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**Lions Clubs International**  
**District A-15**  
**Governors Newsletter**

**November 2021**



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**W**ell, here we are, another month has passed and firstly I want to express a huge thanks to our bulletin editor, Lion Bob Pearson. Lion Bob's capabilities and imagination go on and on and on. He not only is a credit to his club, Copetown but to District A – 15 and to the Multiple District as well and as Governor, I am grateful to Lion Bob for his contributions.

I am watching the facebook pages and Clubs are coming alive with regular activities and with Christmas events. It is really nice to witness the “protected” activities that are being carried out across the District.

It is also encouraging to view the support being provided to our Diabetes programs with blue lite displays emerging in many communities.

Fundraising activities are slowly starting to return and will prompt our service to higher levels. And do not forget our own Canadian campaign 100 initiative, a program that brings our pride and provides a higher level service platform. Thanks to Lion Peter Oswald for his strong leadership. Keep up the good work Peter.

And lastly, our District A – 15 Convention which will be held April 9th and 10th at the Crowne Plaza in Kitchener. Convention Chair George Patton and his committee are planning a huge celebration. This will be our first live convention in three years and we are anticipating a large crowd. Convention registration packages will be arriving in January. My suggestion, register early

*Harv*

***“Together We Are Stronger”***

# A15 CABINET



**Harv Wood**  
**District Governor**



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



**Tony**  
**Davidson**  
**1 VDG**



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



**Garbrielle**  
**Paff**  
**Secretary**



**Linda Vinette**  
**Treasurer**



## PASSING

Lion Ron McGuire  
October 12th, 2021  
Bridgeport Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/37msvp97>



## PASSING

Lion George Guenther  
November 14th, 2021  
Milverton Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/z3hmtupy>



## PASSING

Lion Jim Leis  
November 14th, 2021  
Milverton Lions  
“He Served”

<https://tinyurl.com/jvmasrmd>

# LIONS OF DISTRICT A15

**W**e are asking all clubs in A15 to prepare a Membership Plan for this Lions year, 2021-2022. This because we believe that planning is the first and most effective part of a successful membership campaign. Some clubs have asked for examples or templates and we are pleased to send a link to a plan that shows that success does come from planning and execution.



click logo to go to plan.....

**We ask that this be distributed to your club members for their review. The example provides a good number of the ideas that could go into your plan.**

**Please take the time to read it and make time available to discuss your own strategy and an upcoming meeting. As it says: “If you build it, they will come.”**

**Let's GROW together!**  
**Denis Vinette, GMT**



*Denis*



# 2021 K-W Community Spirit Lions Blue Lights for Diabetes Awareness

Wet snow did not dampen the Lions spirits as they gathered at the Pedestrian Bridge in Waterloo Park, for a brief ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin and officially turn on Blue Lights for Diabetes Awareness on the evening of November 14. The lights will stay lit as part of the Wonders of Winter holiday lighting in the Park until the end of December.



( L-R) Dave & Lynn Hollinger, Wonders of Winter volunteers; PDG Tracey Robinson, District A-15 Diabetes West Co-Chair; PRC Brian Marten, District A-15 Diabetes East Co-Chair; Club President Shirley Ruller; MP Bardish Chaggar; Club Treasurer Faye Meadows; Lion Janice Fleming.



# THAMESFORD



**In keeping with November being Diabetes Month, the Thamesford Lions created this wonderful blue light display..**



# WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS



**The Lions of the Woolwich Club have also done a great job with a blue light display. The insert is a copy of the flyer on the door!**



# ROCKTON LIONS

## MELVIN JONES FELLOW



**Lion Dave Hughes was recently awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of his tireless work with the Rockton Lions and the Community. Dave's accomplishments are many and varied including his work with the Rockton Fair, the Club's project at the area Pumpkin Fest & Christmas Tree event and his efforts with his club's inventory of handicap equipment. Congratulations Dave, well deserved. Dave is shown in the photo with his award, flanked by D.G. Harv Wood on the left and Club President Gary Lloyd on the right.**



# LYNDEN LIONS



**Lion Gary**



**Lion Chief Rae**

**District Governor Harv Wood presented Lion President Rae Rotchell with a 65 Years of Service award at a recent meeting. Not to be outdone, he also presented Lion Gary Eves with a Diamond Centennial Award.**



