



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

News Bulletin

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"Follow Your Dream"

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A-15 grows again!

Oxford Charter announced, makes District 56 clubs

DG Denis Vinette has announced the creation of a new club in District A-15, the *Oxford Lions Club*, which was chartered Sept. 18, 2013.

Sponsored by Stratford Lions Club and with a few seasoned Lions in the group, Oxford Lions Club was chartered with 27 members. Its Charter Night is Nov. 9, 2013.

Many individuals in the group were either directly or indirectly involved with the Woodstock Lions Club Variety Night and the Woodstock Lions have graciously granted that event to this new club for their future fundraising efforts.

Warning issued on Texas Hold 'em laws

Submitted by Multiple District Council Chair Tom Gordon

In a discussion on August 26, with two members of a local Lions club that participates in Texas 'Hold Em' Poker tournaments, a detective constable from the 'Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau' of the Ontario Provincial Police from Orillia, an OPP sergeant from the Investigation

and Enforcement Bureau from London, and an inspector from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, there were some facts that Lions clubs should be aware of that came to light.

The first is that some complaints have been filed against organizations (some of them Lions clubs) that hold these tournaments by members of the public because

there appears to be laws that are broken. These officials were interested in providing education and direction in accordance with the applicable laws in respect of these games. They know that we are doing these to raise money for people in need in our communities. They met with myself and the two local Lions as an educational experience to explain where we might get into trouble and how we could avoid that from happening.

Consequences

The second is that they have gone to these organizations and explained things as they did with us. They have sometimes conducted investigations after events have taken place, and when laws were found to be broken, there were consequences for the organizations and the places where these events were held. They prefer to be preventative rather than punitive.

Here's the gist of our discussion.

If there is money paid for a chance to win a prize, and the hosting organization keeps some of that money, then there is a direct benefit to that organization. If the organization sells refreshments which may include liquor or not, then there is an

indirect benefit to the organization. Both situations meet the definition of a gaming house. This is an offence under sections 197 (1) and 201 (1) and (2) of the Criminal Code of Canada. Under Ontario regulations 719 section 45 and 230 (2003) section 25, and under Ontario regulation 389/91 section 32 and 182

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Peace Poster guidelines

Guidelines for the Peace Poster Contest. A-15 has 20 kits.

The flyer (see inside pages) offer talking points for contacting local schools and/or community groups.

1. The Theme for this year is "Our World, Our Future".

2. Kits are available until Oct. 1 at a cost of \$10.95 U.S. plus tax. The toll free number is [1-800-710-7822](tel:1-800-710-7822). The order number is PPK-1. Clubs must order a kit for each school or youth group they are sponsoring. This kit contains all the promotional materials needed.

3. Artwork must be no smaller than 33 cm by 50 cm and no larger than 50 cm by 60 cm.

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Brantford Lions Aid Hospice

Brantford Lions Club presented \$1,000 to the St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation on behalf of the new Stedman Community Hospice. Making the presentation from left to right, are Lion Scott Dillabough, Olga Consorti, CEO, St. Joseph's Lifecare Foundation, and Lion Moe Clarke.

Poster Guidelines

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No writing or lettering on the front of the poster. All artwork must be the student's original creation. Do not fold the poster.

Suggestion: Bring two pieces of paper sized correctly to avoid posters from being disqualified.

4. Deadline Dates:
Nov.15: Clubs to submit the winning posters, one for each sponsoring to the District Governor. Dec. 1: District Governors are to send the winning poster for their District to Council Chair. Dec.15:Council Chair will send the Multiple District winner's poster to Club Lions International. Feb.1: The International winners will be notified on or before this date.

5. Prizes:

a) The MDA winner receives \$1,000. The District Governor, along with the sponsoring Lions Club, will present this award in January or February.

b) The International winner receives \$2,500 U.S. and a trip to the United Nations for Lions Day in New York City, (subject to change) plus an engraved plaque. Two family members and the sponsoring Lions Club president will accompany the winner to the award ceremony, which usually takes place in March.

c) 23 Merit Award winners each receive \$500 U.S. and a certificate of achievement.



**Lions Serve
Our
Communities**

Peace

Peace of Mind...

Peace of mind is found in my everyday activities.

Peace of mind is the mind I use to make my own decisions.

