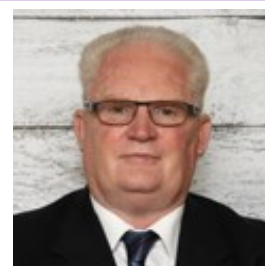
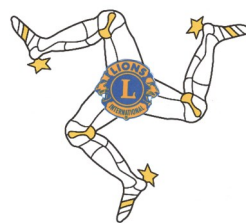


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**District A15
Lions**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Coming into this year with the COVID-19 pandemic is leading us to look differently towards how we service our communities. A year ago, we would never have guessed that Zoom meetings, social distancing, wearing masks and sanitizing in public areas, and limited interaction with other Lion members, would become the "norm".

We need to look at other venues to service the needs of our communities. Let us acknowledge that we are fortunate to be living in Canada, where other global areas of the world, are less fortunate than we are here. We will be given the challenge to discern what the best venue will look like and we can best serve in our communities.

We need to remember the reasons why we became a Lion in the first place.

Lions Clubs International

Lions International has retained International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi for an unprecedented second term. Now is the time to come together. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve as the 103rd International President of Lions Clubs International. Over the past year, I experienced the overwhelming good Lions delivered to over 275 million people—more than ever before. Though I have been a Lion myself for over 40 years, it has been truly humbling to see the innovative and diverse

Servicing others within our community was probably one of our main reasons, so the questions is, "What does this look like now? How can we best offer our services?"

Let's focus on the main pillars of Lionism. "Hearing" is one of these pillars, that personally touches me, since I have lost almost 80% of my own hearing, so an example of service, would be for either me personally or a local club to get involved with the

Homes for the Deaf, which is one of the organizations that we support. Each of you needs to remember where your passion lies and identify how you can best help in that specific area. Take personal time and effort to encourage others by making phone calls to fellow members, expressing positive thoughts to those suffering with health issues, or others who are experiencing a loss

ways our clubs serve their local communities around the world. My experiences as International President have reminded me of just how critical our service is to people everywhere and the incredible contribution it's making to our future. And while the past year has brought with it great highs, the world, as we all know, has experienced many changes. New global challenges have emerged, impacting our everyday lives and our ability to work, play, communicate and serve in the ways we've always

of a job. Recognizing that your volunteer time is just as important as your financial support, but at the same time being sensitive and advising the appropriate executives when financial support is required.

As a global organization we still need to continue to support LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation) with their relief efforts during disaster situations.

The Lions Club is only as strong as the individuals that make up the Lions Club.

District A15 Governor
2020 / 2021

Lion George Corrin

done. In the face of these new challenges, Lions have responded like they always have: with kindness, passion and conviction, lifting up others through our diversity of service. I'm so proud of all our members. In this new Lions year, I've been asked to serve another term as International President. I am honored to continue leading us through this changing landscape, and I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me. Yet, it is the trust I have in each and every Lion that gives me hope and confidence in our ability to lead, to safely serve and to restore hope to the world in this historic moment. Thank you all,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

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“Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”

Good Day,

As your newly appointed District Governor, I would like to take a few moments to outline some of my goals and objectives for 2020-2021.

The District Governor Team is committed to improving the communications between the District Governor’s Team and the individual Clubs. During this time of social distancing, it is important that we communicate our next action plans and work together as a team to meet the service needs within our communities. This year, each Lions Club will be assigned to one of the District Governors, to act as a liaison between the Cabinet and the Clubs. This enables us to hear feedback from your club and also have the opportunity to openly share information with you from the Cabinet.

Our A15 District will also be part of the Lions International Program called NAMI (North American Membership Initiative), where our focus will be to help clubs and zones create and execute data-supported membership plans. Projects can be developed through environmental, multi-generational opportunities, that are made available to multiple clubs, through a partnership with the different Boards of Education and Conservation Authorities within our District. More details to follow on a proposed District environmental project in the next few months.

I am a strong believer in mentorship, so over the next few months, you will see significant effort will be put into training individuals in their specific role, and working with a mentor to learn more about Lionism and strengthen their leadership capabilities. Succession planning will also be part of our objective, as we strive to put together a 3-year plan for our District Governors and Cabinet.

Some of the clubs in our District have executed some exceptional creative and resourceful service activities during the past few months. Please make sure that you post pictures on your website, and the A15 website, Facebook and use our Bulletin as well so the other clubs can congratulate you on your successes. We may have to re-think how we are going to execute our events, but I encourage you to keep serving your communities. Keep the Lions name visible and recognized as one of the service leaders in your area.

