



THE A15 TIMES

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A New Century of Service

Welcome to a new Century of Service! As we continue to celebrate 100 Years of Service of Lions International, it is now time to look to our future. In order to meet the needs of our ever-changing world, it is imperative that we Lions, Lioness and LEOs work together within our own communities as well as globally. By working together in service we can grow our membership to reach even more people who need our help. You will be hearing more about our Lions International President Naresh Aggarwal's message regarding the Power of We, the Power of Action and the Power of Service. Service is the reason that our global organization exists. We truly live up to our motto We Serve! In order to reach out to the ever growing demand for our help we must focus on strengthening our Clubs and ensuring that all members are engaged in meaningful service projects. By transforming hope into action, we will create a great membership experience aiding in retention, growing our membership and increasing our service impact for those in need. We are excited to be presenting the Lions Forward Service Model for the 21st Century that includes five key areas of focused service: Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Pediatric Cancer and Vision.

There will be a focused approach on our Youth by engaging our LEO members to work more closely with our clubs, developing strategies to charter more LEO clubs in our District that will increase the impact of our service. The LEO's are our future but they are also in the "here and now". Engage their enthusiasm and zest for service. Do you have a community where a LEO Club could be formed?

As our District moves forward into our second century of service, we look forward to introducing to you the Global Action Team, a unified approach focusing on teamwork, innovative service, leadership development and healthy membership!

Above anything else, it is still all about service. When we work together we can impact the lives of those who need our help the most. Are you excited? We are! WE SERVE - Roar Lions!

Lion Charlene Dwyer (Char)

A15 District Governor 2017-2018

Editorial

Greetings to all, and welcome back to a new and -hopefully- productive year of Service, Fun, and Fellowship.

I am very new to this job, and I will certainly need a lot of assistance from all of you out there to make this bulletin everything it should be- Informative and Motivating.

I think we all need to know what our colleagues at all levels are doing to further the aims of our great organization by making our communities and the world a better place.

This publication is your opportunity to blow your horns, let everyone know what you are doing, and what you are planning. Let us know what you may be thinking of, and perhaps someone may have some hints or ideas based on experience to share with you.

You will be reading much about the new initiatives for training, membership recruitment and retention.

Comments and suggestions are always welcome, so send them to bulletin@a15lions.org or call me directly at 519-488-5578.

Now for my first rant- Lion Jill and I went to the Lions Store in London. They did not have the 100% Attendance pins we were hoping for, and they informed us that they will possibly be shutting down the Lions line in a year or two, due to lack of sales. This would be very unfortunate, as with this store open, we can get at least some of our goods paid in Canadian funds. Shipping will still be a cost, but at least we don't have to contend with delays for Customs inspection and clearance. I encourage all the clubs to patronize this outlet as much as possible, maybe they can be convinced to stay open.

You can order on line at

<https://www.inps-lions.com/>

Lions Project Pride



Kitchener Pioneer Lions presented Pioneer Park Public School with Canada Flags for the whole school. In this picture , holding the big Canada Flag (r-l) PRC Chris Duncan, Lion Don Madill , Lion Lion J.P. Arnold.

From The Tuba:

Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions will be flippin' pancakes Sunday 10 Sep at Bingeman Park. They'll be setting up at 7:00, so serving by 8:00, I'd guess.

A great memento of the 1989 International Convention



From: Jeanette Galbraith, Hillsburgh Lions Club.

My mom (Marjorie Ditchfield) received the Lions magazine yesterday and she was looking at the picture of Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and his wife Navita and thought she had recognized them. She then realized her notepad she has been using since 1999 was a notepad from when he was running for International Director 1998/1999. My mom and dad were in Birmingham England for this convention, I can't believe she still has this notepad sitting on her tv table. I am attaching a picture of the magazine and notepad.

My mom and I are both members of the Hillsburgh Lions Club.

From The Exeter Examiner via Lion Paul Anstett



Donna Jones, of Exeter, has donated \$25,000, in loving memory of her late husband, Ted Jones, towards future development of the South Huron Trail. She presented the donation along the South Huron Trail, at Morrison Dam Conservation Area, on Friday, July 28, 2017. Presenting the donation is donor Donna Jones. Accepting the donation, on behalf of the Exeter Lions Club, are Exeter Lions Club member John Stephens and Exeter Lions Club President Dan Turkheim. Also taking part was Bob Radtke, Chairman of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, a trail project partner organization; Donna's son, Randy Jones, and Donna's daughter-in-law, Susann Jones. "This generous donation by Donna Jones is a beautiful way to remember Lion Ted Jones," said Exeter

Lions Club President Dan Turkheim. "I would like to thank Donna for her community spirit. I would also like to thank Donna for carrying on Lion Ted's commitment to creating nature enjoyment and recreation opportunities along the Ausable River." From left to right in photo are: Bob Radtke; Susann Jones; Randy Jones; Donna Jones; John Stephens; and Dan Turkheim.

