



We Serve

Lions Clubs International
District A-15
Governors Newsletter

October 2021



Summer has passed as has Thanksgiving, I cannot think of a better time to give a big *THANK YOU* to all Lions who continue to serve, contribute and lead. We are getting through the 4th wave of Covid and gradually opening up as health protocols relax.

Many Clubs have returned to live meetings, sit down meals and members are enjoying the camaraderie of fellow lions. During this reopening phase, many will be able fulfil usual Lions traditions. Service activities are happening and I am hearing hints of Christmas events.

Zone Chairs are making their club visits as are the Governors. Thank you to the clubs for being generous with the usual Lions hospitality.

When I review the numbers of service activities that have occurred and continue to do so, it is amazing how you, the Lions of District A – 15 contribute.

Our convention committee led by Lion George Patton is well involved. It has taken from the energy created by our virtual convention of 2021 and has great plans for our first live convention in three years.

New members continue to be inducted and I am looking for positive membership growth this year. Membership is the responsibility of each of us. When was the last time you invited a person to become a Lion??

Harv



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PASSING
Lion Bob Ziegler
September 26, 2021
Milverton Lions
"He Served"

Obituary: <https://tinyurl.com/fvx8uj3d>



PASSING
Lion Bill Keogh
September 30th 2021
Guelph Royal City Lions
"He Served"

Obituary: <https://tinyurl.com/237svrxj>



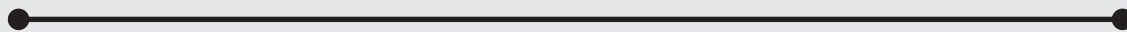
PASSING
Lion Donald Green (Greeny)
September 27th, 2021
Atwood Lions
"He Served"

Obituary: <https://tinyurl.com/55hvajta>



PASSING
Lion Wray Smith
October 7th, 2021
St. George Lions
"He Served"

Obituary: <https://tinyurl.com/4fjpd5d>



Lions are people who are
CRAZY ENOUGH
TO think THEY CAN
CHANGE
THE WORLD
AND WE DO.



LYNDEN LIONS CLUB

*is dedicated to serving their
community by supporting a wide
range of projects including -*



A POEM THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES

**I'm glad I am a Lion And here's
some reasons why;**

**No job's too big, no job's too small
for a Lions Club to try,**

**We sponsor minor baseball teams
and help the Boy Scouts too,**

**We work to make the community a
better place for you,**

**And somewhere there's a needy family whose hearts were full of
despair that has found that life's worth living, because the Lions
care,**

**We build arenas, halls and pools And trails for walking too
We help to keep the roadsides clean And plant young trees for you,**

**This Lionism reaches out to lands beyond the sea, in every corner of
the world We serve humanity,**

**I think we've made our place on earth and perhaps in heaven too
For God looks down with loving care
He knows the good we do,**

**Yes I'm glad I am a Lion It's
important so to me This world is now
"FOR SURE".**

by PID Art Woods



Editor's Note

**This Pearl of Wisdom was
plagurized from the A15
Directory, little did we know
the consummate Lion was
also a talented poet!**



Kind words, Thoughtful actions,
A warm hug, These are just a few personal ways
that people express kindness.
Offering time, Donating money,
Giving toward an improved community,
Helping to build a brighter tomorrow.
These are a few ways Lions deliver kindness.
But do we only remember kindness in the heat of the
moment, to hide it in our pocket until its needed
next.
Is kindness present amid all our planning, and
organizing and building?
Do we remember kindness when flipping burgers,
or cleaning up after an event?

Is kindness present when we're fighting to be heard?
Or if someone's opinion is different than our own?
None of us are perfect, but please remember this,
Kindness is light lifting the darkness when morning erases night.
Our reactions and opinions are our own, based on our own perceptions and
experiences.
I don't know yours; you don't know mine, and unless we listen, we will never
know.
We will never know, unless we speak with kindness, not judgement or
condescension.
Everywhere there is a wound, but is the damage visible or buried deep within?
We will never know if we don't look past the picture that's presented.
We will never know because sometimes kindness is buried by hate.
Hate is easy. Kindness takes conscientious effort.
Hate is fueled by virtuous indignation and self righteousness.
Hate is easy, and there is so much of it wherever you choose to look.
Kindness is the action behind empathy and compassion.
Kindness feels like a breeze caressing your cheek on a hot, hazy day.
Coming together is work. Working together is a gift Lions give the world.
It is our kindness in action, despite differences inside or out.
Kindness in a world full of confusion and anger,
Is like rain dropping on petals as the soil quenches its thirst.
Keep on being kind.

