



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

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"In A World of Service"

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Launches Reading Action Program

International President Wayne Madden to expand Lions impact on our communities

Upon taking office as International President on June 26, 2012, Wayne Madden chose for his theme: "IN A WORLD OF SERVICE". Service is what we do as Lions. He encourages Lions to expand our impact on communities we serve and be prepared to



**IP Wayne
Madden**

embrace new challenges. As a former educator, married to Linda, a career teacher, President Madden focuses on literacy among young and old in a world where there are one billion illiterate people, i.e. 26% of the world population. He launched the Reading Action Program (RAP) and announced these 'RAP' awards:

- Reading Action Program club banner patch – to each club that documents reading or other literary activity through the online Service Activity Report system.

- Governor's Award – where at least 50% of clubs in the district participate in literacy programs.

Other Award categories include:

- Best long term Reading Action Program
- Best Reading Action Program (RAP) Video
- Outstanding service to

the Blind or Visually Impaired

- Best Hunger Relief Program or Activity

- Best Youth Engagement Project (Lions Club or District only)

- LEO of the Year.
- Lion of the Year.

Details of the nomination process are on LCI website.

He encourages Lions to accept new ways of doing things, such as Club Excellence Process, being one way of seeking self-improvement in a club or district.

He will retain the "Presidents meet the President Program" initiated last year by Past President Dr. Tam. He also called on Lions of the world to join forces in building membership to do work in a world of service.



Elora Lions aid Habitat for Humanity

Elora Lions Club volunteering on a Habitat For Humanity build in Fergus. The Club volunteered for a day to insulate the semi-detached house and to assist with other building tasks. The Club also donated \$3,000 to assist financially with the build.

– Submitted by Lion Stephanie Morrison



Monkton Lions celebrate 60 Years Service

The 2011-2012 Monkton Lions pose for a group photo during celebrations for the 60th Anniversary of the club's Charter.

Submitted by Lion Shawn McLachlan

INT. PRESIDENT WING-KUN TAM PLANTS NEW TREE AT BRESLAU PUPPY FACILITY



International President Wing-Kun Tam stands high on a mechanical planter as he plants a mature oak tree. In front from left: PRC Wolfgang Boelke, of Ariss L.C., RC-elect Diane Smith, of Woolwich Community L.C., DG Norma Peterson, Lion Jeff Sullivan, Opportunities for Youth and Peace Poster Chair, of St. George L.C., Lion Deb Cserhalmi, of Woolwich Community L.C., and ZC-elect Charlene Teasdale, of Guelph L.C. More photos and story on page 3.



International President Wing-Kun Tam with District A-15 DG Norma Peterson



Council Chair Todd Wilson receives an "I Believe" banner from International President Wing-Kun Tam.

Who is DG Dan Ayim?

Cambridge Times publishes biography

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**Story and Photo
By Walter Gowing,
Columnist,
Cambridge Times**

Former president of the Galt Cambridge Lions Club, Dr. Daniel Ayim has now been elected to the position of district governor, District A-15 that covers a wide area of southern Ontario. The former veterinarian has a busy Lions Club agenda ahead of him.

One of his first duties as governor was to attend the Lions Clubs International Conference in Pusan, South Korea. Dr. Ayim and his wife Afua have just returned home from two weeks in that Asian country. Dr. Ayim was one of 752 governors from around the world attending a pre-conference seminar prior to the main convention.

Dr. Ayim is a global person. Born in Baglo, in the western district of Togo in West Africa, a former German colony until

the end of the First World War when Great Britain took over the colony. It became the British Mandated Territory administered by the British Gold Coast.

It was during the British rule that Dan started school in his home community. Following his sixth grade, he was transferred to Jasikan Bkuem to finish his elementary education. In 1948, he went to Cape Coast for his secondary schooling at St. Augustine's College.

Higher education is expensive in West Africa, so this young man accepted jobs as a teacher in Baglo and then in the city of Ho. During this time the British granted independence to the country and renamed it Ghana.

Dan worked a short time for the Animal Health Branch in Ghana's Department of Agriculture, preparing himself for admittance to Canada's



DG Dan Ayim

University of Guelph (UG). In 1967, he graduated from UG with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree. He followed this, two years later with a Diploma in Veterinary Public Health (DVPH) from the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto.