Peace of mind is the mind of a sober mind

Peace of mind is mine to have

Peace of mind is the mind of someone doing their best

Peace of mind is my mind that I wake up doing what is right for me

Peace of mind is yours to have

Peace of mind is found in you

Have a peace of mind.

— Galt-Cambridge Lions Club

Kitchener, Guelph Clubs honoured

Two A-15 Clubs achieve fundraising Top 10 in national Purina Dog Walk

*submitted by PZC V. Charlene Teasdale,
A-15 Lions Foundation Chair*

I wanted to share the exciting news which has just come down from the Lions Foundation of Canada, this year's LFC Purina Walk for Dog Guides brought in a total of \$1,096,537.00!!! Great job everyone!

I especially want to congratulate the two Clubs in District A15 which made the list of the Top 10 Walks, that being Kitchener Lions placing 7th raising \$17,366.35 and the Guelph Lions Club placing 10th raising \$12,609.26!

If you Club would be interested in learning more about the LFC Purina Walk for Dog Guides, I would be more than happy to come speak with you to assist you in getting started!! Together we can do great things.

**Thank you again to all of the Lions in District A15 who are truly making a difference with your support of the Lions Foundation of Canada!
Great job Lions!**

**You can find the September 2013 LFC Newsletter at the link below:
<http://www.dogguides.com/newsletters.html>**

Poker laws can harm local clubs, individuals

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(2011) section 15, of the Liquor Licensing Act, 'unlawful gambling', drunkenness and or disorderly conduct in any area on the premises is an offence.

Buy-backs an offence

Since some organizations are keeping the 'buy-backs' or 'top up' fees, this is a direct gain and an offence. Since some clubs make a profit on the refreshments, this is an indirect gain and this is an offence. The consequences are that the person whose name appears on a Liquor Licence or a Special Occasion Permit (if you are serving alcohol), the organization holding the event, and the hall or hotel or the premises where the event was held, may be reviewed by AGCO for infractions which may affect the status of current or future liquor licences or Special Occasion Permits

Licence available

Available to the public, is a Social Gaming Event Licence. Organizations that are not incorporated, are classed as having 'Charity' or 'Non-profit' status, and can apply for a Social Gaming Event Licence through their local municipality. There is a small fee. However, this frees them up to make a profit from the monies paid in, and the refreshments. Organizations that are incorporated may not qualify for a Social Gaming Event Licence, however, eligibility will be determined by the AGCO licensing office.

These officials emphasized that they were not interested in stopping us from having these events. Their intent was to inform us of the law and to encourage us to seek our own legal opinion before getting into these tournaments. They explained that organizers from 'for-profit' companies who arrange these events (equipment and rules, for a fee), will often portray the law as a 'grey' area. Obviously it is not a 'grey' area. When the law is broken, it is not these companies that suffer the consequences, it is the charitable organizations.

Fergus Lions honour student helpers

ROADSIDE CLEANUP



Lion Brian Martin, above right, was pleased to present a cheque for \$400 to Richard Hoeksema, principal of Maranatha Elementary Christian School. Their students and teachers have been helping with our roadside cleanup for several years and a large group came out on the morning of Saturday, September 28, along with several members of our club, to clean up a portion of Highway 6 south of Fergus.



Lions Fast Facts

Lions are active.

Our motto is "We Serve." Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities.

Lions give sight.

By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. We have extended our commitment to sight conservation through countless local community projects and through our international Sight First Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

Lions serve youth.

Our community projects often support local children and schools through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Youth Camps and Exchange and Lions Quest. And our Leo Program provides personal development through youth volunteer opportunities. There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

— Guelph Lions Club

Role of a Lion Sponsor

New member sponsorship is critical to ensuring your Lions club will continue to grow and serve your community for years to come. As a new member sponsor, you must take on several roles in order to successfully attract, welcome and retain new members:

Recruiter. Seek out enthusiastic people in your community who will bring energy, enthusiasm and ideas to your club. Share with them how Lions across the world are doing good through community service projects and activities – ask them to follow your Facebook page, give them the latest issue of the LION Magazine or invite them to your next event. Be sure to find out what activities interest them, and let them know how the Lions club can help them achieve their dreams.

Host. Offer to accompany prospective members to a club meeting, and make them feel welcome by introducing them to current members. Encourage their involvement in club discussions by asking for their opinions and suggestions regarding upcoming activities.

