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# Lions Clubs International District A-15

News Bulletin

2017 Summer Edition



## Lions of District A 15



**T**hank you for your support this past year. It has been my pleasure to represent you.

In a recent newspaper report, a young couple helped save the lives of several swimmers swept out from shore by a rip tide. Not having the desired rescue equipment, the couple called for family friends and beach goers to join hands to form a human chain to bring the stranded swimmers back to safety. At one time over forty people joined the chain.

This was not without cost. One 68 year old suffered a heart attack during the rescue ordeal but is expected to make a full recovery.

When interviewed, the young man said “That’s just how we were brought up; you lend a hand to anyone in need if you can”

This depicts the essence of Lions Clubs going forward.

Values of tolerance, openness and working together.

In the words of our International Director Tom Gordon, “Yes WE Can”

Lion Wayne

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**We Serve**

















## OUR NEW D.G. & FRIENDS



**THE WHOLE MD "A" CREW!**





# TOM GORDON

Elected  
International  
Director **2017-2019**



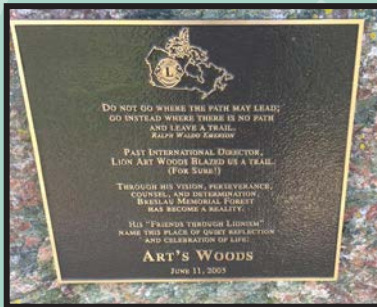
***“Yes We Did”***



**Congratulations Lions  
Tom & Gillian!**



**“WHO SAYS CABINET MEETINGS CAN’T BE FUN”**



**A** very moving service was held at the Memorial Forest in Breslau June 10th, it welcomed Lions from all over Canada to honour Lions that have passed away. The service was led by PID Art Woods with a traditional reading of reading of the names of the Lions being remembered by District Governors from all ten provinces. A highlight of the service was the rededication of the Forest to the memory of departed Lions and friends of Lionism.

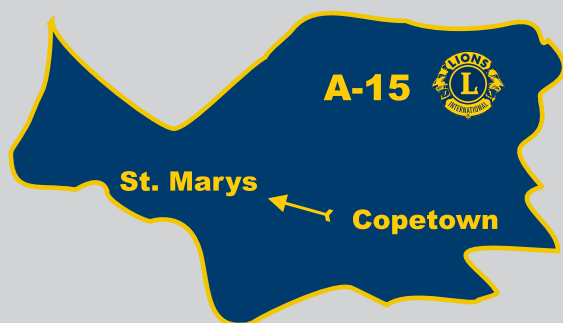
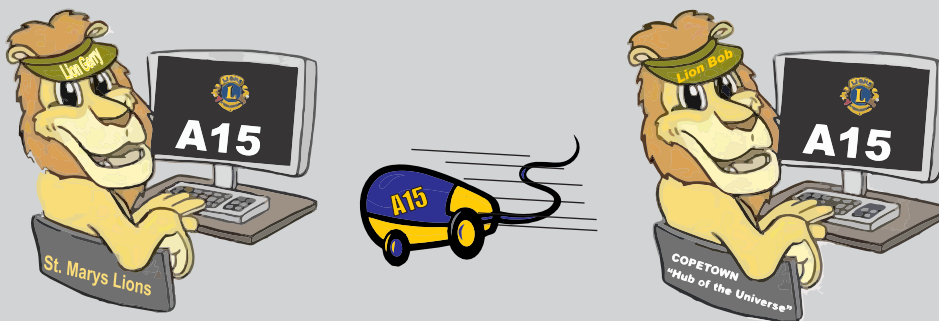
There was a Pet Dedication Service at the Pet Memorial Wall, led by Lion Art that included tributes to our Dog Guides and Pets, led by PDG Diane Smith.

Unfortunately, there were no photos available but images were available on facebook and the internet.





