



Lions Clubs International *District A-15*

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District Governor 2013-2014
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"Follow Your Dream"

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A-15 to Follow Dreams, continue growth support new programs and challenges

DG Denis Vinette outlines vision to first Cabinet meeting

Cabinet proudly shows our support for Lions Quest by each wearing a shirt emblazoned with the Lions quest logo and this year's International President's theme, "Follow your dream".

Lions Quest is one of only two truly and completely Canadian Lions National programs. Please consider your personal support of the number one life skill program in all of Canada. This year, the District will be holding two new events to develop member and club knowledge and involvement in service and in club support strategies for membership growth and extension.

Lions Now! sessions will be a forum where District programs will be displayed and where guest speakers will be invited to share their knowledge and experience in Lions areas of service.

These events will be held on Oct. 27 in St Marys and in Innerkip on Feb. 24.



DG Denis Vinette

A new **Membership Workshop** will be held Jan. 16th, 2014, in Cambridge dedicated to assisting club membership chairs and committees in implementing their Membership Action Plans for this year and next.

A combined Region Rally renamed as "Region Challenge - 2014" will be held March 13, 2014 in St. Clements. We hope

this will be a night of friendly competition and fellowship.

Our membership is aging. We always welcome members, young and not so young. Having said that, we need to explore new and creative ways to gain membership among the younger population of our communities.

We must look towards forming club Branches to help develop community in demographics like "bedroom communities", retirement areas, young families, etc. We need to be accepting of, and encourage, non-traditional club operations including family gatherings, fewer meetings, more service, and to promote our organization through SIGNATURE projects.

Zone and Region chairs have been asked to identify potential opportunities for growth in their respective areas.

I believe that there is a desire for "**service to others**" which exists in everyone and that it can be developed and nurtured if we take the time to realize the personal aspirations of the individuals in our clubs and in our communities. Let us commit ourselves in the service of those less fortunate so that we can find fulfillment in our dreams of service.

This year, International President Barry Palmer, asks us to "Follow our dream". Lion Barry asks each of us to revisit our dream from when we joined, to act on our dream by increasing our effort to serve and to "follow our dream" and to turn it from a dream into reality. In each of us, the dream exists. In each club, there are dreams waiting to be realized. All we have to do is believe and act to make all our service dreams come true.

Two new laws raise concerns

report submitted by PDDG George Patton

Two pieces of new legislation in the Province of Ontario should be brought to the attention of all Lions Clubs (& incorporated sub-districts) in Ontario

The first is the new Corporations Act

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_10n15_e.htm] which, I believe goes in effect later this year. It will require changes to the by-laws of all incorporated Lions clubs & sub-districts in Ontario. For instance, proxies must be allowed as a form of voting at AGM regarding elections of officers and by-law changes. And there are other changes visa vie

powers of classes of membership etc.

The second is the new disabled persons act ['Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act' (AODA)] which affects every club running any event or project in which the public participates. Similar to Health and Safety Policies and Procedures which every club must have in place including, in addition to or separately, workplace policies and procedures regarding harassment, bullying and discrimination, specific information must be provided to all volunteers working at the event or project as to how people with disabilities will be accommodated. A very

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A-15 grows again!

Breslau Charter announced, makes District 55 clubs

Breslau Lions Club was chartered June 21, 2013. There are now 55 clubs within District A-15.

Charter night is set for Oct. 28, 2013.

DG Dan Ayim congratulated PDG Larry Wainwright, Lion Dennis Loughheed and the GMT/GLT co-ordinators for a job well done.

New laws need review

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comprehensive training video produced by Region of York and available on YouTube is being used by many organizations due to its quality may be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4v6u1x36L4>

I would urge cabinet to request that M.D. 'A' immediately have competent persons examine both pieces of legislation and provide all clubs and sub-districts in M.D. 'A' with, at a minimum, a 'heads up' but more usefully, direct instructions as to what actions are required to bring clubs into compliance with these pieces of legislation.

One question, which should be asked, revolves around how these changes affect club and sub-district compliance with standards set by the International Association.