The world needs more Lions!

Lion Peter Oswald LCIF Committee Chair District A-15

I joined Lions in Woodstock in 1994. Some may think this was a condition of employment in banking as my Manager, PDG Don Robertson was my sponsor. I have held several club executive roles in the years that followed as well as being involved in many local club & community activities – including the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope.

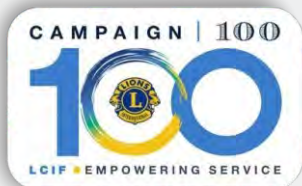


My background comes from beef farming in Bruce County, I graduated from the University of Guelph in 1984. I have been employed in the agriculture banking industry since graduation – currently for 15 years with the Bank of Montreal. My background and banking experience are used to adjudicate agriculture credit applications for farm businesses & families across Ontario.

I have been married to Lorna for 35 years, we have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Since Lorna retired in 2019, we have found ways to support others through Lions. We have hosted Youth Exchange students pre-Covid; completed the fostering of one Guide Dog for the Lions Foundation of Canada; and looking forward to starting with a new puppy after Thanksgiving.

Many will know me as Cabinet Treasurer for District A-15 over a period of 11 years spent keeping an eye on District Finances and providing guidance & mentorship to other Treasurers. Recognition has come my way as a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, a Fellow of Lions Quest and the Lions Foundation of Canada as well as being the recipient of 2 Lions Presidential Medals.

Since 2018, I have served as LCIF Committee Chair for District A-15. This role has morphed into a 4-year commitment to champion Campaign 100: Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Empowering Service.



The Lions & Clubs in District A-15 should be proud of results - District A-15 was the BEST District in all of Canada in fiscal 2021. There is ONE MORE YEAR to close off this Campaign so together we will look for continued support through to June, 2022 – and hold onto our #1 position!

Peter

BURFORD LIONS

PCC Lion Dave Rumble, of the Burford Lions passed away in June of 2020, and his family decided to delay the Lions service. His funeral was held at the time, but limited in numbers, and many were unable to attend due to the pandemic.

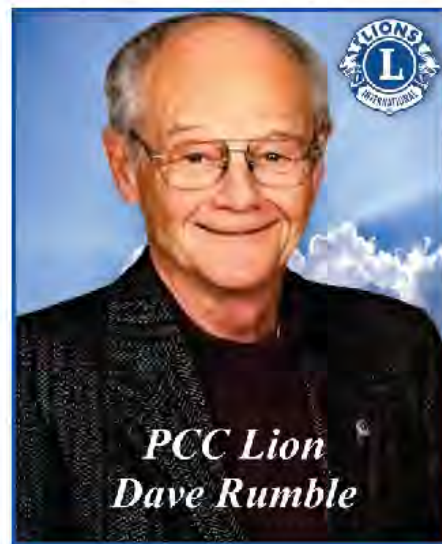
In light of that a Memorial Service was held this past Saturday October 16th at the Lions Park in Burford. Dave's life was celebrated the way he would have wanted. With friends and family gathered, lots of laughter, stories, smiles and love. As Lions International was such a monumental part of Dave's life, there was a traditional Memorial Service including the Missing Lion aspect. A further tribute to Lion Dave was the posthumous awarding of a Life Membership.



(facsimile)

Lion David A. Rumble October 16, 1946 – June 24, 2020

Lions lost a legend in June when PCC Lion **Dave Rumble** passed away, not only was Dave a stalwart promoter of Lionism, he was a strong supporter and volunteer with many other volunteer organizations throughout his lifetime, including the Burford Volunteer Fire Department and the Sacrament Parish in Burford. His proudest moments as a volunteer came through his membership with Lions International, where he was inducted as a member of the **Burford Lions Club** in April of 1973. He made his way through the ranks and was MD A Council Chair in 1992-1993. Dave was known as a quiet yet compassionate man. He also touched the hearts of hundreds of families through his many years in the funeral service industry, always with the utmost professionalism. A celebration of his life at a later time, when restrictions are lifted and Dave can be given the farewell he deserves, and the way he would have wanted, full of hugs and laughter.



If so inclined Lions Clubs and members could consider donations to the Lions Club of Burford "Lions Way" or the Lions Foundation of Canada. R.I.P. Lion Dave.