## ***"The Mouse is on the Move"***



***This issue will be my last as the A- 15 Bulletin Editor, it has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. Lion Gerry Haliburton from St. Marys Lions is taking over and from what I see he is definitely up to the task. I am looking forward to his personal touch.***



(sneak peek July/August edition)

**I am moving on to the editors position with the MD A Lion Magazine and I am looking forward to the challenge. PDG Lion John Daniels is the outgoing editor after a great nine years in the position and will continue as my mentor for as long as it takes for me to get my feet on the ground. We have been working together for about a year now and to date have shared quite a few **"SENIOR MOMENTS!"****

*Lion Bob*  
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## ROCKTON LIONS

### ROCKTON LIONS ANNUAL FISH FRY



**The Rockton Lions held their 12th Annual “ALL You Can Eat” Fish Fry on June 3rd at the Beverly Community Centre in Support of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and other community projects. It was a huge success, their biggest crowd ever, almost 900 people.**

**Not only was the food great there was a 50/50 draw worth almost \$1500 to the winner ( who donated \$500 back to the Club!) plus a terrific Silent Auction table supported by local businesses and individuals.**

**Special thanks to the Lynden Lions who ran the bar and the St. George Lions who fried up almost 600 pounds of potatoes to make delicious fries to go along with the 800 pounds of fish. St. George United Church donated their time to help clean up. The Rockton Lions will reciprocate in the fall by frying their fish for their event!**

**A Great Community Event! -Next Year's Fish Fry - June 2/18**





## HICKSON & DISTRICT LIONS



**The Hickson & District Lions Club are pleased to announce the addition of two new members. From left to right, sponsor Val Smith, new members Mike and Deb Campbell, and sponsor Brad Smith."**

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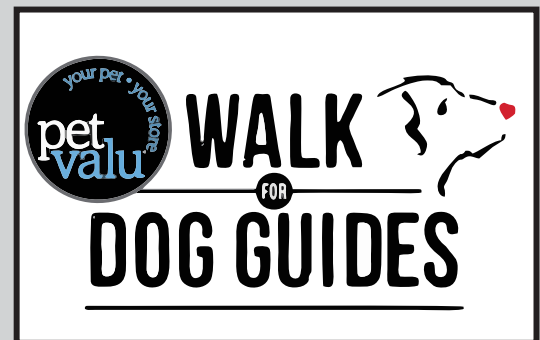


**PASSING**  
**July 2, 2017**  
**Lion Wm. "Bill" Wright**  
**Elmira Lions**  
**"He Served"**

## BRIDGEPORT, KW COMMUNITY SPIRIT & ST. JACOBS LIONS



The Kitchener Waterloo annual Walk for Dog guides was held on May 27, 2017 at Waterloo Park. The committee, including members from Bridgeport Lions, KW Community Spirit Lions, and St. Jacobs Lions, have raised over \$23,500 this year. The new national Walk sponsor is Pet Valu.

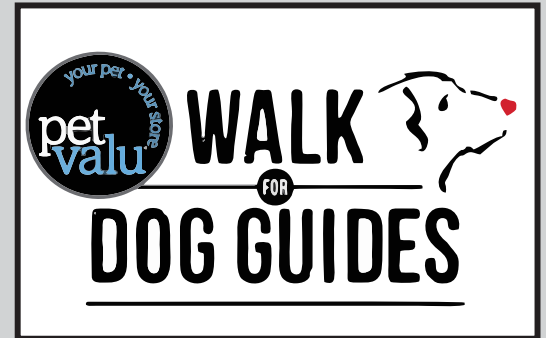


Manager of the new Pet Valu store at Fischer Hallman and Erb, Waterloo, Cassy and friend, were in attendance to support the event. They handed out doggie treats and gave away a free goodie basket draw for Walk participants.





