



**Lions Clubs International
District A-15
District Governor's Newsletter
Fall 2019**



TRACEY'S TIDBITS

So, your club is off and running for another year of Lionism. Fund raisers to plan & execute. Donations of both time and money to worthy causes in your community (both budgeted and surprise – here's an individual or group suddenly needing our help). And, as I mentioned in my last communication, please don't forget about the district projects. But, most importantly, I ask you to make sure you keep the fun and fellowship at the top of your club's most important goals.

Did you know that Lions have specialty clubs? Yes, Lions International is chartering clubs working around a specific interest. We already have one in A-15 in the Busy Busy Lions Club whose members are the families fostering puppies for Guide Dogs and, generally, supporting LFC. I'd love to see another 'specific interest' group become a Lions Club in A-15. Any suggestions???

Many members don't use MyLION to access the Lions International website but Presidents, Treasurers and, particularly, club Secretaries know they can't communicate club information to (or get information from) LCI without using it. To sharpen your skills, or just get more familiar with how MyLION works, GLT Chairman Dennis Lougheed is conducting a seminar on Oct 19 in Waterloo. Participation is limited to 40 people. Contact Lion Dennis (glt@a15lions.org) for more information and to reserve your place.

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We Serve

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LCIF Campaign 100 – I hope by now every member in A-15 has heard about this multi-year project of our International Foundation. Although I am heartened by our district's participation so far, I must say I believe we can do much better. This is very much a member centred project where each of you is asked to donate over the three-year period of the initiative either individually or through the group efforts of your club. There is no minimum donation amount and tax receipts are available. Contact Peter Oswald (lcif@a15lions.org) to learn more.

I don't know of anyone who isn't worried about global warming & climate change. LCI has been in the forefront with environmental issues for years. Every Governor appoints an Environment Chair to serve on Cabinet. I'm looking right now for that passionate Lion to fill this role. If a member of your club would be a natural to fill this job, please contact me (dg@a15lions.org). Oh, and as long as I'm asking, I also still need a Diabetes West Chair and Bulletin Editor as well.

Through my journey in Lionism I've learned that most members are there to support the local activities of their club. But a few take the next step to become members of the Board of Directors and, maybe, club presidents. But you are shortchanging yourself if you don't consider taking the next step. One of the most exciting jobs in Lionism is Zone Chair. Taking me beyond my own club, I was exposed to the tremendous activities of Lions that goes on beyond my club. As well, I got to work with a wonderful group of dedicated men & women. So, I've asked PCC Dennis Loughheed to put together an information session on January 11 in New Hamburg, so you can learn more about the position of Zone Chair and Region Chair. More on that later but, I hope many of you will plan to attend.

Let's Have Fun!

Editors Note:

*With the way things worked out the district still needs a bulletin/newsletter editor, we just know there are a good number of Lions out there that are aptly qualified. If you are interested in the position please contact District Governor Tracey. In the interim I will **temporarily** fill in until a new editor is found but an early volunteer would be appreciated.*

*Lion Bob Pearson
Copetown Lions
MD A Magazine Editor*

*Tracey
Robinson*





PASSINGS

“THEY SERVED”

Lion Ian MacFarlane , June 17th, Innerkip Lions

Lion Ralph Johnston, June 26th, Thamesford Lions

PDG Lion Tim Blackburn July 6th, Lucan & District Lions

Lion William Crump, August 8th, Exeter Lions

PDG and PCC Lion Gerry Albert August 12th, Sudbury Lions

Lion Peter Fish, August 23rd , Burford Lions

Lion Don Mousseau August 24th, Exeter Lions

Lion Gordon Calder September 11th, 2019, Ingersoll Lions

Lion Lynn Mercier, September 13th, Belwood Lions

Lion Fred Tipple, September 14th, West Coast Lions

Lion Howard Hodge, October 4th, Exeter Lions



PDG Appreciation Night for Lion Kevin J. Banfield Saturday October 26 2019

Social 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Roasting and Presentation to follow

Grand Valley Golf and Country Club

1910 Roseville Road

Cambridge Ontario

Cost \$30 per person

Beef and Chicken dinner

Please advise any specific dietary needs

Business casual please

For Tickets Contact: O.J. Wilura @ ojwilura@gmail.com
or 519-748-4304



A15 AWARDS



Lion Dennis Lougheed - International President's Leadership Medal, presented by Lion Art Woods, PID

