



*We Serve*

# Lions Clubs International District A-15 Governors Newsletter Summer 2021



Lions All:

2021/2022 marks the culmination of my journey to become Governor of District A - 15. The journey has been long and not without bumps in the road. Covid being the largest bump as it has interrupted Lions activities as they have been for our previous one hundred years.

However, we can see the end. Soon Lions Clubs will be meeting in person and enjoying fundraising activities, service activities and camaraderie with other Lions.

We have all cabinet positions filled, a number of new faces and we are going forward as an energized group to establish new and branch clubs, and to rejuvenate existing clubs. Our main goal is to increase membership.

We have a new club that transferred to our district on July 1st of this year, Freelon Lions, who are moving to A - 15 from A 7 /11 we welcome them with open arms.

New Hamburg Lioness, New Hamburg Lions and St Agatha Lions have joined to form a new dynamic Club. You no doubt will hear from these ambitious Lions throughout this year and going forward.

For starters, our meetings have been virtual but as vaccinations increase and the public becomes open to each other, we will be returning to our traditional meeting format.

Our District plan is customized to promote strong leadership, and an energized membership growth plan, supported through service which is one of the main reasons for our existence. Our District membership has been declining in recent years and this must stop. Growth is the responsibility of each one of us and I urge each Lion to reach out to ask another person to become a Lion.

I thank all the clubs for the support which they have bestowed upon me throughout my journey and I am looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.

*Harv*

Lion Harvey Wood  
"Together We Are Stronger"

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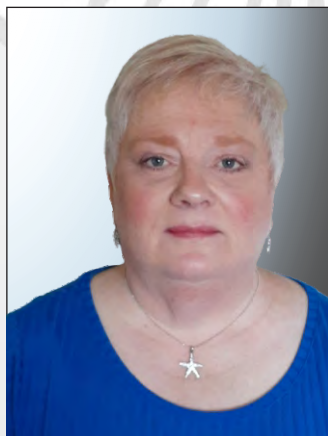
**George Corrin**  
**Immediate Past**  
**District Governor**



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**Davidson**  
**1 VDG**



**Garry**  
**Ransom**  
**2 VDG**



**Debbie**  
**Zimmerman**  
**Secretary**



**Linda Vinette**  
**Treasurer**

**\*Thumbnail Info in future edition**

# ***Get to know your Region & Zone Chairs!***

## **Lioness/Lion Janet Dawson Brock, Wilmot Lions & Lioness Zone Chair 9 East**



**Janet became a Lioness in 1982 forming six Lioness Clubs and was the first Lioness District President. She was Co-Founder of K-W Community Spirit Lions club some twenty-five years ago. Jane was a keynote speaker at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Salt Lake City Utah and a moderator at the International convention in St Louis, Missouri. She has attended nine forums and six International Conventions and has been at all M.D.-A conventions since 1982. Janet has sat on the board of the Lions**

**Homes for Deaf for the last twenty-two years and has been the Peace Poster Chair for the last five years. She is a Life Member of Lions International, a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Helen Keller Fellow.**



## **Lion Gabrielle Paff, Plattsville & District Lions Region Chair 37**



**Lion Gabrielle was born in St. John's NL. and has been a resident of Ontario for thirty-three years, having transferred to Kitchener in 1988. Proud mother of a son, daughter and grandmother of two girls. She joined the Wellesley Lions Club twenty-six years ago. Transferred to the Plattsville Lions Club in 2008 when my late husband PDG John Paff and I moved to Plattsville in 2008, John passed away in 2017. She served as Zone Chair 51W in the cabinet of the late Jim Ryan. Also served as Zone Chair 37s 2018/19, and Region 37 2019/20.**

**Lion Gabrielle was the co-chair of the A15 Convention in 2019.**



# ***Get to know your Region & Zone Chairs!***

## **Lion Victor Chaux, Cambridge Highlands Lions Region Chair 9**



**Victor's life is committed to service and education. He joined The Lions Club in Colombia in 1996 and in 2012 the Cambridge Highlands Lions Club Cambridge, leading Victor to a life long commitment to service and leadership at every level of the organization.**

**Since he joined Lions, he has participated in different activities always smiling and with a positive attitude at each event. His professional experience has inspired leadership and motivational helper throughout The Lions Club as Club President, Board of Directors, Chair and Zone Chair 9 East. Committee chairs for Peace/Essay Poster and Effective Speaking. He was also recipient of a Lions Quest Fellowship Award and Bruce Murray International Youth Camp Fellowship.**