New look for website, easier access for chairs

Lions,

I would like to welcome you to the new District A-15 Lions Clubs International web site, still at <http://a15lions.org/>, but with a new design and a new look. It is mostly complete, with similar content to the old site. Some content will continue to be migrated over the next week or so, and you may see some minor cosmetic changes.

The change in web site technology was not embarked upon lightly - everyone becomes accustomed to what we have, and learns to navigate the pages and information found there. However, the old site was just too difficult to modify, and was designed for a single person, the web site designer, to make changes to it. The new site has the ability to allow Committee Chairs to either update their sections themselves, or delegate someone to do it - I no longer need to be a bottleneck to getting something on the site. In addition, the new site has both a "Search" function and a "Recently Changed" link, both of which should make the site easier to use. It can also be updated with RSS feeds and Image Galleries as we need those things.

Legacy Site

Please ensure any links to the original site that you may have stored away, in bookmarks or elsewhere, are cleared and replaced with the similar content on the new site. Those links to the old site will continue to work for a few months, but the content is no longer being updated. Should you wish to visit the previous site, you may use the "[Legacy Site](#)" link here or at the top of the navigation menu at the left of the web site.

If on the off chance your browser continues to show the old, original A-15 web site, you may need to clear your browser's cache and/or history (I won't go into how to do that, but feel free to go to Google and look up "clearing browser cache" for your particular browser model and version).

I hope that you find the new design clean and easy to read, and are able to make use of the "Search" and "Recent Changes" functionality to help you better use the site. Your District Cabinet should be able to keep their information more current, by making changes for themselves. Should you have any suggestions for improvements, or notice any oversights and omissions in the transfer, please let me know.

[Lion Ted Rypma](#),

Web Site Admin and District Technology Chair

Sweaburg Lions opens "Our Wee Little Library"

Sweaburg Lions have taken a page from Lions in Wisconsin and opened a community lending library.

The library, housed in a convenience store has no membership and no late fines. The presence of the corner store library also eliminates a trip to Woodstock or Ingersoll to transact normal library activities.

Bob Pate, owner of the store, says people can leave a book which is made available to everyone.

The community exchange overcomes the perennial problem readers have when buying a book - ad it once and then it sits on a shelf forever.

A variety of books, numbering about 100 are growing daily as people bring as many as 10 or more books to add to the collection.

This Lions assisted project has captured the imagination of the community and supports Lions literacy goals.



Woolwich Community Lions Present...



DRIVE ONE 4UR COMMUNITY

In Conjunction with
Parkway Ford Lincoln



Enjoy Lunch at
the BBQ!



Fun for the
whole family!

Saturday, September 7, 2013
9:00am to 4:00pm

Come out to the Foodland parking lot anytime between 9:00am and 4:00pm to test drive a new Ford vehicle and earn \$20 for the Woolwich Community Lions Club. For every person to come out and test drive a vehicle, Ford will donate \$20, up to a maximum of \$6,000.

*One Test Drive per household.

Featuring live music by...

Larry Lesperance's Band "Cowboy Up"

All proceeds go to the
Elmira District Community Living Van Project.

Also be sure to check out:

Classic Car Show & Shine
10am to 3pm
Foodland Parking Lot



Clubs urged to ensure officers transition for email access

Lions

We are now in to the new Lions year. Each Club which has changed Officers should have arranged for the transition of club email access. Each Cabinet Member and Committee Chair for 2013/14 should have made the transition into their new roles and have verified their access to the system

Would each of you please send me a reply eMail stating the position you hold for 2013/14 and confirming that you have accessed the EMail system. Please do this even if you are returning to the position.

If you are the 2012/13 holder of the position and received this message, please take immediate steps to arrange the transition with your successor.

This is a critical step in terms of District eMail communication and only you can ensure that all necessary changes occur.