The District A-15 Lions Learning Recognition was created last year in order to both promote on going learning and recognize those Lions who have taken advantage of the many available opportunities to strengthen their role as a Lion. These Lions were recognized with District A-15 Lions Learning Recognition Awards for the levels reached this Lions year



**L - R: Dennis Lougheed St Jacobs Lions, Bronze, Silver, Gold
George Corrin Thamesford Lions, Bronze, Silver, Gold
OJ Wilura Lions Club of Kitchener, Bronze, Silver, Gold
Diane Smith Woolwich Community Lions, Bronze
Kevin Banfield Lions Club of Kitchener, Bronze, Silver, Gold**

St. George Lions



Lion Roy Steedman on the left was presented with a Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Fellowship by Lion Chief Lyle Fair. Roy personally contributed \$3,000.00 towards the clubs sponsorship of a Diabetic Dog Guide



Membership Chair Lion Cheryl recognized our members with 25+ years in Lionism. Pictured l-r are Lions Dave MacAlpine (45 years), John Ilett (42), Orton Eby (47), Bob Brooks (55), Ted Roberts (53), Ross Ilett (42), Wray Smith (62), Kevin Hewitson (28). Other members not pictured are Lions Harry Witteveen (67), Barry McCrea (33), John Daniels (46) and Jack Kay (52). This totals 608 years of service from these men alone. They have great experience and stories to tell of days gone by. Thank you all for your service gentlemen.

St. George Lions

Bruce Murray International Youth Camp – As in the past our club was well involved in the camp this year. Lions Barbara and Emidio Melara and Lion Gerry and Germaine Graves hosted four youths; Louis from France, Davi from Brazil, Pedro from Brazil and Matas from Lithuania. Thank you to the Melara's and the Graves for being such generous hosts. By all reports the boys enjoyed their time in Canada.



Other Lions pitched in to feed the campers breakfast while they were at camp. Two groups of members prepared the food on the Sunday and Monday. Thank you to Lions Barbara, Lyle, Brenda, Ruth Ann, Tony, Karen and Kevin M. for being so generous with your time.



Lion Gerry & Germaine Graves with their billetes, Matas & Pedro



Memorial Forest – The Rededication Ceremony at the LFC Dog Guide Facility in Breslau took place on June 8th. A tree was planted in honour of Lion Dave Ritchie and seven members of our club were present along with Lion Dave's wife Laura, his sister, grand-daughter and daughter-in-law. If you were not able to attend the ceremony you are welcome at the forest anytime. Cheers to Lion Dave. Your absence is still felt.

Pictured left to right: Dave's sister Betty, Granddaughter Courtney, Lion Dave Pierce, Laura Ritchie, Lions Kevin Hewitson, Barry Ames, Lorraine Ferretti, Carol Ottman and Steve Ferretti. Lion Chris Price was also present.



COPETOWN LIONS



The International Youth Dinner was hosted by Copetown, Rockton and Lynden Lions. It was held at the Copetown Community Centre. Each camper prepared a display to tell about their country. The teens were well spoken and answered questions of all kinds. After a dinner of wings and fries, the formal part of the evening began with a parade of flags and a few speeches. The campers entertained guests with many acts of talent. It was a most enjoyable evening. If you missed it, I would highly recommend attending next year.



Showing
Three
of
Twenty-Three



The text above was
plagiarized from the
St. George Bulletin,
thanks to
Sue Martin!

Monkton Lions Fishing & Outdoor Camp for Kids 2019



**“If you can dream it, you can do it”.
That’s how the Monkton Lions Club
Fishing & Outdoors Camp came to be.
When Lion Tim DeBlock first approached
his club about his dream of doing a kids
camp you can imagine the multitude of
questions and uncertainty he received.**

**Thanks to networking and persistence, the Club hosted their
9th Kids Camp this year on the south shores of Fraser Island
on Lake Nipissing**

**The camp is
offered to
children ages 9-
11 who do not
have the
opportunity to
experience such**

**an adventure. Or maybe there’s just been a lot of hardships
a family has had to deal with and the child just needs a little
‘sunshine’ in their life.**