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## **Lion Craig Hebert, Exeter Lions Club Zone Chair 37W**

**Lion Craig has been a Lion for ten years and is looking forward to his duties as Zone Chair. A family man with two sons and two grandsons. Craig is a forty year plus career man with Hensall Co-operative. He is a member of the Exeter Lions and enjoys being part of their community project and functions, including maintaining McNaughton Park, only one of the club's ongoing service in the Exeter area. Craig's experience as a City Councillor has been a benefit to his role in Lionism.**



## ***\*Get to know your Region & Zone Chairs!***

**Mike McCourt**  
**Zone Chair 51W**



**Lisa Visser**  
**Zone Chair 37S**



**Mark Koenig**  
**Region Chair 51**



**Bruce Killinger**  
**Zone Chair 9S**



**\*Watch for more info on these cabinet members in a subsequent issue.**



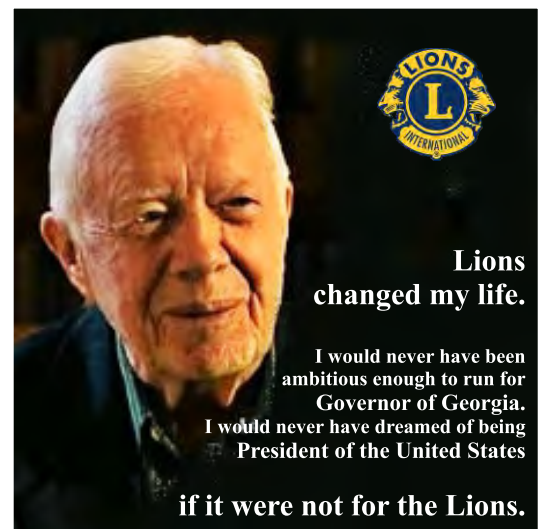
### **MELVIN JONES** **Founder of Lions International**



•Lions Clubs International began as the dream of Chicago insurance executive Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large

•Dr. W. P. Woods, of Evansville, Indiana, USA was elected as the first president. Guiding force and founder Jones was named acting secretary, thus beginning his relationship with Lions that ended only with his death at the age of 82 in 1961

•Just three years after its formation, the organization became international when the first club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada was established in 1920. Clubs were later organized in Mexico, China and Cuba. By 1927, membership stood at 60,000 in 1,183 clubs.





# A15 CONVENTION



Hosted by Lion Barb and District Governor George Corrin. A great effort of the organizing committee, one of the highlights from the event was the generosity of those attending and the end result. Woodstock Lion Peter Oswald, LCIF Chair and Past Cabinet Treasurer., provided LCIF updates, the final summary for the District to congratulate

clubs and private members that made donations totaling \$39,294.00

.Several great presentations and activities were conducted virtually and there was some very interesting information shared. Here is a link to two main highlights of the event thanks to the efforts of the organizing committee, the *Banner Parade* and the *Passing of the Campbell* ceremony. **Great Job A15!**

<https://tinyurl.com/7ss2e66b>



CLUB	AMOUNT
Guelph – to reach MODEL CLUB Status	\$13,000
Marsville & District – to increase their Model Club total	\$ 1,000
Thamesford	\$ 2,000
Woodstock – fulfills Maple Leaf Club status	\$ 2,800
Milverton	\$ 1,000
Elora – puts them into Maple Leaf Club status	\$ 2,000
Galt Cambridge	\$ 200
Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit	\$ 350
Cambridge Highlands	\$ 1,000
Innerkip & District	\$ 500
Brantford	\$ 300
Glen Morris	\$ 500
St George	\$ 3,000
Kitchener – to fulfill their Maple Leaf Club status	\$ 4,500
<b>TOTAL CLUB DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$32,350</b>
PLUS:	
34 Personal donations totalling	\$ 6,944
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$39,294</b>



# *Looking Back in A-15*

## *PDG Larry Wainwright & Otis*

We found this gem on the Arris/Maryhill facebook page.!



Relaxing in the park the afternoon of graduation day, *Wednesday, April 16, 2014*, from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide School Oakville ON. What a companion, friend, compassionate and caring dog Otis has turned out to be. He is such a well trained miracle, such a precious gift. Thank you to the Lions Foundation of Canada for their daily dedication to the training of service dogs for anyone with a need anywhere in Canada. This is one of the reasons we fundraise and participate in the annual Pet Valu LFC Walk for Dog Guides.