Dr. Ayim first served as a district veterinarian in the area of Chatham-Kent and in 1983

joined the Lions Club of Chatham. He became a deacon at First Baptist Church in Chatham and after moving to the Galt Cambridge Lions Club in 2004 served as a deacon at Avenue Road Baptist Church.

He has served in varying capacities within the Lions movement and holds the distinguished honour of 100 per cent attendance at club meetings.

Dr. Ayim has been presented with two International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Leadership Medal. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow given as the highest honour bestowed on a Lion by his peers.

The Lions Club International is found in most countries around the world and is noted for the generous work in support of improving eyesight, hearing, health, and guide dog assistance along with dozens of other community and hospital projects.

Report from Korea, Lions "Believed"

With 55,000 Lions and guests registered, LCI Convention, June 22-26, 2012, in Busan Korea, was the largest convention in recent times. The

International parade was long, took about 5 hours to pass, was viewed by a large crowd and made the evening news.

During the week preceding the convention, about 752 District Governor-Elects completed their training seminars. We made new friends, and enjoyed

fellowships, and had fun especially with 25 classmates from different parts of the world.

International President Dr. Wing Kun Tam had a successful year. Lions worldwide rallying to his tree planting campaign planted a total of 13.8 million trees. This shows the power of belief and what can be achieved if we all cooperate and work together.

Incoming International President, Wayne Madden, has announced **"IN A WORLD OF SERVICE"** as the theme for this Lions year. As a former teacher, he focuses on literacy among young and old members of the world communities. He has launched a **Reading action Program (RAP)** which is described elsewhere in this bulletin.

While expressing gratitude from my wife, Afua, and me to Lions of A15 for the confidence you have placed in us, we invite you to join us in service so that together we may preserve the high standard which characterizes our great district.

I wish you all well.

Dan Ayim, District Governor.

Membership Dues Increase

A resolution to increase International Dues to be phased in over two years was voted and approved by the membership at the International Convention in Busan Korea. The increase, as shown in the following table, became effective July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Year	Annual Membership Dues	Semi-Annual Membership Dues	Family/Student Membership Dues
2012-2013	US\$41.00	US\$20.50	US\$10.25
2013-2014	US\$43.00	US\$21.50	US\$10.75

International dues do not include District or Multiple District dues. Get more information on LCI website.



Lion Diane Smith

Woolwich Community Lions honour Lion Diane Smith

Woolwich Community Lions Chief Vi Radcliffe, with PID Lion Art Woods, presented Region 51 Chair Lion Diane Smith with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the club's opening barbecue Sept. 10.

Lion Diane is a Charter Member of the club and has twice served as President, Zone Chair for 51W and is now the current Region 51 Chair.

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.



A touching child's note answers why Lions serve

The following note, taken from the Bulletin of the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club, offers in its simplicity an insight into why Lions find joy in helping our communities and individuals.

Dear Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

Thank you for sending me to Horseback riding camp for a week this past summer. I Loved it, it was so much fun!

My horse was beautiful, brown and black and his name is Charlie. He is a professional jumper when he is not doing camp.

I learned to walk, steer, start, stop and trot with my horse. I also learned how to brush a horse. It was extra special because the last day of camp was my birthday. I turned 11! We got to do a horse Show and my Mommy was able to see me ride my horse. It made me so happy.

Thank you again for ending me to horseback riding camp.

From Samantha H.

Dropping the Balls – and two Lions Clubs win!

Fundraisers by West Coast Lions and Ariss and District Clubs



District A15 Governor, Lion Dan Ayim, Galt Cambridge Lions Club, (photo left) starts his ride to about 60 ft. above the Golf Green to drop the golf balls sold by West Coast L.C. as a fundraiser.

Photo right shows the results when over 1,000 golf balls hit the ground.

Lions Brian Kurtz, Neil Perry, Hilda and Larry Wainwright of Ariss L.C. travelled to Grand Bend, Aug. 30, to witness the Golf Ball Drop.

West Coast Lions, who have been doing the Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser for the past several years, loaned the balls and the drop bag to the Ariss and District Lions Club to use at their Club's Golf Ball Drop on Sept. 15. The Drop took place after the first Golf Tournament at the Ariss Valley Golf and Country Club.