**They spend their days swimming,
fishing, canoeing, and playing
games. There are campfires, a
movie night, and projects –
building bird houses, memory
boxes, and fishing lures.**

**Monkton teamed up with other Clubs, businesses and
individuals to help source the children and provide
resources. Thank you to the following Lions Clubs: Atwood,
Mitchell, Milverton, Exeter, New Hamburg, St. Mary’s,
Stratford, Guelph, K-W Community Spirit, Kitchener,
Woolwich, Elmira, and Bellwood.**

**For further info check the camp website:
*monktonlionsclubkidscamp.com***

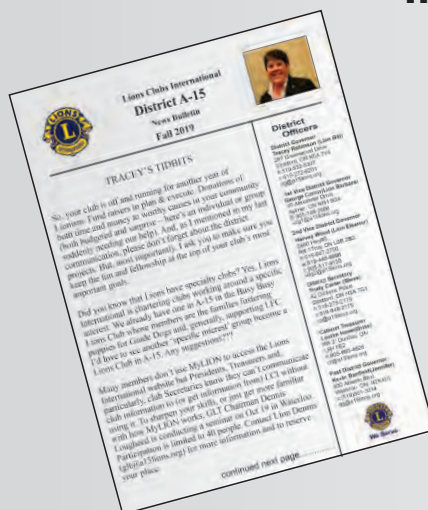
EXETER LIONS



L-R Lion Paul Anstett, Lion Chief Craig Glavin, new Lions Terry Meikle

Just getting around to catching up on a backlog of correspondence and found this photo in the Exeter Bulletin “THE ROAR”. It is an induction of new member, Terry Meikle. Which in itself is a very good thing, but when you take a look at their roster the addition of Terry as a member puts Exeter up to and about **65** members. Obviously a **STRONG** club!

Info about the newsletter:



We are a little behind on our issues, the last one was in June, we have checked the inbox for the bulletin (bulletin@15lions.org) and hopefully captured most of if not all submissions. If you did send an item and don't see it, please advise.

St. Marys Lions



In the last issue(which seems like a very long time ago) there was an item describing a unique induction ceremony involving the CN Tower. PDG Karen McNeight was the organizer of this event, even though she had a well established fear of heights.

Undaunted by the experience Lion Karen has gone to great heights to overcome her phobia as evidenced by this photo!



ZURICH LIONS



Zurich Lions Club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Carl Finkbeiner for his many years of faithful service.

2019 Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions



Several Lions received awards at the K-W Community Spirit Lions Club windup party on July 10th.

(above left) Lion Janet Dawson Brock (l) and Lion Shirley Ruller (r), presented Lion Marianne Steadman (center) with a Life Membership to Lions Clubs International. (above right) PDG Nancy Ransom (r), presented a Helen Keller Fellowship to Lion Faye Meadows (l).

(below left) Lion Joanne McQuiggan (l), presented guest Katherine La Hay (r) with a Lions Quest Fellowship. (below right) PDG Nancy Ransom (r), presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to outgoing Club President Shirley Ruller (l).



K.W. Community Spirit Lions



The K.W. Community Spirit Lions held a road cleanup event back in May. Here are Lions Nancy Ransom(L) and Shirley Rutter(R) doing their part.

St. George Lions

As a result of a community project spearheaded by the St. George Lions a new pavilion has been erected at KingWilliam Park. Despite the rainy weather there was a good group of people who showed up for the dedication ceremony and because of the rain the facility provided great protection. After a number of speeches Mayor David Bailey was the official ribbon cutter. Lion Chief Barry and Lion Kevin H. thanked folks for coming and recognized the contributions we received that helped pay for the pavilion. Family and friends of the late Roger Rosebrugh, Lois Wheat, Laurie Brooks and Lion Dave Ritchie were present. The families of these community members kindly directed memorial donations to St. George Lions. A representative from Ayr Farmers Mutual, Pro Mar Electric and OK Tire and Auto were also present. These businesses contributed to the successful completion of the picnic shelter.





LOCAL FOOTPRINTS.....

By PDG Nancy Ransom
A-15 Historian

GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS CLUB SRI LANKA PROJECT 1987 – 1991

One of the first projects of the Guelph Royal City Lions Club, which chartered in 1987, was the collection of used eye glasses. These were shipped to a Lions club in Sri Lanka, who arranged eye examinations and donated the glasses to needy people in their area. The plywood shipping boxes for the glasses were built and donated by Conestoga College.