Lion Dennis Lougheed, Secretary, A-15 Cabinet

PID Patti Hill urges

Alberta flood relief

Thanks to so many of you who have contacted us here in Alberta, asking how to help with the needs in Southern Alberta, in the aftermath of the massive flooding in so many communities. Many of our Southern Alberta Lions, friends, and family members are either displaced, or working already to help feed the Albertans staying in, or working at, reception centres.

As we go forward:

Lions of Alberta Foundation is prepared to accept donations for the FLOOD FUND. Clubs, church groups, and community group are encouraged to raise funds for the rebuilding that will have to be done.

Mid-term, we may need to purchase generators, pumps, etc. and that takes money.

Longer-term, the Lions may want to focus on buying new books for libraries in keeping with the LIONS READING ACTION PROGRAM.

Donations should be made payable to the "Lions of Alberta Foundation" and marked for the Flood Fund, then mailed to:

Lions of Alberta Foundation

44 Straddock Cres. S.W.

Calgary, Alberta

T3H 2T2

June Environment Report

submitted by Lion Linda Vinette, Chair

The Environmental Photos submissions for judging at our convention in March were spectacular. We have wonderful Lion photographers in our District. They were all winners and the one with the most votes was Lion Naomi Freiburger from Woolwich Community Lions. Lion Naomi's photo was submitted to the Multiple District "A" Convention in Richmond Hill. The Photo winners from all the District in MD'A" were judged by the attendees on May 30th to June 1st and District A-15 rocks. Lion Naomi's photo came in third and in second placed was a previous submission by Marianne Ferguson of the St. Mary's Lion and the first place winner was from Nancy Wright from the Wheatley Lionesss.

On May 22nd a group of 5 Lions had a work party at the Breslau Memorial Forest replacing worn out plaques & stands. Thank you for your participation.

At the MD'A" Convention on June 1st, 1st Vice President Barry Palmer announced that one of his plans for his year as President is to continue planting trees. A goal for the Lions of the world has been set to plant 100 MILLION TREES by the year 2017 which will commemorate the 100 years that Lions have been in existence. I believe this is attainable.

On June 1st many Lions from District A-15 attended Mount Forest Lions dedication service for the William D. Moody Park. They reported the Crimson King Maple tree that was planted last fall by Lions from District A-15 in memory of PID William (Bill) D. Moody survived the winter and is in full leaf. Thank you to the Lions that attended this honouring event.

The Memorial Forest cleanup on June 5 was a wonderful success with 60 Lions members from A-15 coming out to help. Thank you to all that participated and special thanks to the Elmira Lions for providing food to feed the many and to PCC Tim Cronan for bringing his tractor with a loader to finish the job when the other tractor broke down.

It is an honour to be asked by DG Lion Denis to continue to be your District Environmental Chair for 2013-2014. Thank you to all clubs and members for your support in this past Lions year.

Que. Lions seek support for Lac Megantic calamity



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We Serve

GOUVERNEUR SORTANT/
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Bernard Constantini (PDG)
(Greenfield Park)

PREMIER VICE-GOUVERNEUR/
First Vice-Governor
Bernard Constantini
(Greenfield Park)

SECONDE VICE-GOUVERNEUR/
Second Vice-Governor
Michel Houlbert
(Montreal Chaire du Liban)

SECRÉTAIRE/SECRETARY
Serge Bédard
(St-Théobas)

TRÉSORIER/TREASURER
& PHOTOCOORD
Denis Beuchemin
(Laval)

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Zone Gouverneurs

Zone 12 Est
Christine Arsenault
(Joliette)

Zone 28 Ouest
Vincent

Zone 28 Nord
Richard Boudin
(Val d'Or-Métropolitain)

Zone 48 Ouest
Marcel Primeau
(Beauharnois)

Zone 50 Nord
Vincent

Zone 50 Sud
Nicole Nelson-Lepage
(St-Théobas)

Zone 56 Est
Yves Allard
(St-Jean-sur-Richelieu)

Zone 56 Sud
Rosalee Lamarche
(Ville Ste-Catherine)

Zone 57 Centre
Christiane Duguay
(Montreal Chaire du Liban)

Zone 57 West
Robert Laro
(St-Lambert)

L'Association Internationale des Clubs Lions
The International Association of Lions Clubs
District U-1

Constant Di Girolamo Gouverneur/Governor 2013-2014

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Mirabel, August 10th 2013

To all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers

Fellow Lions

Lac-Mégantic Lions Club is faced with a huge problem. Our motto is "WE SERVE". But how do you serve after a calamity. Many members are suffering the loss of family and friends.