The Lions are the community and the community is the Lions

Together we can make 2020-2021 an exciting year!

DG George Corrin



1918 Logo



Current Logo



IPDG Tracey passing the gavel to DG Elect George—07.01.20



1920 Logo

First Grads Since March!

A big congratulations goes out to two new teams, Dan and Dog Guide Titus, and Julie and Dog Guide Stanley! The two teams graduated yesterday afternoon from the Autism Assistance program.

This was a very special graduation as both teams are the first to

graduate since the pandemic forced the foundation to postpone all spring classes in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. Titus and Stanley not only graduated yesterday but met, for the first time, the children they will be assisting and keeping safe. Congratulations to all!



Photo description: Autism Assistance instructors Mike and Courtney pose with the new Autism Assistance teams Dan and Titus, a black standard poodle, and Julie and Stanley, a yellow Lab/golden retriever cross.

Atwood 'rocks' its way to Canada Day 2020

Like all communities across the nation, this is going to be a different Canada Day.

In the tiny Perth County town of Atwood, they're not taking the holiday for granted, by turning to "granite".

"We painted between 400-500 rocks all white, with a red edge, and then we delivered them to every house in Atwood. We said to Atwood residents, paint your rock, bring it back, and it kind of went from there," says Leasa Skinner, Atwood Rocks co-organizer. Skinner and her daughter started painting "inspirational" rocks for their community back in April.

When the **Atwood Lions** caught wind of their project, they enlisted their help to reinvent their Canada Day festivities.

"Cause of COVID, you can't really do much. Normally, we'd have a parade and stuff. I wanted to do something nice for the community and this was one of the ways I thought we could do that," says Trinity Skinner, Atwood Rocks co-organizer.

"You're not alone. This is still something fun you can do for Canada Day. We've also got sidewalk chalk to decorate your house, we've got a house decorating contest. Lots of stuff through the **Atwood Lions Club**," says Atwood resident, Kim Buchanan.



Inspirational rocks for Canada Day 2020 in Atwood, Ont. (Scott Miller/CTV)

Lions from Zone 37S gather by the river!

When Brenda Frey needed a new home for her house trailer what did she do? Contact Lions to give it away to clubs in need.

On Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 a group of Lions Members from Zone 37 South gathered at the Nith River Campground to hitch up the trailer and take it to its new

home at the Woodstock Farm Show. The trailer will be used as the operations center for the Farm Show. Not only do Lions Serve; generous and kind-hearted individuals such as Brenda Frey do as well.



L to R—Lee Heimbecker, Chair of the Lions Farm Show Committee, DG George Corrin, Brenda Frey, District A15 LFC Chair Cheryl Bauman, Venti, Future Dog Guide. Nith River Campground

Social Emotional Learning Resources



The social & emotional wellness of students and staff has never been more important than it is in these challenging times.

Recognized by CASEL as *SElect* and *Promising* programs - Lions Quest has led this field for over 30 years.

If you would like to learn more about Social Emotional Learning and how Lions

Quest Skills for Growing (K-5) and Skills for Adolescence (Gr 6-8) can make a difference in your school - please visit : <https://www.lionsquest.ca/>

Already know about the programs and interested in receiving your own copy and attending our online workshop? The \$350 fee will cover your complete resource package for one grade plus the training experience. Sponsorship from your local Lions Club may be available.



Members of Zone 37 South stand with DG George Corrin in front of the trailer donated by Brenda Frey

“I want to do something that is not political. I want to do some fundraising, just as a volunteer.” - Mike Coffman



Lions Paul and Frieda Stitt, Kevin and Kim Henry at the Giant Tiger location yesterday collecting for the bottle drive.

That is just what the **Stratford Lions Club** did on Saturday, October 3rd, and 10th, at two different locations, Giant Tiger & Walmart parking lots in Stratford. They collected empty liquor, beer bottles & cans.

All proceeds realized went to One Care Home & Community Support in Stratford. One Care provides transportation, Meals on Wheels, Grocery Delivery, Home Care and much more.



At Walmart till 4 pm collecting your empties!