Within their first year as a club, they had already shipped several thousand pairs of eye glasses to Sri Lanka. This was the beginning of a much larger project to benefit those in need in this country. In July, 1987, Lion Chief Peter Misersky visited a new Lions Club in Sri Lanka. On behalf of the Guelph Royal City Lions, he presented their club with a cheque for \$400.00 for the erection of a building to house under privileged citizens.

In September, 1987, the club voted to “Twin” with the Negombo Lions Club, District 306B, Sri Lanka. In December, 1987, this being the International year of Shelter, the club contributed another \$1500.00 to the Negombo Lions; who were building 100 houses on land donated by the Sri Lankan government, to be given to war/typhoon ravaged and displaced persons in this area.



The Lions of Negombo were also looking for assistance at that time to build 20 wells in the village of Nayanalokagama. Each well would cost approx. \$50.00 US to dig out and line with cement. This was a village where more than 40 blind families were settled. The Royal City clubs also voted to collect and ship hospital

equipment to the Bentota area Lions Club, who were planning to build a small rural hospital.



LOCAL FOOTPRINTS

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On July 13, 1989, unfortunately Lion Peter Misersky died in a farm accident. The Guelph Royal City Lions continued to work on with the Sri Lanka project. On August 01, 1989, 6 club members picked up a truckload of used hospital equipment (complete radiology unit), donated by Henderson Hospital in Hamilton; and stored in Guelph for later shipment.



On August 17, 1989, a container was loaded in Toronto and left for Sri Lanka. The container contained one ambulance, medical books and journals, and hospital equipment donated by the Province of Ontario.

On August 25, 1989, Lion Chief Vasyl Petrushevsky met with MPP Rick Ferraro, to discuss further donations to be made by the Province of Ontario, including an additional ambulance. In September, 1989, a large quantity of packing crates was donated to the club. These were picked up in Mississauga and placed in storage in Guelph. These would be



used for crating hospital equipment to be shipped to Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka provided a list of needed equipment and the club continued searching for same, requesting the assistance of Crown Assets Disposal.

On September 5-6, 1989, a complete radiology unit was picked up from Guelph General Hospital, for later shipping to Sri Lanka.

In February, 1991, the Royal City Lions completed their Sri Lankan project with the shipment of a final container, including another used ambulance, to be converted to a mobile eye clinic.



LOCAL FOOTPRINTS

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Lion Peter contacted many sources for used medical equipment, including hospitals in southern Ontario. He wrote letters to the Ontario Ministers of External Affairs and Public Works, local doctors, members of parliament and transport companies, requesting their assistance. Meanwhile he continued corresponding with prominent Lions in Sri Lanka. In his own words, “I have very high hopes for the establishing of a hospital through our help because I feel that here is a project, if it succeeds, we can all be proud of. For very little actual money something of great benefit to some poor and unfortunate people can be created and that alone fills me with pride. December, 1987, by this time the Peter’s club had collected enough equipment to fill a container, 20 beds and night tables, operating room equipment, X-Ray and Zerox Developer unit and a steam sterilizer unit. This container would be shipped to the port of Colombo in Sri Lanka.



The Lions Club of Alutgama had purchased land to build a small, 20-bed rural hospital in the Bentota region, and this equipment would almost be all that was needed to equip and furnish it. As Chairman, Lion Doctor Watson Mendis, of this Sri Lanka project 1988 the container was admitted into Sri Lanka without the usual duty, tax, or harbour charges.

The High Commissioner of Sri Lanka visited the Guelph Royal City Lions to



thank the Club for their donation of more than one million dollars worth of equipment and goods to help the Bentota Lions complete their hospital for the local poor. He called it “a gift from the heart” because it required much time and effort by the Royal City club to prepare, making it far more valuable than something purchased

with money. He commended the Lions Clubs in both countries for being leaders in bridging the gaps between haves and have nots to help his nation’s poor.

Lions Peter and Pearl Misersky, and Lion Bob Sherwood attended the official opening of Gunasakera Hospital in Bentota, Sri Lanka on March 24, 1989. The Guelph Royal City Lions were named as the “foster parent” of the first baby (girl Diane) born in this hospital.