This generous donation is in addition the previous generous donation Donna Jones made, in loving memory of her husband Ted, towards the trail's Pedestrian Bridge project.

From the St. Marys Lions Bulletin



Lion Pres. David and PDG Lion Karen at Youth Exchange Dinner Sunday July 30th. Lion Raymond LEO advisor also attended *Photo Credits, Lion Raymond*



LEO Advisor, Lion Raymond, LEO Marie, LEO Celisa from France and LEO Liza at the Youth Exchange dinner.



Lion President David, PDG/LEO advisor Karen, LEOs Liza, and Marie and LEO Advisor Lion Raymond
Photo Credits Raymond Taylor (with instructions to Mrs. OJ)

International Breakfast Canceled

It is with great regret that the St. Marys Lions Club must announce the cancellation of our International Breakfasts.

It's been a great run, but over the last few years attendance has dropped to the point where the effort is no longer financially viable. This never was intended to be a fundraiser, but neither can we continue to lose.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support over the years.



Pediatric Cancer



Touch The Truck

Sept. 09, 2017 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Milt Dunnell Field, St. Marys

The St. Marys Lions Club is providing the food service for this event, to raise funds for assistance to families whose children are victims of Pediatric Cancer. This effort meets the requirements of one of our major international initiatives.

We invite all our fellow Lions to join us, bring your kids or grand kids and help out in this worthy endeavour.

From Lion Jim Sanders, Lions Club of Guelph



The annual Guelph Lions-CNIB client picnic was held at Riverside Park on August 13th. Ninety guests enjoyed a picnic lunch, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, desserts and beverages.

Wayne Mack and his guitar entertained everyone as they arrived and throughout the afternoon. Bingo and raffle winners took home a variety of prizes including gift cards, large print playing cards and talking watches.

CNIB representatives circulated throughout the afternoon and also took a few minutes to bring everyone up to date on latest developments and service in the Guelph and Wellington area.



The Guelph Lions were honoured to raise the Lions International Centennial Flag at Guelph City Hall on June 29th! Lion Chief James Sanders along with Guelph MP Lloyd Longfield, Guelph City Ward 2 Councilor James Gordon, Guelph Royal City Lion Chief Bob Keleher and members of both Lions Clubs in Guelph. The Lions served cake outside City Hall and enjoyed watching the Lions International Centennial Flag blowing in the beautiful breeze.

St. George Lions Celebrated Canada Day in style.



The Canada Day bicycle decorating contest sponsored by our club was a huge success. We had a number of participants in each age category. The themes varied from hockey to wildlife to coffee. All were hugely patriotic! Many children put a lot of time, effort and imagination into their decorations. Many thanks to Lions Karen and Kevin Martin for organizing this event.

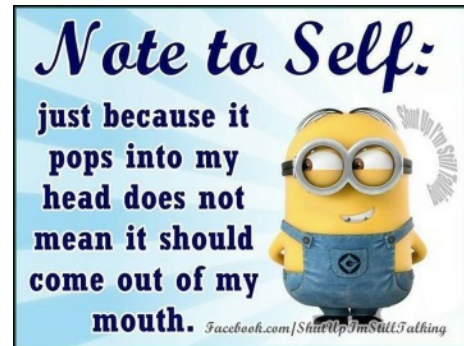
Karen also looked after decorating our float which won first place for "Most Patriotic Entry". It was nice to have some Guide Dogs walk with us.



From The Waterwheel, newsletter of the New Hamburg Lioness Club



Welcome SEPTEMBER
New Month, New Chapter
New Page and New Wishes.
May the month give you
Courage, Strength, Confidence,
Patience, Self-love, Inner
Peace, May every day in
September fill your days with
Hope, Love, Sunshine and
Energy. Let there be Joy,
Fun and Laughter.



THE WATERWHEEL

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Our Lions, in the community...



2017 Youth Exchange group
New Hamburg Lions provided breakfast and the opportunity to Canoe the Nith.



Lion Bob Starr receives the Governors
Centennial Award from District Governor
Lion Wayne Litt.