# Bayfield Historical Society & Bayfield Lions



Bayfield Lions Club presented the Historical Society with a donation of \$2,200 for contribution to the publication of a new book being written by David Yates on Admiral Henry W. Bayfield, which should be available in July.

Henry Bayfield fought with the British Navy in the Napoleonic War at the age of 11 years, and began charting the water routes and lakes of Eastern Canada at 20 years of age. This will be a book not to be missed!

Shown in the photo(L-R) Ruth Gibson, Doug Brown of BHS, Lions Bill Rowat and Tony van Kakel presenting the cheque.





# “THEY SERVED”



**PASSING**  
May 11, 2021  
Lioness Doris Ens  
Rockwood Lioness  
“She Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/8yrhjmzc>



**PASSING**  
Lion Tony Kelly  
February 15, 2021  
Thamesford Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/k7mjwrz>



**PASSING**  
May 18, 2021  
Lion Charlotte Gamble  
Galt Cambridge Lions  
“She Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/8yrhjmzc>



**PASSING**  
May 2, 2021  
Lion Marianne Steadman  
K-W Community Spirit Lions  
“She Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/ywnfdtwz>



**PASSING**  
July 6, 2021  
Lion Kyle Dawe  
Rockwood Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/yaknyh4a>



**PASSING**  
February 26, 2021  
Lion Harry Witteveen  
St. George Lions  
“He Served”  
Since 1952

<https://tinyurl.com/h8m7whff>



**PASSING**  
March 5, 2021  
Lion Howard Perriman  
Drumbo Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/4dfxa9ne>



**PASSING**  
April 17, 2021  
Lion Bob Sherwood  
Guelph Royal City Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/tmsemrz>



**PASSING**  
February 19, 2021  
Lion Wayne Keefe  
Guelph Royal City Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/2nn6uuk4>



**PASSING**  
Lion Ken Payne  
February 1, 2021  
Thamesford Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/vd9jny8p>



**PASSING**  
Lion Pete Schellenberger  
February 14, 2021  
Milverton Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/e4t6t4pf>



**PASSING**  
December 11, 2020  
Lion Jack Kay  
St. George Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/nb4vh6zs>

Lions: We have checked the A15 email platform and captured the names of the members that have passed recently. If we have missed anyone please email us: [bulletin@a15.com](mailto:bulletin@a15.com) The links below the notices will take you to their full obituaries.



A virtual celebration was held by the Ariess and Maryhill Lions Club on April 13 th , 2021 to celebrate their 10th Anniversary. A Zoom Meeting was held with many in attendance. We wish to thank everyone that attended that made this special for us from a distance.

In attendance were: Sponsoring Club, Guelph Royal City Lions and President Lion Carl Swanson, PCC Lion Todd Wilson who was the District Governor when we chartered, then District Governor Lion George Corrin, Guelph/Eramosa Mayor, His Worship Lion Chris White, Lions Foundation of Canada CEO Bev Crandell, Lions Quest Canada, Executive Director Lion Joanne McQuiggan, PID Lion Art Woods, then 1VDG Lion Harvey Wood, then 2VDG Lion Tony Davidson along with RC 51 Lion Garry Ransom and ZC 51E Lion Gary Lloyd. Certificates of congratulations were presented to the club and letters of congratulations were read from Woolwich Township Mayor Sandy Shantz and ZC51E Gary Lloyd.

Lions Clubs International President's Certificates of Appreciation were presented by PID Lion Art Woods to charter members: Lion Brian Kurtz, Lion Wolfgang Boelke, Lion Pat Kurtz, Lion Jim Kurtz, Lion Jim Davis, Lion Hilda Wainwright and Lion Larry Wainwright.

In keeping with special recognition Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships were presented to Charter Members PRC Lion Jim Davis and Club Secretary Lion Pat Kurtz by then 1VDG Harvey Wood.



A good time was had by all virtually and hopefully we can enjoy cake when this pandemic is over and we can all meet in person once again.



The Lions of Copetown were looking for ways to do some fund-raising and keep the club in the public eye during the pandemic. The club decided to utilize their food trailer and set up a drive thru style take-out food service on Friday nights. Some nights they served Chicken Wings and Fries and other nights it was Beef on a Bun!