Food for Thought



DRUMBO FOOD BANK TRAIN

Harvey Murray (left) drove the Drumbo & District Heritage Society train throughout the village on Saturday morning and collected about six ¼-ton pickup truck loads of food that was donated to the Blandford-Blenheim Food bank. This is the first time the train has been used for food bank donations. The Drumbo Lions Club and the Drumbo & District Heritage Society sponsored the event and said it was a great success.

SMALL CLUB DOING BIG THINGS

Recently the **MARSVILLE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB** conducted a roadside clean-up, enlisting the assistance from some community members. Well done Lions!



Anniversary during Pandemic

75th Anniversary Signs were purchased by the **St. George Lions Club** and distributed to each member. So often we indicate in advertising that tickets for events can be obtained from any Lion. Unfortunately up until now many folks did not know a Lion. We have now educated the folks on your street that there is in fact a Lion in the neighbourhood. The signs also promoted our 75th Anniversary year. Pictures with your signs were asked for and posted on

Facebook. Thank you to everyone



92 year old Lion Harry Witteveen has been a **St. George Lions Club** member since 1952. Lion Harry served as Club President in the 1960-61 year. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lions Club International Life Member.

who took the time to send these in. There **was** one received that didn't make it onto our Facebook page. Can you guess which one it is?



Lion Chris Held

October Service Letter to Clubs

The Lions of A-15 continue to serve during difficult times.

The **Copetown Lions Club** Friday Wing Nights events – how they adapted their food trailer **fundraising to be successful during the pandemic**. Lion Debbie Nelligan reported this activity on the Lions Clubs International Activities site, which is where I first read about their event.

Guelph Royal City Lions Club provided **backpacks and school supplies for children** in a local neighbourhood where assistance was needed. PDG Charlene Dwyer reported this service on the LCI Activities website; as well as the **Royal City Lions** website.

Local Lions helping with the Region of Waterloo Nutrition for Learning Program, is an example of volunteerism in **co-operation with other service organizations**. Nutrition

“Thank you Lions, for all you do and for sharing your stories.”

for Learning has been in the Waterloo Region for some 24 years and provides school children with nutritious meals and snacks. This year the demand for the snacks has increased from some 25,000 per week to over 150,000 per week - quite a dramatic increase which has put a great demand on the organization. Local Lions and Leos came out and packaged snacks for the kids.

A number of Clubs have organized curbside food donations, some are busy collecting and sorting used eyeglasses, while others are conducting bottle and can drives in their

neighbourhoods.

Guelph Lions TV Bingo returned in July on Rogers Channel 20, enabling several Lions Clubs to continue fundraising through the sale of tickets in local retail outlets.

World Sight Day week begins on October 5th and this year is the 30th Anniversary of the LCIF program SightFirst. Since 1990, SightFirst funds have enabled Lions, health care providers, and partner organizations around the world to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness; and assist those who are blind or visually impaired. SightFirst has impacted more than 30 million people through strengthening eye care systems in underserved areas.

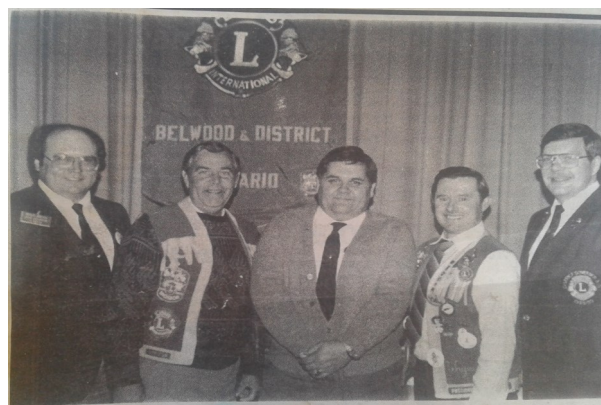
Thank you Lions, for all you do and for sharing your stories.

Yours in Service, Lion Nancy

Blast from the Past

Zone Chair Doug Smith, Lion sponsor Rendall Bilton, New Lion Al Williams, Belwood Lions President Wayne Robson and District Governor Larry Sales stand together during a recent Zone 9 meeting with the **Belwood & District Lions Club** meeting held in Belwood.

Does anyone remember what the date was?