**THE CLUB WAS BUSY ON HALLOWEEN, HANDING OUT TREAT BAGS AND HOT APPLE CIDER TO THE TRICK OR TREATERS!**

# **WATERDOWN & MISSISSAUGA LIONS**

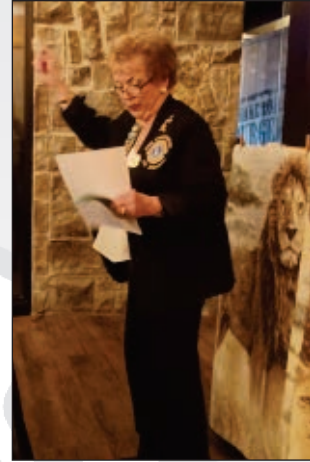


**Waterdown and Mississauga Lions have joined with Halton Region Conservation Association to restore Joe Sam's Park in Waterdown to natural indigenous plants. Joe Sam's park was a farm bequeathed to Flamborough and Hamilton Region Conservation Authority. The Lions have joined in as partners and have organized tree planting sessions. The Waterdown Lions were joined by 711 District Governor Sandy Heeralal-Judhan, shown on the left in the photo and three Mississauga Lions on Saturday October 30. With other community volunteers, they planted over three hundred trees.**



# ZONE MEETING 9E

Your newsletter editor attended the 9E Zone Meeting on November 18th in Kitchener. Upwards of thirty Lions were present including District Governor Harvey Wood and other Lions to numerous to list, however here are a few of them. Highlight of the night was a skit put on by Lions Linda and Denis Vinette that was not only entertaining but informative.



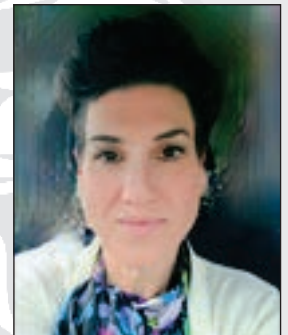
Lion Janet Dawson -Brock  
Zone Chair and Host  
Peace Poster Chair



Lion Shirley Ruller,  
Official Greeter  
Won the 50-50  
Big\$\$\$



DG Lion Harv Wood  
Convention Update



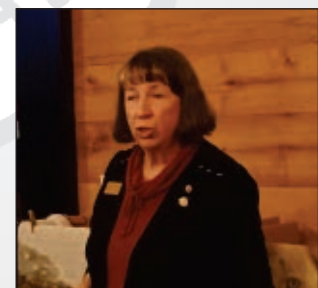
Lion Lisa Visser  
Zone Chair 37S



Lion Bill Robinson  
Zone Chair 51E



Lion Joanne McQuiggan  
Lions Quest  
Executive Director



PDG Lion Nancy Ransom  
GST - District Coordinator



PDG Lion O.J. Wilura  
Enthusiasm Leader

Be sure you check the next page.....



“LIONS,  
THE LAST  
HUNDRED  
YEARS”



“A NIGHT  
AT THE  
OSCARS”  
(2)

**Best  
Actors**

In 2019 there was a production put on by several Lions in A15 that was second to none, however part of the same crew have come up with a dynamic presentation dealing with Lions membership and it's benefits. Click the logo to the left to read the original article.

## MEMBERSHIP

This time around Lions Linda and Denis Vinette and a strong support crew put on a presentation at the Zone Meeting that further illustrates the benefits of Lionism. You had to be there to fully appreciate the message, however here are photos that perhaps will give you an idea of the excellence of the production.



**BEST  
PROPS!**



**MEMBERSHIP  
“THE JOB’S NOT  
OVER UNTIL  
THE PAPER WORK  
IS DONE!”**





# K-W COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIONS



**T**he K-W Community Spirit Lions were thrilled to present charter member Lion Joanne McQuiggan, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The Fellowship, named in honor of the founder of Lions Clubs International, is the highest form of recognition conferred by Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Foundation serves humanitarian needs worldwide, through contributions by Lions and others to the program. Lion Joanne, who is best known for her role as executive director of Lions Quest Canada, has served in many capacities for her club and the district. Presenting the fellowship is PDG Nancy Ransom.



# PARADISE & DISTRICT LIONS



**O**ver several years the Paradise and District Lions have been working with Wellesley Township to make improvements to the Lions Park in St. Clements. In the spirit of creating and encouraging community participation and enjoyment of the Lions' Park, the club has provided additional playground equipment, installed benches, refuse containers, and most recently the construction of a new picnic shelter for community members. To enhance the use of the park is a project to add a "walking trail" within the grounds. The Lions proposed a 500 meter "Walking Path" winding through the park and have received approval by the Township of Wellesley. The trail will follow the general perimeter of the park., benches will also be installed and it will be accessible friendly.

At the dedication of the picnic shelter, in honor of Joe Brick a deceased member, three trees in memory of individuals who had contributed significantly to our community have been placed to honour Joe Brick, Gerard Stemmler and Brad Voisin. Community Members, for a nominal donation, can purchase a tree and plaque creating a living memorial dedicated to the memory of a loved one.

