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# Lions Clubs International

## District A-15

### *Governors Newsletter*



**"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"**

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**November 2021**



**S**oon 2021 will be in our rear view mirror and on December 31st we will be one half way through our 2021/22 Lions year.

**Most clubs are holding "in person" meetings now and that is a positive in many ways. First to be with our fellow Lions and to share experiences, secondly fund raising activities are taking place and thirdly the fundraising activities give promise to monetary support for both individuals and organizations who so dearly need our support.**

**We are starting to turn the corner with our membership numbers and January will bring focus to new, improved techniques to bring new members to our organization.**

**Please remember in order to bring a new member we must remember to ASK. I have asked two individuals to become Lions this year and both have answered YES.**

**Finally, I thank each and every one of you for your support and I wish everyone the very best over the holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.**





# 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 Orton Eby**  
**St. George Lions**  
**November 25, 2021**  
**“He Served”**

obit not available



**PASSING**  
**Lion Murray Tottle**  
**St. George Lions**  
**December 4, 2021**  
**“He Served”**



**PASSING**  
**PCC Lion John Stephens**  
**Exeter Lions**  
**December 14, 2021**  
**“He Served”**



# LIONS OF DISTRICT A15

**We** 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*



# ROCKTON LIONS



The Rockton Lions like all clubs during these tough Covid times, has struggled to raise money. A reasonably successful venture is to having a number of bottle and can drives. The local community has been very supportive in dropping off their beer cans, bottles and liquor bottles. The funds earned from these events have been put back into the community.

The most recent bottle drive was November 13<sup>th</sup>. Ten days before the event, it was brought to our attention that a young lad, Nick Malone of Waterdown, was collecting bottles and cans as a fund-raiser for McMaster Children's Hospital. He set a goal of \$5000. Nick was doing this for two reasons. First was to work towards his volunteer hours at high school. The biggest reason was that he wanted to do something to give back to the organization that has helped him so much. In June Nick was diagnosed with a brain tumor. When the club heard about Nick and his campaign, it was decided to channel the funds raised from our bottle drive to support Nick and his efforts. Nick was presented with a cheque for \$1903.50, this helped Nick to surpass his goal.

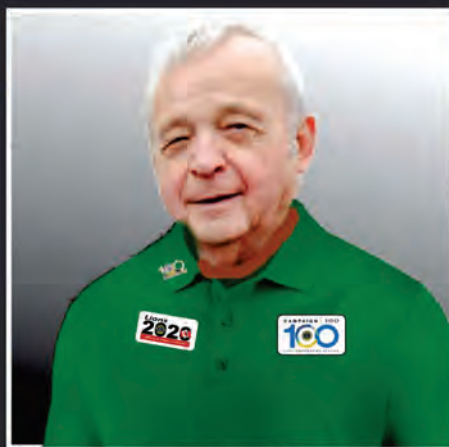


L-R Lion Pat Evangelisto, Lion Chief Gary Lloyd and Nick Malone





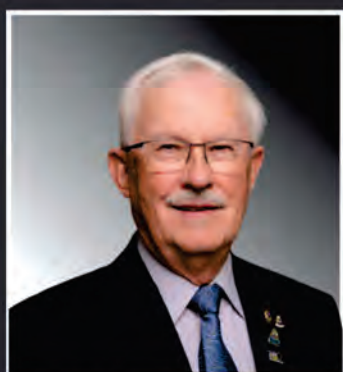
**PDG James Johnston**



**PID Art Woods**



**PDG Jim Rohrbach**



**PID Garnet Davis**



**PCC Debbie Dawson**

**September 24th and 25<sup>th</sup>  
MD-A Campaign 100  
Strategy Meeting**

**Lions from across MD-A attended a Development of Tools and Strategy for wrap-up of Campaign 100. Led by Dannette Pryor from LCI, Area Leader PID Art Woods, PDG James Johnston, PDG Jim Rohrbach, PCC Debbie Dawson & PID Garnet Davis**

**Objective:**

**To assist and equip Lion leaders to get MD-A, Canada and the campaign over the top in the final year. A big thank you to those who delivered the training and the hard working Lions in attendance.**



**Dannette Pryor  
LCI Development  
Manager**

**click here  
to view  
training  
materials**



# HELP WANTED



## Qualifications

1. Must be a member of the Greatest service organization in the world, Lions Clubs International
2. Must like people
3. Must be friendly...grumpy people need not apply
4. Must want to have fun
5. Must have an appetite

## Salary

Hourly rate \$0.00

## Fringe Benefits .....Many!

1. At least 10 FREE meals created by world class chefs
2. PAID milage to FREE meals
3. Meet the most friendly and intelligent people in the world
4. Be prepared to have fun
5. No cost education

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# 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!



# WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS

As cold weather comes in fast so does the need to get warm clothes and hot meals to youth experiencing homelessness. The Woolwich Community Lions Club collected donations for oneRoof Youth Services, which provides safety and support for 12- to 25-year-olds who are experiencing homelessness. Shown in the photo are (left) Lions Nancy and Val(right) with just some of the items collected.



WOOLWICH  
COMMUNITY  
LIONS  
CLUB





# 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.





# AYR-NORTH DUMFRIES



**The Ayr-North Dumfries club held a drive-by Santa parade on Saturday Nov. 27th in Ayr's Victoria Park. Together with about a dozen community groups they set up exhibits along the "Parade" route. Ultimately there was bumper-to-bumper traffic for two solid hours. At the back of the Santa float there was a food bank donation drop-off opportunity, seven hundred and forty-six pounds of food and \$700 in cash donations was collected. A very satisfying day for all.**

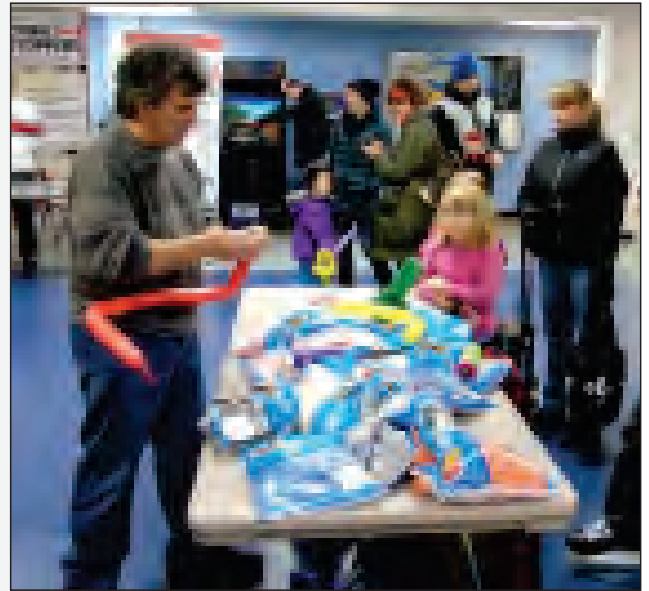
**Aside from the parade for the past several years, North Dumfries Township has sponsored a Festival of Trees in Centennial Park. Community Groups can sponsor one of the forty trees for a nominal sum. The photo shows tree decorated by club volunteers.**

**Also in the spirit of the season the club donated \$500.00 to the Neighbours Helping Neighbours Hamper program.**

**We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the Healthiest and Happiest of New Years.**



# **BELWOOD & DISTRICT K.W. COMMUNITY SPIRIT**



**In December at the Belwood Lions Santa Breakfast, PDG Nancy Ransom presented Lion Parry Frank with a Helen Keller Fellowship on behalf of the K.W. Community Spirit Lions. For several years, Lion Parry has provided children with his balloon creations at the KWCS annual Family Santa Skate at RIM Park He would not leave until every child went home with one of his beautiful balloons. A well deserved honour for a Lion who truly embodies Service from the Heart.**