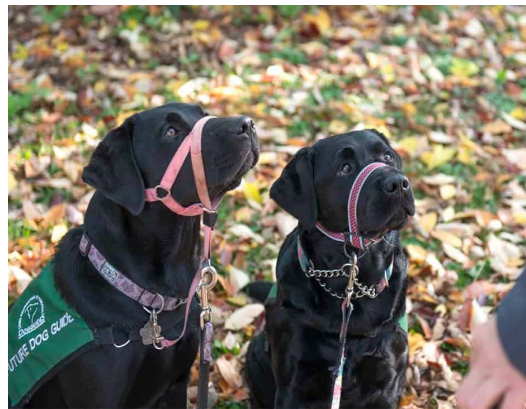


Going beyond puppy love

Before someone with a disability such as blindness or autism receives a service dog, there's plenty of work that gets done to prepare the animal for its eventual owner. Count Deb Cserhalmi and Cheryl Bauman among those involved in the process of helping prepare puppies for the lives that await them.

The pair are part of a group of five women who've come together as **Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club** to support the longstanding Lions Club program.

Launched in July, the team has already made their mark in the dog guide community. "We just finished our first major fundraiser, which was an online auction. It was incredibly successful," said Bauman, who does marketing in the non-profit sector. "And we've already done a service project,



which was providing 76 of our masks to all of the staff and trainers at dog guides."

The online auction raised an estimated \$2,000, which was a nice start but covers just a small part of the cost of raising a dog guide. "It costs \$25,000 to raise and train dogs. There's no government assistance – it's 100 per cent... based on donations," explained Bauman, who has been raising foster pups since 2013.

The COVID-19 crisis has put a damper on the

world of dog guides and trainers, with the temporary closure of Lions Club's Breslau training facility. Some 400 puppies are waiting to begin or continue their process of becoming service dogs.

Cserhalmi, the team's president, says a significant misconception people hold is dog guides are more like workers than pets. "We get the odd thing like 'how can you possibly use a dog? It's almost like being a slave.' And then I ask them 'where's your dog?' And they say 'at home,' and I say 'Where would it rather be?' 'Probably with me,'" she said of the typical back-and-forth conversation.

Of course, the dogs do get times to simply enjoy being pups, but when the vest goes on, it is work time.

"I call it the magic vest," said



Deb Cserhalmi and Cheryl Bauman are currently caring for Oz, a two-year old poodle, Vindi, a 12-month-old black Lab and Venti, a two-year-old black Lab. [Damon Maclean]

Bauman. "They know that they're supposed to pay attention and probably they know that they just get lots of cookies."

Bauman and Cserhalmi both admit it's easy to get attached to the young dogs they foster, noting it can be challenging to hand over a dog to the next stage in the training process, but realize it is an invaluable opportunity.

"You look at the volunteer description – it's raise a seven-week-old puppy. So, go through all the teething, the training, all this kind of stuff, take them out everywhere. And then when you've got that well-behaved, well-trained, good mannered puppy, we're going to take the puppy back. And you can start all over again with a little

ankle-biter," said Bauman of the cycle.

To this point, Bauman has fostered nine dogs, and Cserhalmi has babysat a large amount. Cserhalmi typically dog sits for long term periods, having had her current charge, Oz, for the past six months.

The dogs in the program are trained for a variety of purposes, including helping those who experience seizures, diabetic shock and for autism support. The waiting list is long, and Cserhalmi recommends those who may be eligible to file as soon as possible, as it's a time-consuming process that is further restricted now because of COVID-19.

Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club project has been well received, they say, noting business owners in and around Woolwich have been supportive. The Lions Club connections also pay dividends.

"We really believe in collaborating and cooperating with other Lions Clubs or other individuals within the community. It's really about working together – that whole COVID-19 'we're all in this together.' We're all working together," said Bauman.

Currently, the group has a 2021 dog calendar and masks for sale. It's also accepting donations on their website to help support their operations.

Living with Diabetes

Please join Diabetes Canada and Lions of Canada as they present:

Healthy Living: Diabetes Prevention and Management Presentation!

When: Thursday Oct 29 & Nov 5, 2020: 7pm-8pm

The event is a two-part virtual presentation series on:

- **Weight Management**
- **Healthy Lifestyle Choices**

The presentation will include Interactive games, a live cooking presentation and more!

All Ontario Lions and extended family are encouraged and welcome to join!

Whether you live with diabetes, are looking to prevent type 2

diabetes or just looking for healthy living tips for yourself or to share with your community, you will not want to miss this fun and educational experience!

Please register using the following links:

Oct 29th Registration

Link: <https://diabetes.zoom.us/j/9XIDCDAQvKhQkMauVTDNg>

Nov 5th Registration

Link: <https://diabetes.zoom.us/j/9XIDCDAQvKhQkMauVTDNg>



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Let's Celebrate!