Mentor. Once prospective members are inducted, it's your responsibility to continue helping them feel a part of the group. Stay in touch as a source of inspiration and advice. Consider entering into the Lions Mentoring Program to help you and new members realize your true potential as Lions.

Learn more about inviting and sponsoring members.

— Lions Club of Kitchener

PASSINGS



**We
Served**

Sept. 4, 2013

Lion Leonard Partridge
Monkton Lions Club.

Sept. 11, 2013

Lion Lois Johnson
Charter Member
Cambridge Highlands Lions Club



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

Lions Now! event Oct. 27

Lions Now! first event is at 10:30 a.m., Oct. 27, in St. Mary's immediately following the St. Marys International Breakfast. A table will be made available for committee displays. A few 3.5 by 4 plastic corrugated display cards are still available on a first come first serve basis.

Numbers needed for Charter Night

In order that we may plan appropriately, if you are planning on attending an evening of fellowship, good food, good fun and celebration marking the chartering of the Breslau Lions Club on Monday, October 28th, please let the club's secretary Aline Chan know by emailing her at sec@breslaulions.org or by phone at [519-213-1520](tel:519-213-1520) by October 18th.

– Lion Dennis Loughheed



LAC Ted Bates

BODY RECOVERED FROM 1940 CRASH

Lion's uncle laid to rest with full military honours, Guelph club extends honours

Lion Larry Porter received surprising news recently. The bodies of Larry's Uncle, Theodore (Ted) Bates of the Royal Canadian Air Force, as well as Flt. Lt. Peter Campbell of the Royal Air Force were recovered more than 70 years after their plane crashed into Lake Muskoka.

They went missing on Dec. 13, 1940, when their Nomad 3521 collided mid-air with another aircraft. These two airmen have been laid to rest with military honours in Guelph.

The Guelph Lions Club will honour Leading Aircraftsman Theodore (Ted) Bates of the Royal Canadian Air Force with a Memorial Tree in the Lions Foundation of Canada Memorial Forest in Breslau.

Thank you for your service to this great Country! Rest in Peace.

– Guelph Lions Club

CONVENTIONS

July 4 – 8, 2014 - 97th International Convention, TORONTO

June 26 – 30 2015 - 98th International Convention, Honolulu, HI

Upcoming Events

Sept 13 - 15 - USA/Cda Leadership Forum, Tampa FL

Sept 19 – 21 - USA/Cda Leadership Forum, Overland Park, KA

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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.

Lions Roar! with pride

Woolwich Community Lions
present

Halloween
MONSTER BASH

Prizes For Best Costumes

**SATURDAY
OCT. 26TH
8 PM - 1 AM**
LIONS HALL, ELMIRA

**\$15 pp 18+yrs ~ Lunch Provided
DJ ~ Bullfrog Entertainment
Proceeds to ECLC Van Project**

Tickets available from: Woolwich Lions or downtown Elmira at Browns Men's Wear and The Window Box
The poster was designed and printed compliments of ECLC - Committed to Our Community

BRESLAU LIONS

ST JACOBS LIONS CLUB
PROUD SPONSOR

BRESLAU LIONS CLUB

Charter Night
October 28, 2013
6 PM Social
7 PM Dinner & Celebration
Woolwich Community Centre
31 Parkside Drive
St Jacobs Ontario
\$32
Cash Bar

Tombola Draws - 3 draw tickets & Charter Pin included in admission price
Extra tickets: \$2 each, 3 for \$5
Quilt valued at \$600 included in draw prizes
50/50 Draw

Please RSVP by October 18, 2013
sec@breslailions.org
519-213-1520

BRESLAU LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FISH FRY

  *Net proceeds for Opportunities for Youth*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013
5:00 - 6:30 PM**

BRESLAU COMMUNITY CENTRE
100 Andover Drive, Breslau

Separate play area for children (parental supervision required)

Perch fish, baked potato, corn, coleslaw, rolls, beverage,
choice of pie or cake

Adults \$20.00 / Children (6-12 years old) \$12.00
Advanced Sales

For tickets, contact Dennis 519-213-1397
Email mem@breslailions.org
or Breslau Community Centre



