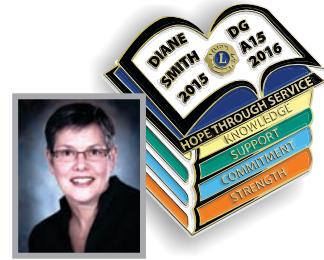




Lions Clubs International

District A-15

News Bulletin



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OCTOBER 2015

Leader's Notes

We are early into our new year and the clubs of A15 are busy with community activities, club meetings and planning for special anniversary events.

Each of us wants what is best for our members, our clubs and our district. Some of you may ask, *"How do we achieve that? How do we keep our members happy and our clubs healthy?"*

We are fortunate in A15 to have a wealth of resources and tools to help. Some of them are highlighted below:

Information Technology(IT) Support Coach: Lion Rick Banks will offer on-site assistance to aid clubs in operating their clubs efficiently, zc51W@a15lions.org

District Website: Our website is undergoing an update. Please check it often and be sure to let our IT coordinator Ted Rypma know of your events, so they may be posted. it@a15lions.org

Lions International: A continual source of new information. lionsclubs.org
Club Manual: We now have a comprehensive manual detailing A15 policies and offering a job description for committee chairs

Zone Meetings: Each zone meeting will provide each club an opportunity to share new ideas

Membership Workshops: Tools will be provided to enhance membership. The workshops will be held at the end of October

GMT/GLT: Our GMT coordinator OJ Wilura and our GLT coordinator Denis Vinette will be holding workshops and are willing to come to your club or zone meetings to offer information.

District A15 Newsletter: Great work this year being done by editor Lion Bob Pearson. Submit your club stories and events to share with the district

LIONS NOW: Two sessions will be held, one in November and one in April. Our club committees will be showcased

District Officer Training and Club Officer Training: This takes place after our spring convention to prepare incoming Cabinet members and club officers

I will be bringing my monthly message to you through this newsletter. If you feel you or your club is in need of help in any way or needs more information please feel free to contact me at any time. If I do not know the answer, I will do my best to find out. I wish you much success as you plan your year.

DG Diane

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St . George Lions-Kitchener Lions

Lions Jeff Sullivan from St. George Lions and Lion OJ Wilura from Kitchener Lions attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids Michigan with about 2,000 Lions from across North America for a great week of learning and fellowship. A highlight the trip was receiving "Lions Bachelors Degree" from our International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada from Lions University, Lion OJ and Lions Jeff were the only two grads from district a-15. Both Lions recommend the program to anyone wanting to improve their knowledge of Lions, and their leadership skills. It's 15 hours of learning to graduate with a "degree"and it's free! www.lionsuniversity.org.

Another item of interest from the forum was that MD-A, won the award for highest number of attendees out of all the North American multiple districts.



Lions OJ and Jeff with International President Dr Jitsuhiro Yamada .

Belwood Lions Have International Guest



PDG Marianne Warren (R) of MD105 - SW (ENG), Bristol, presents her personal District Governor banner to Belwood Lions president Julian Vines at the clubs' Fish Fry in mid August.

Marianne spent several days with PDG Denis and Lion Linda Vinette at their home in Belwood and she out at their Fish Fry. They became friends during the 2013 Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany where they were both incoming District Governors.

PDG Marianne divides her time between England and Newfoundland where she is an Associate Member of the Twillingate Lions Club.



**A15
FOCUS**

**MEMBERSHIP
STRATEGIES**



I-r Lion Paul, Lion Chief Sami, Lion Dennis, Lion O.J.

The Lions Den in Copetown was invaded by a trio of hungry Lions from the A15 GLT & GMT Committees at their General Meeting September 22nd. Making the trip were Lions OJ Wilura, Paul Anstett and Dennis Lougheed. The theme for the meeting was "Membership Strategies". The group gave the 20 Lions in attendance a dynamic presentation. Any of A15's clubs that have membership issues should consider having these Lions attend one of their meetings.

It was a great night, their presentation was appreciated by the club and we think they enjoyed themselves as well.!!!

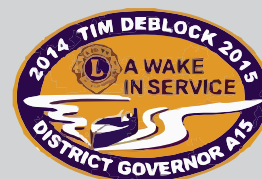
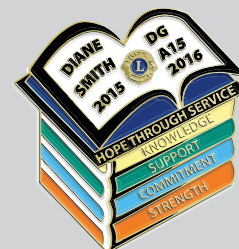
LET'S GET CREATIVE!!!



A15 LOGO CONTEST

THE DISTRICT NEEDS A LOGO, PUT YOUR CREATIVE MINDS TO WORK AND HAVE SOME FUN.