On January 13, our founder – Melvin Jones – will be honored for the 142nd anniversary of his birthday and we could not be more excited to celebrate with Lions around world.

This year, we want to celebrate what it means to be a Lion during Campaign 100, with a LCIF Week Melvin Jones photo contest. I am excited to share a first look at the contest with you, as a Lion leader. We will launch the contest with all Lions in the next two days.

- Contest is open between October

“You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”

22 – December 31, 2020

- Voting and deadline for submission is December 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm (Central Time Zone)
- Winners announced on January 17, 2021

Limit one entry per person. Your photo submission can only qualify for one of three categories listed below (no purchase or donation is required

to enter). Three winners will receive complimentary individual registration and Melvin Jones’ luncheon tickets* at the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention in Montreal, Quebec. Family, friends, and fellow Lions can vote for their favorite photo submission by going online at <https://gleam.io/g/WrR9g>.

To quote Melvin Jones, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.” Thank you for your support my fellow Lions. Here’s to a great start of this year’s LCIF Week!

In friendship,
Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Historically speaking ...

The **Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club** received their Charter in September of 1970 and held their Charter night on October 30th of that year. Sponsored by the Lions Club of Kitchener, as the name implies, the club’s chief activity was operating a fest Halle during K-W Oktoberfest.

In their early years the Club met at the Berkley Tavern (Bingemans) and the Concordia Club before finding their permanent home in the city of Kitchener facility in the Lyle Hallman pool

building. During the early 80’s the Club twinned with the Boston (New York) Lions and participated in their Oktoberfest which ran in August each year. There are still a number of ‘twin’ pins floating around the District.



Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club celebrate 50 years of Lionism

The Club was also very active in the M.D. ‘A’ Convention at the time placing our Club band and float in the parades. The Club even conducted a train excursion to an M.D. ‘A’ Convention in Quebec City with several car loads of Lions from south western Ontario enjoying the free food and booze included in the price of the trip.

The Club was proud to have provided District A15 with the 1997-98 governor in Mike Hilling as well as a number of Zone and Region

Chairs over the years.

Cambridge community institutions richer today!



Cambridge Highlands Lions Club

donates \$10,000 to the community. Stan Jones, left, received a \$5,000 on behalf of Saint Luke's Place from Lion Victor Chaux while Dave Cooke and Jeff Hunter accepted a \$5,000 cheque on behalf of Lang's Grow Community Centre from Lion Ferne Lindhorst.

The lions roared and two worthy Cambridge community institutions are each \$5,000 richer today.

BY Walter Gowing Cambridge Times

Order this year's beautiful BAYFIELD CALENDAR now! – STILL ONLY \$10!



Bayfield Lions Club Calendars = Your online order will be available for pickup at Clan Gregor Square on Friday afternoons and are processed in cooperation with Bayfield Farmers Market For all the products available from the Market please access their website at

www.bayfieldfarmersmarket.com

Cost \$10.00

CALENDARS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT—
ShopBike Coffee; Bayfield Convenience; Bayfield Foodland; The Village Bookshop

THOSE WISHING TO ORDER BY MAIL—

<https://www.bayfieldlions.ca/753-2/>

Cost is \$20.00

Nutrition for Learning

Members of the **Kitchener-Waterloo Community Spirit Lions Club** recently assembled to pack snack bags of Cheerois for the organization Nutrition for Learning on October 24, 2020.

Pictured here are Community Spirit members Lions Lisa Lishman, Nancy Ransom and Faye Meadows.



I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



CABINET MEETING

REMINDER

Fall Virtual Cabinet Meeting

Thursday October 29th, 2020

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Lynden Lions Scholarship recipients 2020



Each of these young people received a \$500.00 cheque and a personally engraved clock. Lion President Pierre Vaillancourt is presenting to:

Harrison Bedford

Mallory Colombo

Damian Fairhall



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<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>
Lions Resource Centre -
<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>

First hybrid zoom induction ceremony ...

On Monday Oct 19, 2020 we held our first hybrid zoom induction ceremony!

It is with great excitement we introduce, Lion Steve Gordon and Lion Rebecca Haggerty.

Special thanks goes to Lion RC 37 Mary Ann Ward from Ingersoll for the ceremony!

Our purpose is;

To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
To Take an active interest in the



RC37 Lion Mary Ann Ward performs induction ceremony in Thamesford

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