They have been offering this service throughout the summer and the plan is to shut it down at the end of August, however demand may dictate otherwise. The leader of the initiative is Lion Joe Thorogood, who along with his core group of Lions and helpers provided a popular and somewhat profitable community project.



Even our District Governor and his lovely wife, Lion Eleanor dropped by on their anniversary no less, way to go Harv, more brownie points!





# Guelph Royal City Lions Club E-Waste Recycling Day

It was a beautiful Saturday in June when the



**Guelph Royal City Lions Club hosted their first annual E-Waste Recycling Event. 4,000-5,000 pounds of E-Waste was diverted from local landfill for recycling. We offered a hot dog and a cold drink to each person and promoted the benefits of Lions service. The day was a resounding success as we also gained 2 new members to our Lions Club.**



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## LYNDEN LIONS

**The Lions in Lynden have a long standing tradition. Annually they award \$500.00 scholarships to local students to assist them in furthering their education. Here we have a photo of Lion Chief Pierre Vaillancourt doing the presentations. An appropriately decorated cake was enjoyed by all.**



**The club also made a donation to further their efforts in the fight against Childhood Cancer**





**A special welcome to the Freelton Lions Club who are now officially part of District A15. From their track record of community projects they will be a valuable asset. The club has an impressive track record, the Freelton Lions Villa provides a much needed service to local seniors and the Lions Outdoor Ice Rink is an asset for the whole community. The Lions were the driving force behind both projects.**



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**Group photo at the Club's Wind-Up BBQ, if you look close at the left end you might recognize two prominent DG's, in front is DG from A7/11 Sandy Heeralat-Judhan and in the back row is DG A15 Harvey Wood**



**Otto Tamboer, Club Secretary receiving Lion of the Year award from Lion Sandy Heeralat-Judhan, District Governor A 7/11**



**DG Harvey meeting with Freelon Lions Executive, Lion James Nelson, President, Lion Tom Hachey, Treasurer and Lion Otto Tamboer, Secretary. A high-level discussion was had!**



# ROCKTON LIONS



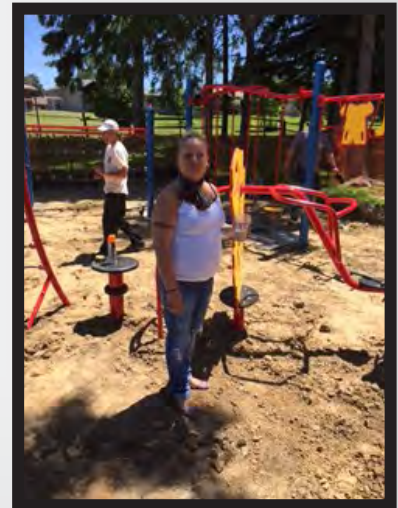
Despite all the Covid restrictions the Rockton Lions are busy maintaining their Community presence. Their food trailer is on site at many events, the Bacon on a Bun is a popular item. Recently they were at the Rockton Tractor Tour, they are always a presence at the regular Rockton Farmer's Market on Thursdays and will be re-established at the Rockton Fair after the Covid hiatus. The club is looking forward to getting back on track with the well known Rockton Lions Fish Fry an usually annual event in support of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog guides program.





# Paradise & District Lions, St. Clements.

The Paradise Lions have a pet project, that being the Lions Park in St. Clements, they started in earnest about ten years ago and are making improvements adding playground equipment and they are proud of a picnic pavilion that was constructed on site about two years back. Recently they completed a five-hundred metre walking path complete with new benches for community use. Memorial trees are being added, the first one is in honour of Lion Joe Brick a long time member who served as club president several times during his tenure. Lion Joe passed away in September of 2015.





# FLORADALE FRIENDS OF DOG GUIDES



**June 17<sup>th</sup> Members of the Floradale Friends of Dog Guides donned work clothes to spend a fun evening weeding at the Dog Guides Breslau Breeding and Training facility. Thank you to Ellen McCleary and Marta Rozman for all your help on: “#THANKYOU THURSDAY!”**

## CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS LIONS



**Cambridge Highlands Lions Club were proud to donate \$12,000 to sponsor a Lions Foundation of Canada Autism Dog Guide. This special Dog Guide “Paula” was fostered by one of own members, Lion Janice. The cheque was presented to District A15 LFC Chairperson Debbie Cserhalmi and Trainer Alissa by Lion Chief Victor Chaux.**



# DRUMBO LIONS



A few years back the Drumbo Lion's Club installed “Welcome to Drumbo” signs at the four corners of town. These signs help to showcase the pride of our community and promote a friendly welcome to passersby. The club is embarking on a project to update the signs and would like to include an updated message on the signs/ The L:ions are looking for help from the community to be a part of the project by sharing your ideas for a slogan or quotation, You can leave us a comment or suggestion at [drumbolionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:drumbolionsclub@gmail.com).