K-W Community Spirit Lions Teddies for Waterloo Region Sexual Assault Centre



June, 2019 - Julia Manuel, Manager, Waterloo Region Sexual Assault Centre and Lion Lisa Lishman, K-W Community Spirit Lions holding several of the Teddy Bears our Club donated to the Centre, for the children who are being treated there. The club have been donating teddies to the Centre for about 20 years.

K-W Community Spirit Lions Support Sleeping Children Around the World



In 2019 the K-W Community Spirit Lions provided a bedkit for each of three needy children in the Philippines, through the program “Sleeping Children Around the World”. The travelling SCAW volunteer team purchase the bed-kit items from locally produced sources, and work with local coordinators to distribute them in various countries around the world. The kits include a backpack, mattress, mosquito net, pillow, towel, toothbrush and various school supplies. A good night’s sleep is critical to achieve academic success, and the items in the bed-kit help the children to achieve this goal.

STRATFORD LIONS



New Lion Frieda Stitt (center) was inducted into the Stratford Lions Club by GMT District Coordinator Bill Robinson (right) on October 17, 2019. She was sponsored by District Governor Tracey Robinson (left). Lion Frieda is the oldest and the newest member of the club.

9 South Zone Meeting



The Lynden Lions hosted a 9S Zone meeting October 17th, presided over by Zone Chair Gary Eves, inset on right. Lion Dennis Lougheed (L) GLT Chair gave an excellent presentation on Leadership. As you can see it was a packed house!



CANADIAN LIONS

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



CANADIAN LIONS
CENTENNIAL
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J. Arthur Woods PID

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Patti Hill PID

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Ben Ward PID

Jack Isaman PID

Gilles Melancon PID

Leonard Giffen PID

Garnet Davis PID

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W W "Bill" Webber PID

Kenneth Green PID

Ralph Long PID

Bohdan "Bud" Danylchuk PID

Judge Virgil P Moshansky PID

LIONS 2020

100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN CANADA

These are truly exciting times for Canadian Lions!

The first club in Canada was chartered in 1920 in Windsor Ontario. This made Lionism truly International. We are celebrating our 100 Years of Service during the 2 year period starting July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

We have two (2) main goals – two (2) projects to help us celebrate our Centennial:

1. To plant 100,000 Trees across Canada.
2. Each Club is encouraged to complete a Centennial Project in its Community. It could be something as easy as placing a bench in a park or a Trail or it could be something very major such as building a new Hall or Arena. It doesn't matter, but what is important is that we do something that is visible and shows Lionism in action. Each Governor has an information brochure, report forms and buttons. Pins are also available for purchase.

For more information contact your District Governor or either of the following:

Canadian Centennial Committee Co-Chairs:

- Lion Carl Young
- Lion Art Woods

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LIONS 2020!



March 21, 2020



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For more info contact:

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Lion Denise Poisson denisepoisson55@gmail.com



ELMIRA LIONS PLANT 100 TREES FOR 100 YEARS!



Lion Kevin Ladd



Lions Dan DeCosta & Art Woods

21 Members of the Elmira Lions Club gathered along one of our Recreational Trails recently to plant 100 8' tall maple trees. With the 16" diameter holes pre-bored and the trees pre-delivered, planting started at 2:00 p.m. Under the supervision of Richard Beisel, Andy Heal and Art Woods all 100 trees were planted, staked and wired by 6:00 p.m. – just in time to retire for wings, pizza and *pepsi* at Lions Hall.



Lions John Ziegler & Norm Bader

Photos courtesy of
Aneta Rebiszewski
Reporter/Photographer
Woolwich Observer



Join MBBLC and Halton K9 Lions for our

TRIVIA NIGHT



October 26, 2019, 6:30 pm
Burlington Legion Hall



All proceeds to support Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides
and Dog Guides recipients



RAFFLE FOR DOG GUIDES \$8,000 IN CASH PRIZES

DRAW DETAILS

Early Bird Draw:

Cash Prize: \$1,000. December 17, 2019

Raffle Draw:

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**I would never have dreamed of being
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if it were not for the Lions.

Lion Jimmy Carter January 27, 2008



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