Following a Multiple District recommendation carried by our Executive, it is proposed that every Club in our District who wants to help can simply mail a cheque made out to «DISTRICT U-4 POUR LAC MEGANTIC» to the First Vice-Governor at the following address:

Lion Michel Daragon
932, rue Beaugrand
Acton Vale, QC, J0H 1A0

You are free to participate in this effort. However ANY amount will be appreciated by the population of Lac Mégantic regardless of the amount.

The donations will be deposited in a special account and used with the highest visibility for the Quebec Lions. U-4 Governor Renaude Richard will see to it that the monies be spent with utmost efficiency.

Our hope is that many Clubs collaborate in this demonstration of solidarity.

Constant Di Girolamo

Lion Constant Di Girolamo
Governor District U-1

P.S. Many thanks to those Clubs that have already sent their cheques.

Partage ta Fierté - Share your Pride

Report on Effective Speaking Opportunities for Youth program

submitted to Cabinet by Lion Ernie Kaethler

With this report, I would like to express appreciation for the many positive energies shared, the working together with various A15 Clubs and with MD'A' personnel to make this 'Opportunities for Youth' program a noteworthy success, AGAIN.

At our A-15 Effective Speaking Contest held in St George on March 2nd, we had five(5), of a possible six(6), first place winners moving on to the MDA final in St. Catherine. Maggie LaRonde, Breslau Club, Senior English; Laura Bender, Fergus Club, Intermediate English; Avinash Pandey, K-W Community Spirit LC, Intermdte French; Tarryn Swanek, Guelph LC, Junior French; and Sarah Chaytor, Guelph LC, Junior English.

At the MDA finals in St Catherine there were 34 contestants entered from 9 (of our 10) Districts. Laura Bender, Fergus, placed First, Avinash Pandey, K-W Commty Spirit & Lori LaRonde, Breslau, placed Second, and Tarryn Swanek, Guelph, placed Third, ... in their respective categories.

WELL DONE! Competitors representing A-15, you have proven yourself and made us proud of your achievements!

Next years MDA Convention will be held in District A-12 at Deerhurst (Huntsville) on the May 4th week-end. All Effective Speaking program events will have to be held prior to this event, which means that our A-15 Club contests should be held in February 2014, our A-15 District finals in early March 2014.



Foster, adoptive assist needed for guide dogs

While visiting with one of the staff from LFC Breslau last night, I learned that they are in desperate need of foster families for puppies in September. I also learned there are going to be some "Career Change/Retirement" Dog Guides available for adoption as well. If you would please consider fostering a Dog Guide puppy for its first 10-12 months or if you are thinking of adding a new canine addition to your family, please use the contacts below to find out more.

Lion V. Charlene Teasdale
A15 Chair Lions Foundation of Canada
PZC51E

Dog Guide Fostering
1-800-768-3030 Ext. 280

Email: puppyprogram@dogguides.com
Fostering Application available at:
<http://www.dogguides.com/foster.html>

Career Change Dog Guides/Adoption
1-800-768-3030 Ext. 232

Adoption Application available at:
<http://www.dogguides.com/careerchange.html>

Lions Quest offers shirts to raise funds, awareness

As a means of raising funds and increasing awareness of the Lions Quest Canada programme, LQC are launching a new set of shirts for this coming year. The shirts are available in yellow and come in a Golf Shirt or T-Shirt style. They will be imprinted with the Lions Quest name, logo and Lions International President, Barry J. Palmer's theme of "Follow Your Dream". To order a shirt, complete the attached order form and forward to LQC.