- **Design a computer image or create a precise hand drawing**
- **Submit to A15 Bulletin Editor by November 1st, 2015: bulletin@a15lions.org**
- **Submissions will be distributed to clubs for voting, one vote per club. No restrictions on number of entries.**
- **Winner to receive 2016 A15 Convention Registration along with "Bragging Rights"**



for further info contact Lion Bob Pearson:
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PROJECT BUNK BED

Charitable Number 11883 0744 RR0001

As a Honorary Guardian of Camp Huronda we are counting on your help for **Project Bunk Bed** to raise \$50,000 in District A15 to replace our well-loved bunk beds!

Currently the beds used by campers at Camp Huronda are a mixture of worn metal costs and hand built wooden bunk beds. With over 450 kids each summer using these beds it's time for new! While both have served us well over the years typical wear and tear have resulted in unsightly and damaged beds that contribute to the overall feeling of disrepair. As well, mismatched dressers also take up valuable floor space and contribute to a cramped feeling in the cabins and chalets. We do not want campers and families to have concern about the amount of care and upkeep that is put into the care of Camp Huronda.



Current Bunk Beds



New Bunk Beds We Hope To Purchase

We need each Lion/Lioness Club from A15 to commit to funding a minimum of one single bunk bed with drawers at a cost of \$1101.75! We know our A15 Lions are up to this challenge! To help you in

raising these much needed funds for **Project Bunk Bed** Lion Rick Bell, Diabetes Chair, and I want your club to participate in **DIMES FOR DIABETES** - an easy and fun event that you can't miss out on! Simply complete this form and we will get you a kit! Find a captain in your club who will distribute the dime jars and

collect them at each bi-monthly meeting. At the end of each month the captain will fill in the thermometer and share the clubs success! Each dime jar holds approximately \$10 which means each participating member make a \$20 donation each month through donating their spare dimes! All donations will receive a tax receipt once the final cheque has been submitted to the Canadian Diabetes Association!

Thank you for supporting **Project Bunk Bed** through making **DIMES FOR DIABETES** in District A15 a priority! We hope that we set precedence amongst all districts in Ontario with this initiative. It is important to remember that a child with type 1 diabetes can never take a break from their disease. They cannot decide one day that they are too tired to check their blood glucose or administer their insulin. Diabetes requires constant monitoring and attention in order to prevent the serious complications of the disease, including heart disease, kidney disease, blindness and limb amputation. Camp Huronda offers positive reinforcement, access to amazing role models and vital skills taught in a supportive and fun atmosphere, empowering children to take control of their disease, which helps minimize their risks of complications while helping to increase their confidence and willingness.

Sincerely,

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DIMES FOR DIABETES



Yes, our club would like to receive a **DIMES FOR DIABETES** kit to support **Project Bunk Bed**

Or

Yes, our club would like to make a straight donation to **Project Bunk Bed**

Club Name:

Participation Choice:

Address:

Contact Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Guelph Lions



The Guelph Lions Club kick started the year off with the induction of four new members. PDG Lion Denis Vinette inducted Lion Kim Gauley, sponsored by Lion Dale Gauley, Lion Sheila Bard sponsored by 2nd VDG Lion Charlene Teasdale, Lion Michelle Kurtz and Lion Elizabeth (Beth) Lucier were sponsored by Lion Russ Dwyer. Welcome to Lionism new Lions Kim, Sheila, Michelle and Beth!

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Each August Guelph Lions host their annual CNIB Picnic for local clients and a guest. This year there were 70 in attendance. A great afternoon of food, live music by local country artist Wayne Mack, a rousing game of BINGO and fellowship. Our newest Lion Cubs came out to volunteer. A job well done to Lion James Sanders who was the chair for this event. In the photo left to right is Lion Chief Larry Porter, Wayne Mack and Lion James Sanders.



On behalf of Guelph Lions PDG Lion Thom Herrmann presented Lion Dale Gauley with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Dale is the Club Treasurer as well as contributing countless hours into making our Guelph Lions Home Show each spring a success. Congratulations and well earned Lion Dale.

New Hamburg Lioness Club



District Governor Diane Smith presented the Helen Keller award, on behalf of the New Hamburg Lioness, to Lioness Trisha who accepted for the Wilmot Family Resource Centre.



During here recent visit D.G. Diane Smith inducted four new members to the New Hamburg Lioness Club.



Be Proud - Serve With Pride

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

Roar Like A Lion!





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 Rutter, rrutter@hotmail.com

Dorset also collecting aluminium pop can tabs, contact Lion Bob



SHOPPERS DRUG MART



Do you have a Shoppers Drug Mart Optimum card?
If so, you can now donate your points to Lions Camp Dorset.
Go to the website www1.shoppersdrugmart.ca
login to your Optimum account and click on donations and choose
charity – Lions Camp Dorset Corporation.

The funds will be used to buy supplies for the camp.

St. George Lions



The town of St. George and the Lions have completed many community projects, ball parks, playground, picnic pavilion, soccer fields, along with a community centre addition.

The Lions are leading a campaign to raise \$325,000 for the construction of a splash pad. At meeting in September the club was presented with two cheques. One from a ten year old girl, Kaelyn Montemayo, who held a book sale to raise funds for the splash pad and another from Ayr Farmers Mutual.