Speedy recovery
to Lion President
Paul Mackie after
the recent
operation on his
eye.

Peace Poster Contest approaching deadline- get your entries in right away!!

Hi Lions and Lioness:

On behalf of District A 15 I would like to thank you for taking such a great interest in the Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "The Future of Peace" and I think we all know that the future of Lions International is our YOUTH.

Our Lions/Lioness year is just beginning but for the Peace Poster Contest we only have two months, our deadline is November 15, 2017

Please try and get into the schools as soon as you can. We have found out in the past it is easier to contact the art teacher and get them involved, without the art teacher's cooperation it will be pretty hard to get the students involved.

Please follow the directions, we have had to disqualify posters because they are not the right size.

Have somebody judge the posters and then get the winning poster to District Governor Charlene by NOVEMBER 15, if they are not there by that date, they will be disqualified.

Governor Char then will send the winner off to the Council Chair John Whyte by December 1, 2017

The Council Chair will then send the winning poster to Lions International by December 15, 2017

The winner of the International Contest will receive a check for \$1000.00. The winner of District A 15 will receive a check for \$250.00. A nice incentive, let the students know this.

Something new this year I am asking each club to make a donation to Peace Poster Contest for District A 15. We would also like each club to donate to the MD A

Peace Poster Contest. Unfortunately the Peace Poster Budget at the MD A level is in a deficit.

I have had the honour of being appointed to be the MD A Peace Poster Chair and will attend my first Council meeting in Markham this weekend.

Thank you Lions and Lioness, if you need any more kits I have ordered a few more kits

Yours in Lionism

Lion/Lioness Janet Dawson Brock

519 501 4853

Meeting our commitment to work with youth.

Building Community Capacity for Positive Youth Development



A Unique Training of Trainers
for Canadian Communities

October 18th & 19th, 2017

The Family Centre
65 Hanson Ave., Room 2011, Kitchener, ON

*Learn how to apply Positive Youth Development
to your life and work.*

Build and Map Assets

Positive Youth Development is ...

*an approach to intentionally
structuring opportunities, supports
and services for youth so that
young people develop the skills
they need to thrive and transition
smoothly into adulthood.*

**Positive Youth
Development** *deliberately
seeks to increase the number of
protective factors surrounding a
young person that can ultimately
translate into more positive social
behaviours and reduced risk-
taking behaviours.*

*A Community Development
Opportunity Facilitated by:*



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Spread the Word

A supportive community is one whose members can assist in training volunteers, expand community awareness of issues, and deliberately and intentionally devote time to establishing the essential building blocks of community development.

The *Building Community Capacity for Positive Youth Development Training of Trainers* will equip you with tools and strategies to effectively deliver workshops and development activities in your community.

Participants in this workshop will:

Be introduced to the Canadian definition of Positive Youth Development and how concepts like Strengths-Based Approaches, Asset Building, Resiliency, Youth Engagement, Asset Based Community Development, Crime Prevention and others connect to make our communities stronger.

Become familiar with scripts, research, techniques and tools to deliver presentations, workshops and development activities to a variety of audiences.

Explore model strategies for enhancing community connectedness through Positive Youth Development from across Canada.

Plan for implementation and application of new knowledge in your community.

**\$350.00 per person includes –
workshop training, training kit with supporting
resources and your lunch for both days of training**

For more information or to register contact:

Kay Nelles, Events Coordinator
Lions Quest Canada
kay@lionsquest.ca
519-624-1170 ext. 102

Agenda

Day One – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm <i>(registration at 8:30)</i>	
Community Building	Setting the stage and building our network of support
Why Positive Youth Development?	The theory and background behind Strengths-Based Practices, Positive Youth Development, Asset Building, how it all fits together and how to explain it to others
Getting on the Same Page – A Shared Understanding	Providing your audience with a basic introduction to move toward common language
Canadian Community Assets in Action	Implementation inspiration and lessons learned
Day Two – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm	
Now It's Your Turn	Delivering the message to a variety of audiences
Mapping Makes a Difference	Proven community mapping techniques and how to utilize them
Taking It to the Community	How to identify what is already being done to enhance capacity and impact in your setting
Measuring Up for Impact and Sustainability	Effective methods for gathering supporting data, reporting it, and knowledge mobilization

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The Changing Face of Lionism

PDG Diane M. Smith

Most of us resist change. It is difficult to accept something new, when it feels uncomfortable or presents a challenge. The Lions organization, particularly in North America, has realized for a number of years now that membership growth is weak. We are no longer able to survive as a group of senior men. We need young people, we need family members and we need women.