## BRIDGEPORT, KW COMMUNITY SPIRIT & ST. JACOBS LIONS



**All participants received a door prize, various game prizes and enjoyed a free hot dog lunch after completing the walk.**

**New and television reporters were on hand to record the activities. Walk Chair Lion Dave Millard is shown being interviewed.**





## ST. GEORGE LIONS

**Congratulations to Lion Kevin Hewitson on receiving the Governor's Centennial Award. Kevin and Cheryl were present at the Saturday evening dinner of the District Convention when he was surprised with this honour. The award identifies Kevin as a Pillar of Lionism and recognizes his outstanding service to his club, the community and the world of Lionism. District Governor Wayne Litt presented the award.**



**Lions Wayne Branchaud and Kevin Martin received Silver Centennial pins, which were presented by Lion Cheryl Hewitson. Lion Wayne and Lion Kevin were recognized for successfully sponsoring two new members.**





## K-W Community Spirit Lions Food Truck/E-Recycling Event

The K-W Community Spirit Lions held a Food Truck/E-Recycling Event at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Franklin Street, Kitchener, on May 29, 2017, 5-8 pm.



A 22-foot collection bin was parked beside the church driveway for a week in advance of the event; for Lion and community members to drop off their electronic recyclables and bagged used clothing.

Pictured (left), Lions Wendy Johnston and Marianne Steadman supervising the recycling bin.

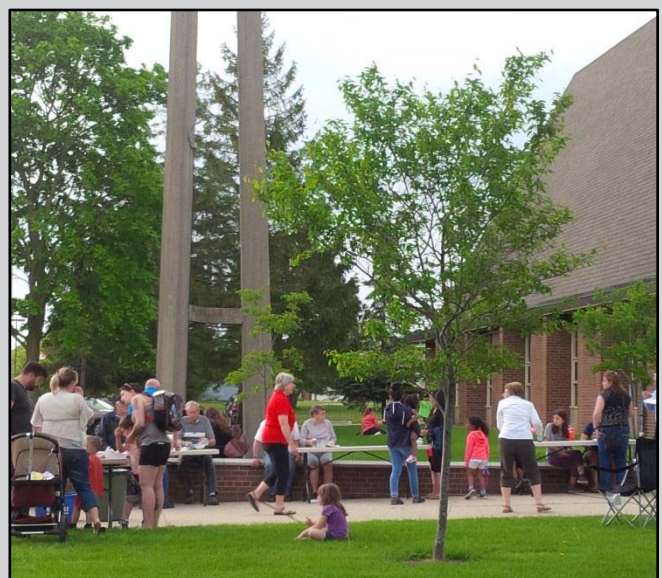
Four food trucks were present for the evening, with a variety of meals available for take out or to eat on site.



Tables were provided; and customers brought their own chairs, or ate beside the wall on the church lawn. (below right) Lion Shirley Ruller greeting the dinner guests.



The K-W Community Spirit Lions have earmarked the proceeds from this event to be donated to the St. Luke's Nutrition for Learning Program.







## ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB



The St. Marys Lions held their annual Car Show at Milt Dunnell field on Saturday, June 24, 2017. The weather was perfect, and we had over 100 vehicles attend.

The Pancake Breakfast has become a regular feature of this event and the visitors look forward to it. We also serve a lunch of Hot Dogs and Sausage on a bun, with onions, sauerkraut, and the usual fixins.

The members of the club and some very helpful spouses made the heavy workload easy to bear, with much good humour.







## EXETER LIONESS



Lioness Laurie Dykstra, Mayor and Lioness Maureen Cole with MPP Lisa Thompson.

An Assembly of Huron County Women, in celebration of Canada's 150th and the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson and South Huron Mayor Maureen Cole co-hosted an event celebrating **"A Remarkable Assembly of Huron County Women."**

150 remarkable women celebrated their service as elected officials, community advocates, entrepreneurs, athletes, writers, community volunteers, entertainers and much more. The common thread is that they lead by example, are proud to call Huron County Home and each made a difference in their own way. Lioness Lossy Fuller also received the award but was unavailable for the photo.



# OXFORD LIONS



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The Oxford Lions Club has donated \$5,400 to VON Sakura House and \$3,000 to the Wellington Animal Rescue Fund. Two local organizations are sending out a big thank you to the Oxford Lions Club who have once again stepped forward with the proceeds of the Music and Comedy night. VON Sakura House received \$5,400 while the Wellington Animal Rescue Fund gratefully accepted \$3,000.