Excerpt From Lion Magazine Jul/Aug/Sept 2020

COPETOWN LIONS

The Copetown Lions recently recognized members who have passed away over the years. A project was undertaken to commission a memorial stone to be placed at the entrance to the Lions Community Centre. The project has reached the point where the stone has been placed as shown in the photographs. Names can be added as the need arises. An unveiling was



held with current and former members in attendance, shown in the group photo from L to R are Lions Jamie Walker, Brian Bowslaugh, Barry Conron, Rockton Lions members, Louise Howe and DG Harvey Wood. Copetown members: Bill Shewfelt, former member Mike Jackson and friend Jeff Wheaton, Copetown members Moe Crickmore, Willie Arnold, Dave Biehler and Debbie Nelligan.



The Memorial Stone committee was made up of Lions Bill Shewfelt, Doug Paddon and Lion Chief Dave Biehler. Lions Doreen Wilson, Frank Regan, Brian Bowslaugh and Joe Thorogood prepared the site.

KITCHENER PIONEER LIONS



Life memberships in Lions are a recognition to be treasured. This case is no exception. Lion Chris Duncan, who is the Lion Chief for this Lions year, received one for his long service to his club and his efforts in the spirit of Lionism over the years. Presenting is 1st VDG Tony Davidson.



(facsimile)

GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS



The Guelph Royal City Lions Club learned that the West Willow Village Neighbourhood Group were in need of backpacks for high school aged students they were happy to help. Two of their newest Lions Jim and Kelly Pratt in the centre proudly presented the backpacks to the West Willow Village Neighbourhood Group on behalf of the Club.

2022 DOG GUIDE PUPPY CALENDARS



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Add a Dog Guide Puppy Calendar To Your List

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2022 DOG GUIDE PUPPY CALENDAR
CALENDRIER DES FUTURS CHIENS-GUIDES

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COMPREND SEPT. À DEC. 2021 EN UN COUP D'ŒIL

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ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT LFC DOG GUIDES

The 2022 Dog Guide Puppy Calendars are now available. This 12 x12 calendar filled with high-quality photos for future Dog Guide puppies makes great wall art for offices and kitchens, hostess gifts, new home owner gifts, and Christmas gifts. All proceeds go to support the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides and local communities. Order calendars online for a December delivery at:

www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends

Or pick one up a from a participating District A15 Lions Club. Average price for resale is \$20.00.

ATWOOD LIONS



On Sept. 22, the *Atwood Lions Club* donated \$25,000 to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, represented by Dog Guides Fundraising Coordinator & Lions Club Liaison Kelly Russell, LFC Chair MDA Deb Cserhalmi and LFC Chair District A15 Cheryl Bauman, along with future Guide Dogs Pekoe, Portia and Bindi. Dog Guides in seven distinct programs (Canine Vision, Hearing, Service, Seizure Response, Autism Assistance, Diabetic Alert, and Facility Support) are provided at no cost to eligible Canadians from coast to coast. From breeding to rearing and training with a life-time of follow-up services, each Dog Guide is \$35,000 to train and place. The foundation relies on donations, such as the Atwood Club's generous gift, to provide these special matches and does not receive any government funding. Now the largest school of its kind in Canada, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is located in Oakville and has a breeding and training facility in Breslau.



A huge Lions Roar to Atwood Lions!

WILMOT LIONS-LIONESS



The New Hamburg Lions club, now the Wilmot Lions, Lioness Club, were extremely proud to present the final \$12,000.00 cheque in September to the Wilmot Mayor Les Armstrong to complete our pledge of

\$60,000.00 to the Wilmot Splash Pad Building fund. This was an exciting project and one of the largest undertaken by our members. Earlier this year, The New Hamburg Lions, New Hamburg Lioness and St Agatha Lions announced the clubs had merged to form the Wilmot Lions/Lioness. Each of the



clubs have enjoyed long standing relationships in their respective communities. The New Hamburg Lions were established in 1967, The New Hamburg Lioness in 1980 and the St. Agatha Lions in 1983 giving many years of combined community service.

THAMESFORD LIONS



The Covid pandemic caused a lot of cancellations for all of us, including the Thamesford Lions. Thanks to all members for their help during our challenging year, although we were in a pandemic they managed to help a lot of people and raise money for our community!

These are the awards that would have normally been given out during our Charter Night as they were for the previous Lions year, the club intends to continue that tradition in May 2022.