WELCOME LIONS!
Special Guest Speaker:
Jackie Christensen
Presents: EPIC HELEN KELLER SPEECH
of 1925 International Convention

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Serving: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.  
\$20.00 per PERSON  
(includes Breakfast-Pin-Draw Prize)

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Special Event - 2013-14 - LIONS NOW
10.00 - 11:30 AM

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Display and sale items of Lions Supply Store  
Sale of Estate Lion Pins

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Enjoy Good Food
Good Fellowship
A Collectors Pin

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**Pyramid Recreation Centre**  
317 James St. South  
(from Hwy7 - 2nd right passed Esso Gas Bar)  
(from Queen St. - St. Marys - 1st left passed Norampac)  
St. Marys ON N4X 1B6

**St. Marys Lions Club  
Annual International Breakfast  
Sunday, October 27th - 2013**





# LIONS NOW!



**FIND YOUR  
PASSION**

**&**

**FOLLOW  
YOUR  
DREAM!**



**OCTOBER 27**

- PYRAMID REC. CTRE.  
317 JAMES ST. S.,  
ST. MARYS
- STARTS @ 10:00 A.M
- NO CHARGE TO ATTEND!
- REVIEW THE VARIOUS  
LIONS PROGRAMS & MEET  
THE DISTRICT CHAIRS
- RECEIVE A "LIONS  
NOW!" DANGLE



Guest Speaker Lion Ray Charbonneau, the MD"A" Historian, will speak on "Symbolism in Lions ...From the Very Beginning".

Then hear Lion James Sanders, former CEO, of the Canadian Institute for the Blind (CNIB), speak of his own experience with blindness at an early age.





# Peace Poster Contest

Through her involvement with District A-15 Lioness Janet has become involved with the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. Below is some information from the Lions Club International website about this great initiative.

## *An Annual Art Contest for Kids*

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. For 25 years, more than eight million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

The theme of the 2013-14 Peace Poster Contest is "Our World, Our Future." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

## *Promoting the Arts*

Each year's art contest for kids consists of an original theme incorporating peace. Participants use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express the theme. The works created are unique and express the young artists' life experiences and culture.

## *Spreading Peace and International Understanding*

Twenty-four international Peace Poster entries are selected each year, representing the work of approximately 400,000 young participants worldwide. Posters are shared globally via the Internet, the media and exhibits around the world.

## *Peace Poster Contest Judging*

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

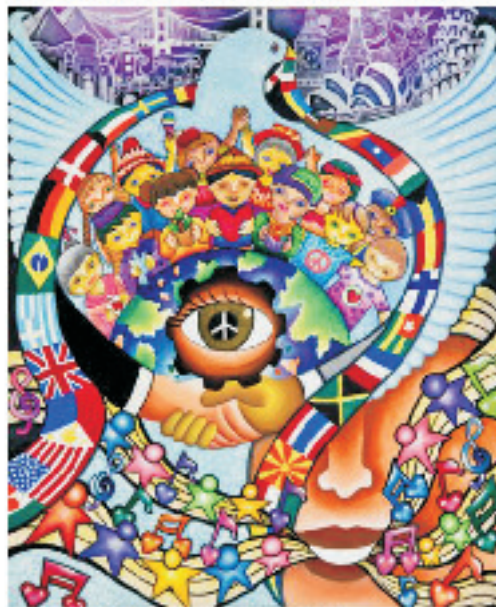
## *Peace Poster Contest Awards*

International winners will be notified on or before February 1.

- One international grand prize winner will receive US\$5,000 and a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations (subject to change).

*Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US\$500 and a certificate of achievement.*

## *Peace Poster Contest Past Winners*



**"Children Know Peace"**  
2011 - 12 Grand Prize Winner  
**Trisha Co Reyes**  
13 years old  
The Philippines

Past Peace Poster Contest grand prize winners have come from Brazil, Guadeloupe, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Martinique, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Multiple District 300 Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and the United States.

## *Peace Poster Contest Participant Information*

To learn more about the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, please view our [brochure](#), [contest rules](#) and [deadlines](#), call 630-203-3812 or contact the [Lions Clubs Audio Visuals & Events Department](#).

## *Member Resources*

To access member resources – including contest deadlines and instructions for ordering Peace Poster Contest Kits – please visit the [Peace Poster Contest section](#) of our Member Center.