District A15 has always been a proud supporter of Lions Quest Canada and it is a "Dream" of mine that we will continue to do so this coming year.

Yours in Service,
Lion Denis Vinette,
Governor - District A-15



**Lions Quest
Canada**
The Centre for Positive Youth Development

427 Elgin Street North, Suite 1
Cambridge, Ontario N1R 8G4
Toll Free: 800-265-2880
Fax: 519-624-3354
www.lionsquest.ca

2014 Lions Quest Shirts

Yellow with Lions Quest Canada logo and "Follow Your Dream" International Theme

SHIPPING: Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____
Phone Number (with area code): _____
Email: _____
Purchase Order #: _____
Visa #: _____ Expiry Date: _____
Mastercard #: _____ Expiry Date: _____
Cardholders Name: _____

| Size | Style | Quantity | Price | Extension |
|------|-------------------|----------|-------|-----------|
| XXXL | Men's Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| XXL | Men's Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| XL | Men's Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| L | Men's Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| M | Men's Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| S | Men's Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| XXXL | Men's T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| XXL | Men's T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| XL | Men's T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| L | Men's T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| M | Men's T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| S | Men's T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| XXL | Ladies Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| XL | Ladies Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| L | Ladies Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| M | Ladies Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| S | Ladies Golf Shirt | | 40.00 | |
| XXL | Ladies T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| XL | Ladies T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| L | Ladies T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| M | Ladies T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |
| S | Ladies T-Shirt | | 20.00 | |

TOTAL = \$ _____

HST Included - Registration # 107628497



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@breslaulions.org
or Breslau Community Centre

Sweaburg Lions building ramps for local residents

Submitted by Lion Rick Bell

In the Fall of 2010, the Sweaburg Lions Club was asked to build a wheelchair ramp for a Sweaburg resident who was injured in a fall.

The ramp was approximately 20 feet long. The ramp was temporary and was removed the following Spring. The cost of the ramp was absorbed by the Club.

In September 2012, the club was asked to build a 43 foot ramp for the brother of a Sweaburg resident who was injured by a horse.

We built the ramp in one day using reclaimed lumber from a deck removed from another home and also from a fence from another home. The total cost of the materials was \$450. The club paid \$200. The cost was incurred as some new lumber needed to be used.

Eight Lions built the ramp in a day.

In May 2013, the club was asked to build a ramp for a cancer victim who could not get out of his house. This ramp had to be 70 feet long. Using materials from the previous ramp and yet another deck, the ramp was built in a day by eight Lions and two members of the Masonic Lodge.

The new materials cost almost \$1,100. Our Club donated \$400, the lady where we built the 43 foot ramp donated an additional \$300, and the drivers from Noblewood Milk Transport donated \$420. The ramp was completed in a day and the patient has been getting outside and enjoying life a little more.



The 70-foot ramp built by Sweaburg Lions.



K-W Purina Walk for Guide Dogs May 2013

Darlene Hartung, a community volunteer who participated in the 2013 Waterloo Purina Walk for Dog Guides along with her husband Roger, donated a Pet Portrait as a prize for the Walk. The winner was Susan Ford who requested a portrait of her recently deceased Purina Service Dog, Sloan. Above is the finished portrait by Darlene, a truly moving thing of beauty which Ms. Ford will undoubtedly cherish for many years.

— submitted by Lion Nancy Ransom

SMiLE prepares directory for social media & websites

SMiLE (Social Media including Lions Everywhere) is establishing a comprehensive directory of Lions clubs websites and social media such as Facebook and Google+ pages, Twitter, YouTube channels, etc.

SMiLE is looking for your support. Please help distributing the information below to each and every club and district of our organization!

A simple [internet online questionnaire](#) allows clubs and districts to enter their web and social media presence into the directory. The form-based method (with example entries) makes it easy to provide information, so everyone can do it.

There is an immediate benefit for all participating clubs and districts:

- Clubs and districts can get inspiration for their own web and social media presences by looking at what others are doing.
- You can network not only with clubs from your neighborhood but

also on a global scale by simply getting in touch with each other via the directory.

