\$5 admission,
Performers are free



**Come out and kick up your
heels or relax and enjoy our
local entertainers**
For information Call 519-843-7011



Champions of Change

For nearly a century, Lions have worked to improve our communities and the world. Now, our work has been recognized at the White House during a special Champions of Change ceremony Oct. 2, 2012. – Lions Club of Kitchener

Volunteers the backbone of Dog Guide program

Taken from the 2012 Dog Guides Annual Report

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides values each volunteer and the time that they invest to help those who can benefit from a Dog Guide. The selfless dedication of volunteers is essential to providing Dog Guides.

This year, volunteers gave

more than 4,000 hours to help with various tasks such as cuddling dogs in training, grooming, general maintenance, administrative assistance and event support.

This is in addition to the countless hours that foster families devote to helping raise future Dog Guides and our Purina® Walk for Dog Guides organizers spend making our Walks a success.

Volunteers play a vital role in the everyday operation of the Foundation and for that we are truly grateful.

There are many ways that volunteers help on a daily basis:

More than 200 foster families participate in the Foster Puppy program each year, dedicating their time to raise future Dog Guides for the first year of their lives. Foster families are the first

step in the Dog Guide training process and are responsible for house training, obedience and the socialization of the puppy. After spending approximately 12 months with a foster family, each Dog Guide returns to the Lions Foundation's training school to learn skills that will assist their future handler.

Lions Foundation of Canada is indebted to all the foster families who open their hearts and homes to raise these remarkable puppies.

Revised Bulletin Contest Rules, Judging approved

Submitted By:	Applicant Club's Bulletin Editor
Submitted To:	District Bulletin Editor
Submission Deadline:	Feb. 28 th of the Current Lions Year
For Awarding:	Annual District A-15 Convention of the Current Lions Year

Rules:

1. Submit, along with the Official Entry Form available on the District Web Site, your best example of a Bulletin published between March 1st of the previous Lions Year and Feb 28th of the current Lions Year.
2. You must have published a minimum of six (6) times in the qualifying period.
3. Submission may be in electronic (preferred) or printed format.
4. For submission by email, the subject line should note Club name and state "Official Bulletin Contest Entry". Submissions by ordinary mail should also note on the envelope "Official Bulletin Contest Entry".
5. A single winner will be named along with two honourable mentions.
6. A four member Judging Panel will be established by the current District Bulletin Editor and will consist of the current Bulletin Editor, the District Governor and two additional Lions who are not members of clubs who have submitted entries.
7. Entrants are free to enter contests in other jurisdictions or run by other agencies as determined by the entry requirements stipulated by those other jurisdictions or agencies.

Judging:

1. The District Bulletin Editor will distribute copies of each entry, along with the grading form (available on the District Web Site) to each member of the Judging Panel.
2. The grading form will list each evaluation criterion. Judges will rank each submission on each evaluation criterion, i.e. all evaluation is comparative rather than absolute.
3. Each submission's overall score will be the sum of the evaluation criterion rankings.
4. Each member of the Judging Panel will then rank each submission based upon the overall score and submit their results to the District Bulletin Editor.
5. Determination of the single winner and the honourable mentions will be based upon the average rankings submitted by the members of the Judging Panel.

"Someone fostered my Dog Guide, Starsky, and because of their selfless act I have greater independence. Thank you to all foster families, you help give someone like me greater freedom in my day-to-day life."

-Robert, SRD Graduate

Lions answer storm aid need

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Catastrophe Grant, LCIF has awarded US\$100,000 in emergency grants to Lions districts in North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. LCIF was able to award these funds from the disaster relief fund, thanks to Lions who generously donated knowing that in times of disaster there is an urgent and great need.

Follow our efforts online through the [LCI blog](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). LCIF is expecting and is ready for many more [emergency grant](#) requests as Lions assess the needs of their communities and power is restored. We also encourage Lions to consider making a donation to the Foundation for disaster relief. [Donations](#) to the disaster relief fund are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.

We believe that "In A World of Service," one person can make a difference, but together we can have an even greater impact.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden

President

Wing-Kun Tam

LCI Chairperson

How can our club be involved with the youth in our community?

Did you know that in our District, youth related programs fall under two portfolios:

Opportunities for Youth, overseen by Chairperson Lion Jeff Sullivan (oppyouth@a15lions.org) and Services for Children, overseen by Chairperson Lion Joanne McQuiggan (servchil@a15lions.org) ?

between the two you ask?

Generally, **Opportunities for Youth** programs are ones that youth participate in - where they are **DOING** something.