Young people think and communicate differently- we need to have greater use of social media, we need to have different meeting structures, we need to have cyber clubs and we need service activities that attract younger people.

We need women and family groups. To that end we need to have meeting structures that are more family- friendly, such as providing baby-sitting services during meeting times. We need to host events/fundraisers that are of particular interest to women.

As we start a new Lions year, I ask each club in the District to once again do a club health check –are members happy, are we being efficient and are we embracing new ideas? Your District has a strong leadership team. If your club is struggling in any area, there is help. I ask as we go forward, that each club has a Family and Women's membership coordinator. This need not be a new position, but can be taken on by the membership chair of your club. And yes, men are well suited to this role.

Our ability to serve more people in need comes from a stronger membership base. Our ability to change will determine our success.

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

Carl Bard

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

The Cambridge Highlands Lions Club collects nickels all year, and then shop for toys, games and books for the Children's Ward at Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

Lions Jan Ho and Marg de Boer delivered these items to the Hospital Foundation Office on June 28, 2017.

Submitted by Lion Marg de Boer



On August 26th Lynden Lions Club hosted approximately 70 local migrant workers to a chilli dinner. Each year our Mexican friends arrive in Lynden to assist local farmers with their crops. Many have been coming back for years and are familiar faces to us. A great evening was had by all and we renewed old ties and made new friends. The chilli and salad disappeared in a hurry and also the cakes donated by the Lynden Horticultural Society. The picture shows a group of the migrant workers in front of a reminder of home.



Photos from the Cabinet meeting at Breslau.



Next Cabinet Meeting, October 25th, 7PM hosted by the Monkton Lions



Here's the scoop!!!

- **Have fun, be informed!**
- **District Committees will share information with you!**
- **Interactive Open Session**
 - **Ask questions & share your Club's upcoming activities!**
 - **Come learn the Lions International President Lion Dr. Naresh Aggarwal's new song "We Serve"**
 - **Enjoy a brief video with an uplifting message from Nic Vujicic:**

Imagine getting through your busy day without hands or legs. Picture your life without the ability to walk, care for your basic needs, or even embrace those you love. Meet Nicholas Vujicic (pronounced VOO-yee-cheech). Without any medical explanation or warning, Nick was born in 1982 in Melbourne, Australia, without arms and legs.

News from Milverton



Milverton Lions Club
PO Box 664, Milverton, ON N0K 1M0, Canada

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Our 78th Year!



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 07 Thursday

Regular Meeting – At the Legion;
social from 6:30pm; dinner at
7:00pm

September 21 Thursday

Mornington Communications BBQ

**September Lions BBQ at the Rod
& Gun Club – Date TBD**

October 05 Thursday

Regular Meeting – At the Legion;
social from 6:30pm; dinner at
7:00pm

October 14 Saturday

Milverton Oktoberfest at the MAC

October 19 Thursday

Regular Meeting – At the Legion;
social from 6:30pm; dinner at
7:00pm

October 24 Tuesday

Zone 51W Meeting - TBD

A15 NEWSLETTER

**Click the link below for news and
events from around the district!**

[A15 Lions - Newsletters](#)

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

At the PERC Community Centre

Next Clinic Date:

September 12 Tuesday 5 - 9:00pm

BINGO

At the Stratford Bingo Hall. If you
would like to help out at an
upcoming date, contact Lion Herb

Next Bingo Dates

September 02 Saturday 1:30pm

September 09 Saturday 1:30pm

September 18 Monday 5:30pm

Welcome back Milverton Lions! Hope you all had a great summer!

Our club was quite busy over the summer "break". The Atwood Canada Day event was a success, many hours were put in and a huge thank you to everyone that helped out, especially to those who organized. The International Youth Exchange Camp had a new home this year, thank you to those Lions who helped cook dinner for the group. The gazebo at Lions Park continued to receive a makeover. And our new Lions Chief hosted a fabulous Lions BBQ at his home farm with his Lions friends from Tasmania who were camping out during their North America vacation.

MORNINGTON COMMUNICATIONS BBQ

We will be helping out with the Mornington Communications Annual Customer Appreciation BBQ again this year. Thursday September 21st from 5 – 8 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help prepare and serve the food. Stay tuned for more information at our upcoming meeting.

LIONS DUES

If you have yet to pay your 2017 – 18 Lions Dues, \$100 if you are paying for meals as you go, or \$260 inclusive of all meals. Please see Treasurer Lion Doug as soon as possible.