It will help to boost your clubs and district social media presence, as promote your club to other Lions.

Blog article: <http://www.lionssmile.org/find-lions-clubs-social-media-sites-easily/>

The LCI SMiLE team appreciates your support in this initiative.

About SMiLE:

SMiLE is an official Lions Club International initiative founded in September 2012 at the Europe forum in Brussels. You can contact them via the following channels:

e-mail: <mailto:info@lionssmile.org>

Blog: lionssmile.org

Facebook: facebook.com/lionssmile

Twitter: [@Lions_Smile](https://twitter.com/Lions_Smile)

Google+: plus.google.com/b/107150795527420574497/107150795527420574497



Woodstock Lions award Melvin Jones Honours

Lions Club of Woodstock, with the assistance of Gov Lion Denis Vinette honoured some very special Lions at their annual president's night.

The four Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients were: former Lion Doug Symons, author, community volunteer (above left); Lion Joe Sweeney, 40 year member, chair of Meals on Wheels committee (above second from left); Lion Bill Gillespie, community activist, Chair of Terry Fox Run, works tirelessly for the 'little guy' (above second from right); Lion Carole Wilson, long serving member of the club in all capacities, go to person for answers and supporter of every club project (above right).



Lion Bruce Payne honoured for 60-Years Service

Following a recent work weekend trip to Camp Dorset in June, ZC Lion Charlene Teasdale on behalf of DG Dan Ayim, took time to stop by Lion Bruce Payne's home where she presented him with a 60 year Service Chevron. Lion Bruce was a Life Time member of the Guelph Lions Club until his recent transfer into the Huntsville Lions Club where he now lives. Lion Bruce is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

- submitted by Lion Russ Dwyer

CONVENTIONS

July 4 – 8, 2014 - 97th International Convention, TORONTO
June 26 – 30 2015 - 98th International Convention, Honolulu, HI



ST JACOBS LIONS CLUB
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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@breslaulions.org
519-213-1520



Guelph Lions honour hard-working friends

As with all of our endeavours we really couldn't do what we do with out our supportive spouses and families! At our year end wrap up VDG2 Lion Diane Smith and Lion Chief Garry Ransom presented Helen Keller Fellowships to Lynda Irvine and Kim Gauley. These ladies help us with our projects whenever we need help, they give up their homes to host the Christmas Hamper packing and Toy Drive wrapping sessions, decorating our Santa Claus parade float and more! Thank you ladies for all you do and congratulations, well deserved for sure!

- submitted by Lion Russ

Membership Action Plan template available

As District A-15 has done in the past few years, it continues to encourage clubs to prepare a **"Membership Action Plan"**.

With the effort of the GMT Co-ordinator (Lion OJ Wilura) and the Club and Membership Growth Team Leader (Lion Larry Wainwright), there is a new resource to help you consider expanding your planning to encompass the different areas of your club operations and service.

A two-page "Membership Action Plan Template" to assist you in developing your plan for this year, and hopefully for the next 2 or 3 years is available on the District website.

Members of Cabinet will offer assistance about this new effort to help you develop a strategy for growth in service, leadership and membership during the next year.

A Special Word From DG Denis Vinette

To all Lions Clubs of District A-15,

District A-15 has a proud history of club membership growth. I believe that this is due, in no small part, to clubs developing and acting on their membership plans.

For over 10 years, District A-15 has been at the forefront in encouraging and supporting clubs in preparing a membership plan. Each year, with the support of the Cabinet, your G.M.T., and previously your M.E.R.L. team, has requested that clubs prepare a plan and then ask the club to file their plan with our District Membership chair.

In 2009/2010, 100% of our District clubs produced and filed a membership plan with our District Membership chair. Since then, for a variety of reasons, club participation has not been as complete as it had been before.

This coming Lions year, we hope to reverse that trend. To assist you in developing your own plan, your District is pleased to provide you with a resource that you can use to help develop your club M.A.P. (Membership Action Plan).