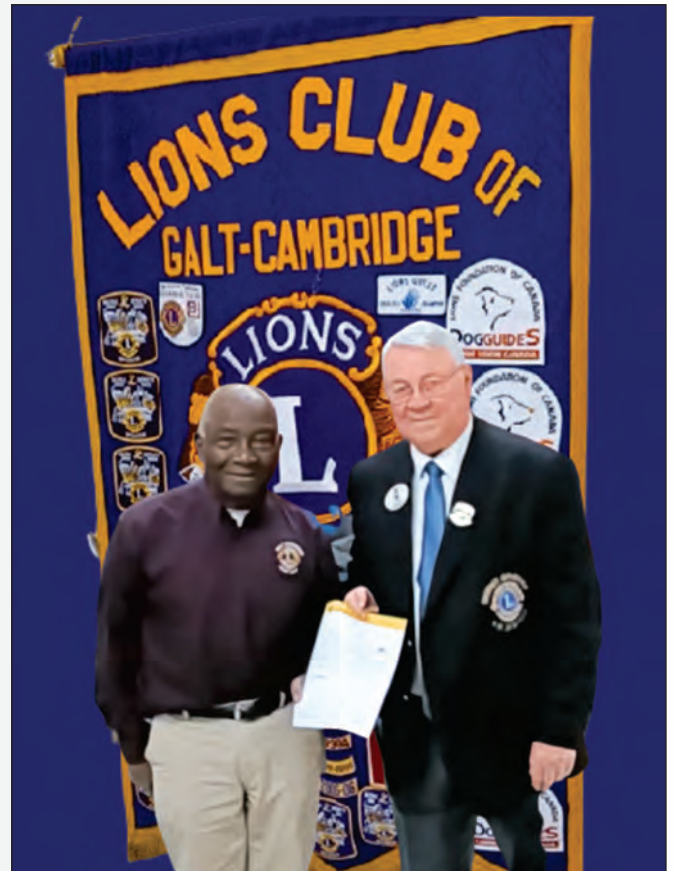


# LION DON GAMBLE GALT-CAMBRIDGE LIONS



At a recent meeting of the Galt-Cambridge Club Lion Don Gamble was to be honoured with the presentation of his 70 year membership chevron, unfortunately Don was ill and unable to attend.

PDG Dan Ayim accepted the award on behalf of Lion Don, presented by DG Harv Wood.



# EXETER LIONS



The Lions in Exeter have been busy, they have made a \$10,000.00 donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada to the the Dog Guide Program. We are not sure of all the persons in the photo but the Lion on the right is PCC Bill Carson.

Being one of the strongest clubs in the District and not to stand on their laurels, they recently inducted five new members: Lions Steve Coward, Mike Hammond, Kim Shred, Kevin Small and Mike Groot. The latest members puts the club upwards of sixty members. Lion Chris did a great job with the ceremony.







# WILMOT LIONS-LIONESS

**The Lions & Lioness of Wilmot, together with the New Hamburg Optimists and the New Hamburg Board of Trade hosted a visit from the BIG GUY and helpers. A Great Community Even!**



A Visit from  
**SANTA and MRS. CLAUSE**

On Sunday December 5th, New Hamburg had  
a visit from the big guy himself.

Special Thanks to the  
New Hamburg Board of Trade  
New Hamburg Optimist Club  
Wilmot Lions/Lioness Club  
for making this special event possible!!!!





# WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS & ELMIRA KIWANIS

**The Elmira Kiwanis Club put on a great Santa Claus parade after a Covid absence. Several Community groups were on hand, including the Woolwich Community Lions**



District A15 Leadership Team is inviting you to attend

# Webinar Wednesdays



Beginning January 12th at 7:00pm

## Topics



How a club started with 4 members and grew to 128 members.  
Using Facebook to market projects and your club (not how to use Facebook)  
How to make your club unique  
A club website made easy



**More Information to follow**



# ST. GEORGE LIONS



**Lion Chief Steve and our treasurer Lion Kevin presented a cheque to Mayor David Bailey and Dr. John McDonald. Our \$50,000 donation to the Cowan Community Health Hub will be given over a period of three years. Lion Chief Steve along with Lions Lorraine, Cheryl and Kevin were given a tour of the facility and by all reports it is a wonderful and valuable addition to our County.**

# STRATFORD LIONS

The Stratford Lions were busy in November collecting new socks and new or gently used blankets for “Help cover our City with Warmth and Care” Campaign. On December 8th and 9th members of the Stratford Lions distributed 117 blankets and 345 pairs of socks to 5 locations in Stratford along with hats, mitts, and scarfs.



**Lions Bill and Ray presenting to Lisa of The Emily Murphy Centre in Stratford**



**Lions Bill and Ray presenting to Theresa of The House of Blessing.**



**Lions Paul and Frieda presenting to Selena at Optimism Place.**



**Lions Paul, Frieda and Bill presenting to Jennifer of the Salvation Army.**



**Lions Bill, Frieda and Paul presenting to Joanna of Shelter Link Stratford.**



# STRATFORD LIONS CLUB



On November 28, 2021 the Stratford Lions Club participated in the City of Stratford Santa Claus parade. We were one of two service clubs participating in the parade.