Chair of the VON Oxford Community Board John Goodbun is very appreciative of groups like the Lions who keep coming back time and time again. "[Sakura House] is a million dollar operation and of course the people that stay there and are cared for do it at no cost of their own, so as long as we continue to raise funds and community support like from the Oxford Lions it is paramount to what we are trying to do."



Office Administrator for the Wellington Animal Hospital Kim Stere says this money will help fund surgeries and care for animals who have no where else to turn. "At one point they would just be euthanized due to the long term care. We've had some here for up to six months and that takes a lot of time and effort to get them back where they need to be."

Oxford Lions member Steve Newton says they know donating to these causes makes a big impact on our community. "We really appreciate what VON Sakura House provides to the community and we also appreciate what the Wellington Animal Hospital does in donating their time and resources in helping injured animals to bringing them to a point where they can be adopted by a family." Newton says the club is already planning another Music and Comedy Night for next year.



**The club also donated  
\$2,000.00 to the A15  
Youth Camp  
&  
Exchange Program**





## NEW HAMBURG LIONESS



**A group of members from the New Hamburg Lioness Club are shown with the tree received from DG Wayne Litt at the A15 Convention. It is to be planted at the Riehl House, a local group home in New Hamburg. Lions Club International's goal is to plant a million trees around the world.**



**Lioness Carol Massel was the recipient of two significant awards, she is shown with Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock with her third place award from the A15 Bulletin Contest and with her second place winning photo from the A15 Environmental Photo contest.**





## Ontario Visually Impaired Golfers

Greetings Lions,

I am writing to provide an update on the Canadian Open Blind Golf Championships and to ask for some volunteer help during the event from August 14 through 17 in Hamilton.

First, I would like to thank those Lions clubs that sent financial contributions for running the event. I list them below. We needed a few thousand dollars on top of our other funding, and you came through. Our funds are secured, our field of 32 blind golfers from across Canada (and a few international players) is set and we are working on the remaining logistics to ensure a smooth and enjoyable tournament.

*Thank You!*

Lions Clubs of Hamilton Central, Burlington, Mississauga Central, Streetsville & Guelph.

If you can spare a few hours on one or more days between August 13 and 18, here is what we need:

**Help with transportation**

**Help at the golf course**

Volunteers get to wear stylish red Blind Golf Canada Volunteer caddie bibs.

**Participation in the inaugural Claude Pattemore Memorial on August 17**

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact:

Lion David Burnett (blind competitor), Aurora Lions

[dburnett@endtoend.com](mailto:dburnett@endtoend.com) 416 560-6552

**If you want to play in the 1st Annual  
Claude Pattemore Memorial Scramble  
August 17th, please contact:**

[rick.kush@agr.gc.ca](mailto:rick.kush@agr.gc.ca) or 519 400-3719

Prize donations for the scramble are also welcome.





## M.D. “A” TEAMWORK



On June 1st the Lions of M.D. “A” lived up to their commitment of \$75,000.00 to fund a “SENSORY GARDEN” at the Canadian Deaf Blind Association in Paris. It began as a three year commitment but this cooperative effort fulfilled their task in two years.

Shown presenting the check is Lion Gary Eves A15, Tina Young from Barrie, Lioness Janet Dawson-Brock A5, Lion Sue Flanigan A3, Lion and Executive Director Cathy Proll A15, Chair Lion Zoltan Dohar A2, Lion John Lackey A9, Lion John Pepper A15, Lioness Mary Lou Krestel A2. Shown in the second picture with the dedication plaque is Lion and Executive Director Cathy Proll and Chair Lion Zoltan Dohar. The plaque information is also in Braille. The inscription says, “Thank you Lions Homes for Deaf People for bring life to our Sensory Garden.”

Lions Homes for Deaf People is a committee of M.D. “A” Lions, Lionesses and interested individuals in Ontario who believe in Helen Keller's challenge “to become the knights of the blind.” The club works to improve the lives of people who are blind, deaf or deadfbblind.