So what is a M.A.P. and in what way is it different than the Membership Plan we used to do?

The "Membership Action Plan" is a set of defined goals that each club develops based on research from a Club review and from other sources like a community needs assessment. Although it incorporates the elements of the membership plan, it encourages clubs to examine 5 distinct areas where goals may be set. Service, Membership, Leadership, Communications and Club Operations.

From this review, we encourage clubs in A-15 to set 2-3 goals that will form the basis of their current year plan. In addition, as part of the process, we ask the clubs to consider what goals they might set over the next 3 years.

Your G.M.T. is proud to provide the attached M.A.P. template. Take the time to read the attached resource and to consider using it to define your Club Membership Action Plan for the coming year. When you have completed your M.A.P., please send a copy to PDG Larry Wainwright at mcg@a15lions.org. If you have any questions or require any assistance in completing your plan, please feel free to contact any member of the G.M.T. or Cabinet.

Sincerely,

DG Denis Vinette, District A-15

Lake Jo tractor implements approved by District, Clubs asked to help fund

A-15 Cabinet has approved a resolution calling on clubs to consider supporting Lake Jo's purchase of a 32-hp tractor.

The camp is seeking an estimated \$14,003 for a series of implements that will allow for grass cutting, snow blowing loading and spreading.

Lions supported the purchase of the tractor, and now it is time to add the implements necessary to give the tractor a full range of capabilities, said IPDG Dan Ayim.

"I trust that your club will consider the matter and respond positively through the district treasurer. Please ensure your donation is directed to "CNIB- Lake Joe".



Riding for Cancer

Two Lions execute repairs on the 'Lionmobile' during the Great Race for Cancer held by the Thamesford Lions Club.

PASSINGS



**We
Served**

June 12, 2013

Lion Steve M Sproul
Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club.

July 7, 2013

Lion Lisa Annon
Elora Lions Club

July 10, 2013

Lion Alan Argue
Ariss & District Lions Club,
Charter Member

July 15, 2012

Lion Hendrick (Henk) Veltkamp
Milverton Lions Club

July 18, 2013

Lion Herbert Quickfall
Bridgeport Lions Club

July 28, 2013

Lioness Yvonne Hawkins
Fergus Lioness Club

Aug. 6, 2013

PCS Ian Robb
Galt-Cambridge Lions Club

Aug. 7, 2013

Lion Hugh Waind
Elora Lions Club



Photo courtesy of Lions Club of Kitchener

Challenge to raise CTC Dollars for Dorset

Lion Bob Rutter has challenged Lions across Ontario to match or exceed the \$307 in Canadian Tire money raised by Royal City Lions Club for Lions Camp Dorset.

The challenge was made June 15 during celebrations to mark the 35th anniversary of Camp Dorset.

The money is used by the camp to refurbish, repair and

replace recreational equipment used by the dialysis patients and their families while visiting at the camp.

Helen Walker, medical administrator, said in the past two years that CTC Dollars for Dorset was been in operation more than \$4,000 in Canadian Tire money has been raised.

In the past, canoe oars,

fishing equipment and life jackets have been purchased.

Camp Dorset provides state of the art dialysis treatments for patients from renal centres throughout Ontario while offering vacation opportunities for families to get away.

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Lion Bob Rutter presents \$307 in Canadian Tire money to Lion Jim Coulson, president of the Camp Dorset Corporation during the camp's 35th anniversary celebration.

Woodstock Lions 2013 Bursary Recipients

Six exemplary students were invited to a special Woodstock Lions Club dinner meeting in June.

These young people were chosen from a much larger group of applications to receive a Bursary based on community service over and above the compulsory level

Each student received \$1000 from the Lions Club of Woodstock.

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.

Breslau Lions on social media

The Breslau Lions Club now has two social media presences.

See them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/breslaulions> and Twitter: https://twitter.com/Breslau_Lions can watch for their new revamped Website at

<http://www.breslaulions.org> sometime this month, said Lion Dennis Loughheed.

Upcoming Events

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

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