The **P e a c e** Poster/Essay Contest, LEO Clubs, Effective Speaking, and Youth Exchange Camps, fall into this category. According

to LCI, the official mission statement of the

Opportunities for Youth portfolio is:

"To provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through sponsorship of activities identified as

best practices in the field of youth development."

Lions Services for Children, on the other hand, are generally programs designed to aid or improve the quality of life of children or youth in our communities.

Some of the programs that fall into this category are Lions Quest, Sight and Hearing Screening, and Hearing and Speech Action. The LCI mission statement for the Services for Children portfolio is: ***"To improve the lives of children and young adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally and internationally."***

Remember that the youth in our community are our future leaders and certainly our future lions. All of the programs briefly mentioned in this article provide youth with the opportunity to think, express themselves, build confidence, lead, follow, and develop other critical skills necessary for a productive life, and necessary to take part ***In a World of Service***. When a positive impact is made on their lives by a lions-run project or program, they are more likely to want to give back and become Lions in the future.

What can you do today to be that positive impact?

For more detailed information, go to www.lionsclubs.org then click on **Member Centre**, then **Planning Projects**, and then choose **Youth**. You can also contact the district chairperson by email at oppyouth@a15lions.org

- Lion Jeff Sullivan A-15 Opportunities for Youth Chairperson



WATERLOO LIONS



75TH ANNIVERSARY

COME JOIN THE WATERLOO LIONS CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF SERVICE.

THURSDAY APRIL 11TH, 2013

6PM - SOCIAL - 7PM DINNER

ENJOY AN OLD STYLE COUNTRY MEAL - ROAST BEEF & ETC!

COST: \$25.00 INCLUDES A SPECIAL KEEPSAKE

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - PID TERRY GRAHAM

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WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR RESPONSE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 25TH, 2013 SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO SET FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DINNER!

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OR

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Pride Bites Club News Around A-15

Braille Thank You

Thamesford Lions recently received a letter written in Braille thanking them for sending Travis Cudney to the blind sports camp last summer. He had a great time and can't wait to come to the club's December dinner meeting to tell Lions all about it.

Tree Planting Success

Innerkip and Hickson Lions clubs planted an additional 125 silver, red and sugar maple trees in the township of East Zorra Tavistock this year. These trees were planted as part of a tree planting campaign spearheaded by Lions International. The goal set by International President Tam at the 2011 Convention was to plant one million trees. Around the world, Lions have dug in and planted more than 15 million trees. The two Lions Clubs partnered with "Maple Leaves Forever" which funded 25% of the project. The two clubs blended resources for the remaining 75%. These trees were planted on the 15th and 13th lines between Oxford Roads 33 and 17.

District A15 Dates to Remember

Nov. 12 – Zone Meeting 9-S, Sheffield
Nov. 29 – Three Regions Rally, St. Marys
Dec. 1 – Cambridge Highlands - Annual Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 4 – Guelph L.C. Christmas Dinner for the Blind
Jan. 31 – Cabinet Meeting, 7 p.m. Ariss
Feb. 7 – Zone Meeting 9-S, Lynden
Feb. 11 – Combined 9E-9S Zone, Burford
Feb. 12 – Orientation, Region 51, Woolwich Lions
March 3 – Dist. Effective Speaking Contest, St. George
March 4 – Orientation, Reg. 37, New Hamburg
March 28 – Orientation, Reg. 9, Kitchener Lions
March 23 – Cabinet Holiday Inn, Cambridge
March 24 – Cabinet Meeting – Continues
June 16 – Cabinet Meeting, 2 p.m. Belwood Lions

Future Lions Conventions

July 5 – 9, 2013

96th Lions International Hamburg, Germany

July 4 – 8, 2014

97th Lions International, TORONTO

June 26 – 30 2015

98th Lions International Convention, Honolulu, HI

District A-15 Bulletin Deadlines

District A-15 News Bulletins will be published each month of the 2011-2012 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.

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.

Marking World Sight Day in Turkey

The focus of this year's Lions World Sight Day is on diabetic retinopathy and its relationship to blindness. Lions in Turkey will hold public eye screenings, focusing on diabetic eye disease detection, at the Bayrampasa Eye Care Hospital and in Idealtepe Eye Care Center. If diabetic retinopathy or other eye diseases are discovered, follow-up care will be provided.

Additionally, a press conference will be held on diabetic eye disease. Participating will include Turkish eye specialists, representatives of the Turkish Diabetes Association, Lions leadership and representatives from the World Health Organization.

Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation are committed to preventing blindness.

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Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence. - Erma Bombeck