Editors note: There must be a story behind the back of the sign!

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# ELMIRA LIONS

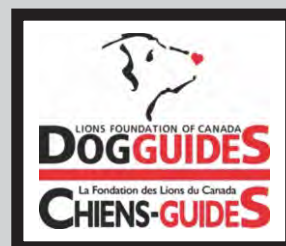
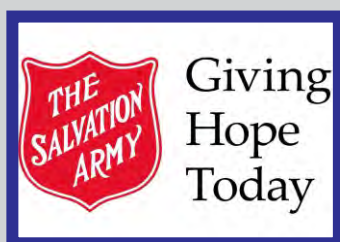


PCC Todd Wilson in a new career mode working on the gateposts at the LFC Dog Guide facility in Breslau.

## GALT-CAMBRIDGE LIONS



**T**he Galt-Cambridge Lions have a long standing tradition of Community Support and presence, they are involved in many community events such as the annual Canada Parade. They have made meaningful donations to local and national organizations. The Coping Centre has benefitted from the club's support as has the Lions Foundation of Canada for the Dog Guides training program. Other agencies that have received the club's assistance are the Lissard House Hospice and the Salvation Army Family Support program. The Club works hand in hand with the Cambridge Gaming Association in fund raising. A Big "Lions Roar" is well deserved.





# DRUMBO LIONS

At it's June 2020 meeting, the Drumbo Lions committed to donating a minimum of \$300 each year for the next 10 years to the Save The Evidence Campaign of the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford. The Save The Evidence Campaign is a movement to restore and preserve the Mohawk Institute, a former Indigenous Residential School in Brantford. The goal is to restore the building so it can become a healing centre, museum, and education centre for everyone to learn about Residential Schools. School children will be able to visit and learn about this aspect of our history.



The donation will be made each year in June during National Indigenous History month; at which time members of the community will be invited to contribute along with the Lions Club, either to the Lions as part of their donation or directly to the Save The Evidence Campaign. This year, 2021, the Lions received a matching community donation of \$300, so that the total donation coming from the Lions Club was \$600.

The Drumbo Lions Club feel that, as community leaders, we need to model reconciliation and this yearly donation is one piece of the work we can do. We challenge other Lions Clubs and community service groups to also consider what they will do for reconciliation.





# M.D. - A, District A-15 & Copetown Lions

**A**t the MD-A Virtual Convention in May several recognition awards were announced that were noted in the last issue of the Lion Magazine. , One of which was the International Presidents Award to Lion Bob Pearson of the Copetown Lions, Bob is the Editor of the magazine and is also the interim editor of the A15 Governor's Newsletter as well as the Copetown Lions bulletin and was recognized for his work with MD-A , District A15 and his club in Copetown, the *"Hub of the Universe."*



Being virtual there was no opportunity to physically present the awards during the convention, PCC Debbie Dawson, PID Carl Young and PID Art Woods made the trip to Dundas in July and did the presentation over lunch. Needless to say Lion Bob was overwhelmed by the award and by the personal presentation.





A **YouTube** spoof on Pancake Breakfasts  
click the link below to view.

<https://tinyurl.com/3962t9m7>


Note to the Lions of A-15

We have put together an informative newsletter for your reading and viewing pleasure but we can do better. The quality of this and other similar publications is dependent on reader input. For some reason the submissions for this edition have declined somewhat. Club facebook pages have been researched and we have come up with some interesting items, however the number of clubs and related facebook material makes it a little difficult to report on each club. Your club can help out in this area by submitting items you would like to see published, including projects and photos. As well, we welcome publicity material for upcoming events that you would like other Lions in the district to know about. We are open for business!



# ONE DAY EVENT

11 SEPT
09 AM



**\$10**
**\$10**

- ROCKTON LIONS CLUB -

## ATTIC TREASURES

ANTIQUES & OTHER USEFUL THINGS

AT THE ROCKTON FAIRGROUNDS

**\$10 ENTRY FEE/CAR | \$25 VENDOR/TABLE RENTAL FEE**

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