Immediate Past President Lion Burton Smith
Lion of the Year for 2020-2021 - Lion Rebecca Haggerty
Helen Keller Fellowship - Lion Dan Fisher
Lions Quest Canada Fellowship - Lion Glenn Ross
Melvin Jones Fellow - Lion Wayne Romphf
Gold Centennial Awards - Centennial Membership Award in recognition for recruiting and retaining new Lions: Jack Broadfoot, Dave Salhani, Sheldon Wade & Don Weir
Diamond Centennial Award - Centennial Membership Award in recognition for recruiting and retaining new Lions, Scott Barr, Jack Broadfoot, Ron Pearn, Dave Salhani, Sheldon Wade & Don Weir
Membership Advancement Key - Dick Dufton & Dan Fisher
100% Treasurer Award - Jim Keron



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60 th Charter Anniversary certificate - awarded by District Governor George Corrin. Club was chartered in 1961 and we still have one original Charter Member, Lion Joe Wallace. Service years awards: 15 years Tony Redix, 45 years Chuck Dalton, 10 years George Corrin, 50 years Bob Fisher, 10 years Mike Egan, 50 years Len Martin, 45 years Jack Broadfoot, 35 years Larry Taylor, 40 years Rob Smith, 45 years Dave Woods, 10 years for Ron Bowman.

Sincere apologies if we missed anyone, See the photos on the following page.



**Melvin Jones
Fellowship**



**Lion Quest
Fellowship**



**Helen Keller
Fellowship**



**Gold Centennial
Award**



**PDG
George
Corrin**



**Past Presidents
Award**



**100%
Treasurer
Award**



Lion of The Year

GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS

Recently on a bright and warm Saturday, the Guelph Royal City Lions Club along with friends of Lions gathered to sort and pack the used eyeglasses, sunglasses and lenses they have collected since last year. This enthusiastic group of Lions and helpers sorted and packed 1163 pairs of sunglasses, 41 pairs of safety glasses, 177 pairs of children's glasses, 3,941 lenses, and 4,457 pairs of eyeglasses! Well done Lions and friends!



ELMIRA LIONS

Recently members of the Elmira Lions Club planted maple and other types of deciduous trees at the Breslau Memorial Forest. In these pictures, Elmira Lion Club, members Art Woods and Todd Wilson unload the trees that were planted throughout the commemorate gardens at the Breslau Dog Guides breeding and training facility. Trees are planted as a living memory for loved ones with each tree being marked by a plaque

with the name of the deceased honouree. For more information on the LFC Memorial Forest, which is maintained and cared for by the Elmira Lions Club, visit <http://www.lfcmemorialforest.org/>.



AYR - NORTH DUMFRIES

The club recently held their first indoor meeting since Covid started and inducted *Three New Lions!* Welcome Ron Friesen, Natalie Wood and Dave Poissant. They will help the club to grow and have a positive impact in Ayr and North Dumfries! If you are interested in getting involved and becoming a Lion, please reach out! We would be happy to have you! Thank you to Lion Lisa Visser for the images!



**Lion Donald Vine,
Membership Chair
DG Harvey Wood
New Lion Ron Friesen**



**DG Harvey
Lion Robert Cooper
New Lion Natalie Wood**



**DG Harvey
Lion Robert Cooper
New Lion Dave Poissant**

WILMOT LIONS/LIONESS



In the September issue we read about the formation of a new club in A15, that being the amalgamation of the New Hamburg Lions, New Hamburg Lioness and the St. Agatha Lions to form the Wilmot club. This goes to exemplify the terminology *"Together We Are Stronger"*. It follows there would be an induction ceremony to make it official. Recently District Governor Harvey Wood had the pleasure of inducting the New Hamburg Lioness members into the newly formed Wilmot Lions/Lioness. Note the smile on Harv's face being surrounded by all those lovely ladies.

"Wings over Wellington" Calendar 2022



South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch, in partnership with local photographer, Rick Cleland, is proud to offer a collection of exceptional bird photographs as part of our "Wings over Wellington" calendar for 2022. This 13-month (Dec 2021 to Dec 2022), 12 x 12 inch calendar is a limited printing and net proceeds will help fund service projects that our club provides in the southern Wellington County communities.

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and reserve your copy. Bird lovers? Why not make this a gift for a friend or loved one for Christmas and help support needed service in your community?

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www.swcommlions.org/calendar2022



Rick Cleland's interest in Birding began in his native land, Australia, in 1994. When he and his Canadian wife moved from the city to take up farming fine wool Merino sheep, the opportunities for bird sightings increased but it was still just a casual interest. Fate directed a need for the move to Canada, and Photography became more of an interest for Rick. A Black Lab, joined the family as a pup and became his constant companion on the trails. In 2012, Rick bought his first DSLR camera but it wasn't until 2015 that the passion for Bird & Wildlife photography picked up steam. Rick shoots with a Canon 7Dmkii and Sigma 150-600mm lens.

Dedicated to the memory of his well-known "Charlie" his Photo-Lab Assistant who was present during the taking of all but one of these images.



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Charlie—Photo-Lab Assistant