## EXETER LIONESS



**Exeter Lioness Club donated \$5000 to LFC DogGuide program. Pictured here (l to r) Lioness Liz Stephens, Jody Masse, DogGuide Volunteer, Lioness Megan Forrest, Jody's puppy in training.**

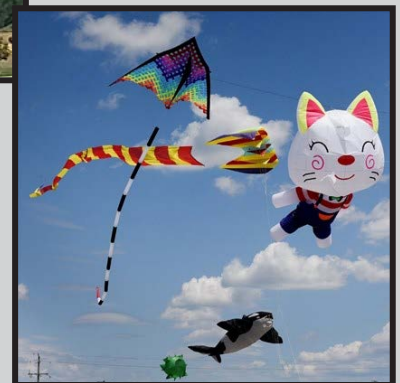




## COPETOWN LIONS



**The Lions of Copetown recently had their food trailer set up at the Ancaster Fair Grounds for the Kite Festival. The 1st annual event was hosted by the Ancaster Agricultural Society. Lots of fun for the children and adults alike and a good day for a successful fund raiser!! And the wind cooperated!!**





# **Belwood & District Lions Club**



## ***FISH FRY***

### ***DINNER***

**BELWOOD COMMUNITY HALL**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH, 2017**

**TWO DINNER SEATINGS**

**4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM**

**TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE AT 5PM**

**ADULTS \$15.00 CHILDREN(12 AND UNDER) \$8.00**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
AT THE BELWOOD COUNTRY MARKET  
HIGHLANDS PINES CAMPGROUND STORE  
OR CALL 519-843-7011 OR 5 19-787-0580**







# SWEABURG & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB'S

26th ANNUAL

## KIDS CAMP CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC



**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

**Creekside Golf Course  
Hwy 59 South Woodstock**

*Cost is \$400.00 / team or \$100.00 per person. Individual entries accepted and you will be placed on a team. Entry fees must be in by **August 4, 2017...***

*Cost includes golf, **CART**, a prize, a **BBQ Beef dinner**, and a **\$30 income tax receipt***

*Make cheques payable to: **Sweaburg & District Lions Club.***

*For further information contact Bill Weatherston, 155 Falcon Dr., Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7V5 (519-537-7378.), Jim Pickard, 20 Wilkins, Drive, Sweaburg, R.R. #1 Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7V6 (519-456-3425) or Rick Bell, 7 Millard St., Sweaburg, R.R. #1 Woodstock, On N4S 7V6 (519-456-3065)*

### PROCEEDS TO:

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS YOUTH CAMP  
BRUCE MURRAY INTERNATIONAL LIONS YOUTH CAMP  
LAKE DORSET CAMP



## **OKTOBERFEST LIONS FUND RAISER**

**THE OKTOBERFEST LIONS ARE RAISING FUNDS BY SELLING TICKETS  
TO A TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME**

### **TORONTO BLUE JAYS VS PITTSBURG PIRATES**

**DATE: AUG. 13<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

**PRICE: \$95.00**

**SEATS ARE LOCATED IN SECTION 239 ALONG THE 3RD BASE LINE  
DEPARTURE TIME IS 10:30 AM SHARP**

**BUS WILL BE LEAVING FROM LYLE HALLMAN POOL PARKING LOT  
600 HERITAGE DRIVE, KITCHENER**

**THE BUS WILL BE RETURNING TO KITCHENER A HALF HOUR AFTER  
THE COMPLETION OF THE GAME**

**FOR TICKETS EMAIL: [OKTOBERFEST@A15LIONS.ORG](mailto:OKTOBERFEST@A15LIONS.ORG)**

**NO RESERVATIONS**





# CANADIAN DEAFBLIND ASSOCIATION

## ONTARIO CHAPTER



### 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

AT PARIS GRAND COUNTRY CLUB

In support of Children's Intervenor Services

**Saturday  
September 23**

**11 AM Registration  
12 PM Shotgun Start**



Open to golfers of all skill levels  
\$150 per person or \$600 per  
foursome  
Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch  
and dinner  
Prizes for everyone

**Register before July 31  
for our Early Bird rate**

**The Cobblestone**  
PUBLIC HOUSE  
*Stillwaters!*

Register at [www.cdbaontario.com](http://www.cdbaontario.com) or 519-442-0463