The Paris Fair is a tradition for many in the area on Labour Day weekend. St. George Lions were on hand to serve the fair goers.

Awards

At the District Cabinet meeting in August, Lions Chris Price and Kevin Hewitson were awarded the 100% Secretary Medal and the 100% Treasurer Medal respectively.

The awards represent an outstanding job for the Club during their term of office.

Lion Chris received his medal from PDG Tim DeBlock at the Cabinet meeting.

Lion Kevin received his at the Directors' meeting on Aug. 19th from Past President Lion Jeff Sullivan..



PROOF POSITIVE “THE SYSTEM WORKS”



After a long but fruitful time on the waiting list Lion Bob Rutter, District Coordinator for the Gift of Life program, had kidney transplant surgery on September 21st in Hamilton. Lion Pat tells us the surgery went well and Bob is on the road to recovery. An update was received on September 30th from Lion Chief Andrew McKinnon of Bob's club, the Guelph Royal City Lions, that he is doing quite well and they expect to see him at a meeting in the near future.



WEST COAST LIONS

10TH ANNIVERSARY
October 7th, 2015



ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN
GRAND BEND

Location

Grand Bend Legion
(20 Municipal Drive)

DINNER

3 course meal
(choice of beef or turkey)
coffee, tea
Open Bar

TIME

6:30 P.M. SOCIAL
7:30 MEAL

COST

\$30.00/PERSON

OPEN TO ALL LION MEMBERS
AND GUESTS,
AS WELL AS INTERESTED
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

PLEASE RSVP BY

SEPTEMBER 23

WITH

- 1-CHOICE OF MEAL
- 2-number attending
- 3-cheque TO
WEST COAST LIONS

PLEASE RESPOND TO

PO 1191
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STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR



Thursday November 19, 2015

Queens Inn Stratford

6 pm Social ~ 7 pm Dinner

Tickets: \$25 per person

Entertainment by Sherry Sanderson



RSVP to Stratford@a15lions.org or Trudy Carter 519-949-2175

By Monday November 9, 2015

Seating limited to 60 guests - no shows will be invoiced



CAPTION?



"Help The Kids Not Fumble"

**LIONS CLUB
OFFER 2015**



The Toronto Argonauts are pleased to extend an exclusive discount
to the Lions Club, family & friends on Friday, October 30th vs. **BC LIONS**
KICKOFF at 7:00pm at the Rogers Centre!

Pre-Game Field Tour
Lead by Account
Executive
Donnie Bruni
Get onto field level
during warm ups and
watch the players get
ready at 6pm
ENTER GATE 8, on
Brenner Blvd



SECTION	YOUR PRICE (taxes included)	REGULAR* PRICE
116	\$25.00 +\$19 fundraiser \$35.00	\$51.00
BRONZE		

*Prices include HST and are subject to additional online Ticketmaster fees



TO ORDER TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT:

DONNIE BRUNI

EMAIL: dbruni@argonauts.ca PHONE: (416) 341-2750





A15 BULLETIN CONTEST

Lions:

A reminder about the ongoing bulletin contest for the district. The rules and an entry form can be found on the district web site:

www.a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15BulletinContest2013.pdf

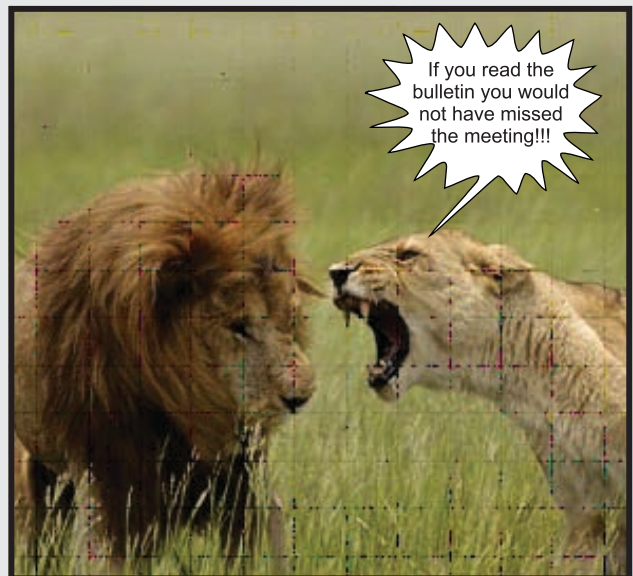
The submission deadline is Feb 28th but entries can be submitted on an ongoing basis as you produce them.

District A-15 Bulletin Deadlines

District A-15 News Bulletins will be published each month of the 2015-2016 year ending in June.

Submissions should be made prior to the 15th of the month preceding publication. The Bulletin will be published on or about the 1st of the next month. Send to: bulletin@a15lions.org.

Submissions CAN be made in PDF, Word and Word Perfect formats for text, for best results JPG photos work best, but other formats will also do.



**A-15 Lions
Roar!
With Pride!**