Further information is available at: [paradise@a15lions.org](mailto:paradise@a15lions.org)



# MILVERTON LIONS



In October the club held a food drive, a big thank-you and a Lions Roar to the community of Milverton. The Lions collected approximately one hundred and twenty bags of food and \$525.00 for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.



# **Otis, Hilda & Larry's**

## **PetValu Walk for Dog Guides 2021**

### **Lions Foundation of Canada**



All facts and figures are in and the Lions Foundation of Canada PetValu Walk for Dog Guides held virtually across Canada for the second year with one hundred and eighty five walks taking place that involved one thousand four hundred and twelve walkers that raised \$818,456.50 on the 2021 walk, The Foundation's annual walks over thirty-six years have raised over \$17 million dollars, owing to the wonderful generosity of community businesses, Lions, family, friends and other service minded individuals Otis and I, the Ariss and Maryhill, Elora and Belwood Lions added \$12,190,30 which brought our total in seven walks to \$52,240.35.



The Foundation's facilities were closed because of Covid-19 but were still able, through the dedicated efforts of training staff who took dogs home with them to continue their training to virtually graduate service dog guides. Foster families were able to do a drive-through pickup of the new puppies and begin their training. Since the first dog graduated in 1985, over thirty-five hundred have been trained, graduated and placed in service. Today across Canada there are one thousand four hundred active teams working together.

Although Lion Hilda and I are in our early 80's it is our intention to once again hold Larry and Otis's 8th walk for dog guides in 2022. We are expanding our time frame for requesting support to spread out the work load for Lion Hilda. Donations can be made by using the following link:

[www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/larrywainwright/pet-valu](http://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/larrywainwright/pet-valu)

As we prepare this "Thank You" it seems so little to say. Hilda, Otis and I appreciate the tremendous support, encouraging words and friendship received from those supporting us.

Yours in Lions service  
Lions Larry and Hilda Wainwright and Otis





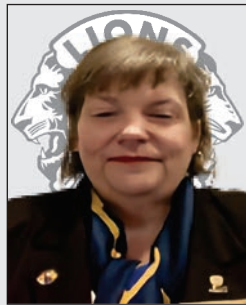


## Multiple District 'A' Accessibility Newsletter

# The Mission Statement

To Promote Lionism by ensuring that it is accessible to everyone by removing barriers for those who face visible and non-visible challenges and by creating a culture of inclusion and acceptance.

## WHO WE ARE



**Khrisstina Engel**  
Accessibility Chair



**George Corrin**  
Co Chair



**CC Dan Armstrong**



**PID Tom Gordon**



**PCC Debbie Dawson**



**PDG Glenn Conduit**

**The Committee will be producing Monthly Newsletters**

For more information about the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act:  
[About accessibility laws | ontario.ca](http://Aboutaccessibilitylaws|ontario.ca)



Diabetes



**STRIDES**  
FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

**NOVEMBER**  
*is national*  
**DIABETES**  
*Awareness*  
*month*

**BUT FOR US**  
**IT'S ALSO**

JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN,  
JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT & DEC

# FLORADALE FRIENDS OF DOG GUIDES & WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS



Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club joined sister club Woolwich Community Lions Club to raise funds for the Woolwich Community Services non-food drive. The clubs manned tables Friday & Saturday Nov. 12th & 13th, at local businesses to collect donations in support of the Woolwich Community Services Annual Christmas Food Hamper Fund. This is the second year the Floradale and the Woolwich Community clubs participated in this event which replaced the door-to-door food drive due to COVID 19.

1st row: (L) Barb Buchholtz Thomas, Floradale Club, (R) Carol Jongerius, Woolwich Club

2nd row: (L)- Sandra James, Floradale Club, (R) Woolwich Community Lions Club (L-R) Brenda Cressman, Dorothy Campbell and Vi Radcliff.

3rd row: (L)- Cheryl Bauman, Floradale Club, (R)- Deb Cserhalmi, Floradale Club



# GUELPH ROYAL CITY



The Royal City Lions Club of Guelph donated adorable stuffed Lions to the Guelph Wellington Paramedics to help bring some comfort to a child in traumatic situations. Presenting the stuffed Lions on behalf of the Club were Lion Ted Wells (chairperson), PDG Lion Char Dwyer, Lion Dr. Donald Cohen and Lion John McGee. The paramedics were very happy to accept these cute *stuffies*!