# LYNDEN LIONS



**Santa sure gets around,  
here he is in Lynden for  
the Town Parade!**



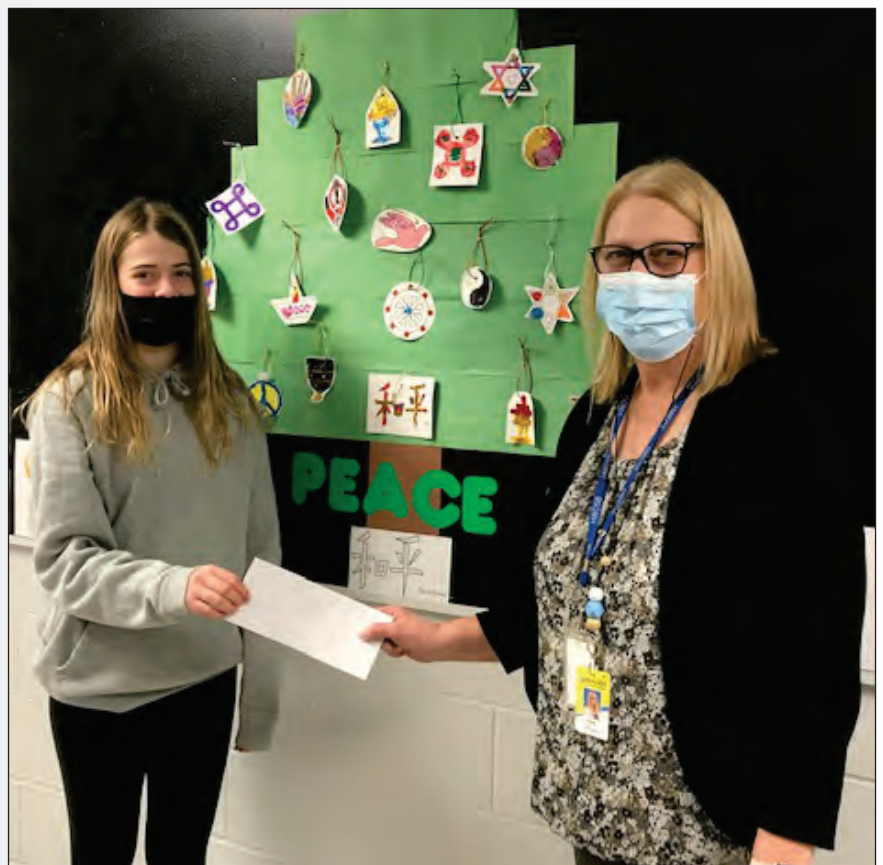
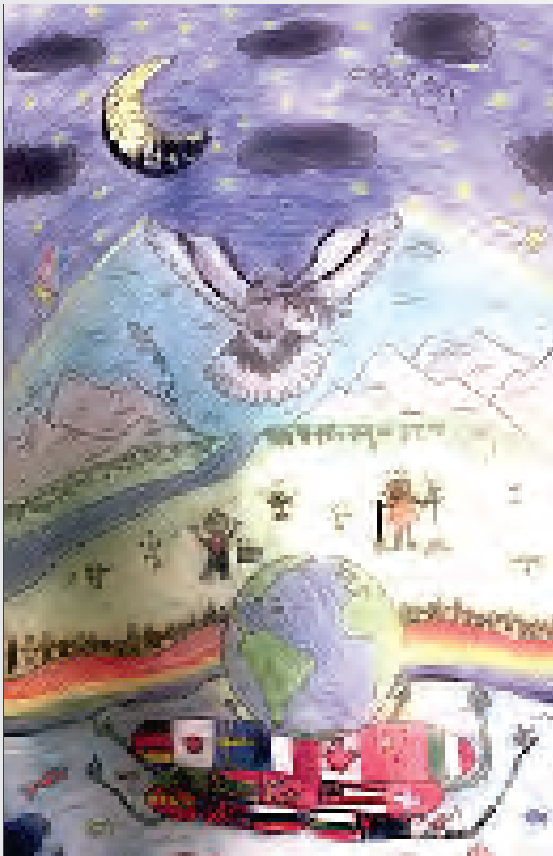
# COPETOWN LIONS PEACE POSTER CONTEST

In the last issue we did an article on the Peace Poster contest in relation to the peace poster contest from the Balaclava School in Carlisle, sponsored by the Copetown Lions. As reported the winner was Leah T from the art class of teacher Mrs. Delong's grade eight class. The



winning poster was submitted to A15 and won at the District level and her entry was forwarded to the MD A level contest. Shown in the photo is the winner receiving her cheque for \$100.00 from the club's peace poster coordinator Lion Debbie Nelligan who

is the school administrator. Lion Debbie has the working of the contest down pat, she displays all the posters at a club meeting and conducts a strictly controlled vote!



# ST. MARYS LIONS

The St. Marys Lions Club held an event to help the Kingsway Lodge and Fairhill Residence. Proceeds from *GIVING TUESDAY*, held on November 30th. Members of the public were able to purchase a bowl of Hot Soup and a Sassy Bun for just \$5.00, proceeds were donated to the mentioned facility. Pictured from L -R are Club President, Lion Joe Sangster; Treasurers Lion Rob Stuart and Lion Georgina McGregor; organizer, Danielle Oke, Director of Residential Living at Kingsway Lodge and Fairhill Residence and Theresa Wakem, Administrator at Kingsway Lodge. (Photos courtesy Danielle Oke)





# Distict A15 Santa Claus Parades







**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Lion Bob*

## New Wrinkle



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