St. Marys Int'l Breakfast speaker PID Bruce Hanson

The annual St. Marys International Breakfast is set for Sunday, Oct. 28.

Speaker will be PID Bruce Hanson, who will be followed by a District A-15 Club Membership Chairs discussing making connections.



Fergus Lions Hold Walk for Dog Guides

Township of Centre Wellington Mayor Joanne Ross-Zuj addresses the group before the walk on Sunday, May 27. Chaired by Lion Bob Meadows (in vest), the event raised \$8,378 for the Lions Foundation of Canada.

Submitted by IPDG Norma Peterson



The Members of the

Lions Club of Fergus

Are pleased to invite you to our

35th Anniversary and Governor's Appreciation Celebration

Honouring our own IPDG - Lion Norma J. Peterson

Saturday October 20th, 2012

Social: 6PM ~ Dinner: 7PM

Guest Speaker: MDA Council Chair Bradd Anderson
Musical Melodies by Kara Shaw – blind pianist

Centre Wellington Sportsplex – Gord Brown Room
550 Belsyde Ave., Fergus
Tickets: \$35.00 per person

For more information and tickets, please contact:
Lion Dave Whitehead – (519) 787-7778 or
Lion Eric Peterson – (519) 843-7204
e-mail: fergus@a15lions.org

Please join us in making this a memorable evening.

~Club reservations for tables of 8 can be made by calling the above~

(Please let us know if there are any special dietary concerns when ordering tickets)
Tickets on sale until October 10, 2012



Pride Bites Club News Around A-15

New Members, Trees bought, planted

Cambridge Highlands L.C. had four new members join and one transfer as of June 1. All of the new members have taken an active role in the club, sharing ideas and participating in all activities, truly embracing the Lions Motto "We Serve".

The club purchased 20 white cedar trees and thanks to Lion Jason of the Elmira Lions Club planted them at the Breslau Dog Facility.

Volunteers at LPGA

Lions Club of Kitchener assisted at the Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament held in June. Aside from a desire for accident insurance coverage next year, and one Lion who became "hot and bothered", all went well and everyone survived to celebrate the occasion.

St. Marys LEO Club active

In June the club participated in the 3rd annual Parking Lot Cleanup (following winter sanding operations) at 22 St. Andrew Street N. A few members from the St. Marys Lions Club helped.

The St. Marys LEO Club held its annual year end BBQ at the Lions Pavilion with Lion Bill as head BBQ chef and his trusty assistants, Lion Karen, Lion Raymond and Lion Duane filling the orders.

Canada Day was the 5th year in which St. Marys LEO Club has participated in the celebrations at Cadzow Park in St. Marys. LEOs inflated several hundred red and white balloons for the kids and provided face painting. They also assisted in the moving of the cannon which was fired at 1 p.m.

NHL playoff effort a huge success

Burford L.C. reports that the bar that was operated by the Lions for the NHL playoffs was a huge success, and was enjoyed by all those who were able to participate. Proceeds from this were going to be used to pay for the Adam Henrique Sign on the Service Club board at the east and west entrances to the village. However, Adam's uncle made and donated the sign, leaving the Lions with more to put back into the community.

District A15 Dates to Remember

Oct. 15 – Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. Exeter!

Nov. 12 – Zone Meeting 9-S, Sheffield

Nov. 29 – Three Regions Rally, St. Marys

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 4 – Orientation, Reg. 37, New Hamburg

March 28 – Orientation, Reg. 9, Kitchener Lions

March 23 – Cabinet 9 a.m. Holiday Inn, Cambridge

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.

PASSINGS



We Served

May 21, 2012

Lion Don Hoshel

New Hamburg Lions Club.

May 28, 2012

Lion Jack Ames

St. George Lions Club

Melvin Jones Fellow

June 3, 2012

Lion John Walter "Jack" Leffler

Bridgeport Lions Club,

Helen Keller Fellow

Aug. 2, 2012

Lion Jo-Ann C. Riordan

Secretary, St. Mary's L.C.

Aug. 26, 2012

Lion Kenneth Bruder,

Lions Club of Kitchener

Sept. 3, 2012

Lion Harold Kaiser,

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Sept. 20, 2012

Lion Marvin Halliday,

Life Member

Paris Lions Club.

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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

Service to others is the rent you pay
for your room here on earth
– Muhammad Ali