# 2022 DOG GUIDE PUPPY CALENDARS

*Holiday Shopping?*  
*Add a Dog Guide Puppy Calendar To Your List*

**GREEN CAPES**  
2022 DOG GUIDE PUPPY CALENDAR  
CALENDRIER DES FUTURS CHIENS-GUIDES

WWW.SUPERPUPCALENDAR.CA/FLORADALEFRIENDS  
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](http://www.superpupcalendar.ca/floradalefriends)

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

# "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.

**Only \$20.00**

**Order yours Today!**

To order:  
email: [caleud,w@su'Commlions.org](mailto:caleud,w@su'Commlions.org)  
or call/text Megan @: (226) 203-9034  
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?

To view the calendar online, visit:  
[WMV.SHlcommilions.org/calendar2022](http://WMV.SHlcommilions.org/calendar2022)

**Rick Cleland's** interest in Birding began in his native land, Australia. He and his wife, Margaret, took up birding in 1980. The opportunity to bird in the Wellington area was created but it was still just a hobby. In 1981, Rick directed a need for bird photography. Photography became a hobby. A Black-bellied Plover was the first bird he photographed. In 1982, he became a member of the Wellington Bird Club and became his first birding trip. In 2012, he became a member of the Wellington Bird Club and became his first birding trip. In 2012, he became a member of the Wellington Bird Club and became his first birding trip.

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# COPETOWN LIONS

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST



Students in Mrs. DeLong's art classes at Balaclava School in Carlisle have participated for the last 5 years in the Lions International Peace poster contest sponsored by the Copetown Lions Club. . This year the theme for the contest is "We Are All

Connected.". Pictured in the photo are the winners of this year's contest along with the school staff, L-R: Lion Debbie Nelligan, Copetown Lions, School Administrator, Isla B (2nd Place) Leah T. (1st Place), Dawson C. (3rd Place), Mrs. DeLong - Grade 8 Teacher.



**Second**



**First**



**Third**



# **SOUTH WELLINGTON COMMUNITY BRANCH LIONS**



**S**outh Wellington Lions have a lot of hot irons in the fire, Here is a picture taken taken at the unveiling of their L.A.M.P. , one of the club's Cenennial Projects. Also in conjuction with the project they planted three new tree and installed a new park bench along with the “Liltte Library”, it was painted by the art class at Erin High School. L.A.M.P. is the acronym for a Literacy Activity Meeting Place. This one was established in Orton, a small community, part of Erin Township.

**From left to right: Peter Robertson, Club Member – Jean Stacey, Strong Start (Project Partner) - Nick Colucci, Erin Township - Carl Gray, Club President – Mayor Alan Als, Town of Erin - Doug Smith, Club Member and Elizabeth DeBergh, Wellington County Learning Centre (Project Partner).**



# WILMOT LIONS-LIONESS



**Wilmot Lions /Lioness made a donation of \$4500.00 to the Wilmot Family Resource Centre at their November General meeting. Trisha Robinson a long time administrator at WFRC accepted the cheque from Treasurer Lion Jim Miller. Trisha spoke about the many programs WFRC provides for our community, including the Hamper program which this year has almost doubled in need.**

# ELMIRA LIONS



**Lions Club of Elmira are pleased to welcome two new members to the club. On Wednesday, October 20th, Kyle Somerville and Brent Wiancko were inducted into the club. Also shown are their sponsors, Brad and Bert Martin.**

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## LIONS TECHNOLOGY!



**click the image for a demo**

**A lot of A15 clubs, Elmira included, do tree planting as one of their service projects. If your club is planning a tree planting perhaps this piece of technology might be useful!**



# INGERSOLL LIONS & INGERSOLL KIWANIS



In October the Ingersoll Kiwanis and the Ingersolls Lions teamed up and worked together at the Kiwanis Community Market event, it runs every Saturday during June through October. The last market this year would look a little different, with many fall activities being canceled the Kiwanis added a little extra to the last market of the season. Local farmers donated hundreds of pumpkins that were offered free to whomever came through the market that day. Our club ran a BBQ and cooked hot dogs, the original plan was to sell the hot dogs but that strategy was changed and the club gave them out at no charge and just asked for a donation. With a great effort from eight Lions members and the club mascot “King” was on site providing entertainment for many little friends. The weather was great and the two clubs ran a successful event. The club combined efforts raised \$895.85 for local charitable efforts.



# CAMBRIDGE HIGHLANDS



**Lion Janice Lajeunesse on behalf of the Cambridge Highlands Lions and their continuing community commitment presented a \$2000.00 cheque to the Cambridge Road Runners U 12 Hockey team for the purchase of team jerseys.**



# KITCHENER PIONEER LIONS



**Earlier this year three generations of the Madill family are now members in The Kitchener Pioneer Lion's Club. Lions Don Madill, Paul Madill and newly inducted member Lion Donovan Madill, District Governor Lion George Corrin on the left officiated the induction.**