MILVERTON OKTOBERFEST DANCE

The Milverton Oktoberfest Dance will take place on Saturday October 14th at the MAC Festhalle, 8 pm to 1 am. Volunteers will be needed to run the bar for this Bavarian festival. For more information, please speak to Lion Doug.

GREETINGS FROM DG LION CHAR

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(condensed from the A15 District website, for the full message and more please visit <http://a15lions.org>)

LIONS VISION & HEARING SCREENING

The Ontario Association of Optometrists has recognized our impact on getting children the help they need. Huron Perth has the highest participation level in the Eye See Eye Learn program in the province! Congrats Lions and Thank you for your Service.

The new school year is just around the corner, if you are able to help out with this program, please contact Lion Doug.



G2G RAIL TRAIL

Thank you to those who could help with building of the picnic tables and ladders earlier this summer; they have been well used already. Be sure to check out the trail, the picnic tables are just off CPR Drive, an inviting spot for a picnic. A Special thank you to Lion Bud and Lion Jim S. for your support on these projects, your generosity is appreciated.

Diabetes

Environment

Hunger

Vision

Pediatric Cancer



District A-15 is seeking applicants for the position of Cabinet Treasurer.

Interested parties are asked to submit a brief overview of experience and their expression of interest in the position to

District Governor Lion Charlene Dwyer (dg@a15lions.org) and Cabinet Secretary Rick Banks (cs@a15lions.org) no later

than November 1st, 2017.

Description

The Cabinet Treasurer is a member of the voting cabinet for District A-15 and is appointed by the District Governor. This

appointment shall normally be for, but not limited to, a period of 3 years subject to annual review and agreement by the

incoming District Governors. As a voting member of Cabinet, the Treasurer has a direct impact on the successful operations of District A-15 and also has input to establish policy and the future direction of the District

Accountabilities

The Cabinet Treasurer is responsible for a number of typical Treasurer Duties as outlined in District A-15 Governance

manuals. Much of the work of the Cabinet Treasurer is done in conjunction with the District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, as well as other Cabinet Officers & Committee Chairs. Duties may include but are not limited to:

- Preparing administration budgets
- Receiving monies and depositing into approved District bank account(s)
- Making payments on behalf of the District at the direction of Cabinet
- Maintaining separate Administrative and Activity Accounts as well as financial records – including the support for Committee Chairs for their respective committees
- Preparing Financial Reports for the District and required governmental entities and presenting the Financial reports at each Cabinet meeting
- Preparing final financial records and turning over accounts and funds to successor
- Act as a Resource for Club Treasurers and others in the District for matters relating to accounting, insurance, reporting etc. Present the Treasurer training material at the District Annual Leadership Seminar

Qualifications

- Familiarity with standard accounting practices and the chosen District accounting software.
- Average facility with Microsoft Office or equivalent software applications (Word, Excel, Email)
- Knowledge of the District A15 Constitution, District A15 By-Laws, District A15 Policy Manual Facility with the District email system

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continue to focus on strengthening our District & Clubs by ensuring that all members are engaged in meaningful service

Trivia

NIGHT



GET READY October 21st, 2017 Burlington Legion Hall



THE EVENT

Join other teams battling over the most answers to obscure facts in this exciting and fun-filled Trivia Challenge. Winning teams receive prizes.

This stimulating night of competition takes place at the Burlington Legion, 828 Legion Road, Burlington, ON. The event starts at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Relax throughout the night with beverages from the cash bar.

GET REGISTERED

Cost to register is \$20 per person or \$160 for a team of eight. Individuals must be 19 years of age or older. Participants need to register in advance.

Registration Deadline: October 7th, 2017. To register or for more information contact: MBBLCL by email at mbbcltrivia@gmail.com.

THE HOSTS

Halton K9 Lions Club and Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club are pleased to present this fundraising event that tests teams on their knowledge of interesting facts.

The mission of the Halton K9 Lions Club is to raise money to assist clients in paying medical bills for their service dogs. The focus for the Mosborough Busy Busy Club is to raise money for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

THE SPONSORS

This event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors Elmira Pet Products and Fiftie's Diner.



All proceeds from this event go towards breeding, raising, and training Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides foster puppies, and assisting with the medical expenses of Lions Foundation of Canada Graduates.



Well, that's it for this issue. Thanks so much for all the input- I hope you like it.

Comments and critiques are welcome.

Looking forward to a GREAAAAAAT year



Yeah, I know he's a tiger, but I like the message.

Lion Gerry Haliburton, PZC. bulletin@a15lions.org