



We Serve

Lions Clubs International

District A-15

Governors Newsletter

January 2022



Here we are, January, 2022, days are getting longer, sun is higher in the sky but we still have Covid. We, as Lions were recovering in late 2021, in person meetings were happening along with certain fundraisers but Covid returned.

District Cabinet is norming and our "pillars" are functioning quite well. By "pillars", I am referencing our GAT team. Our Service Chair, Nancy Ransom continues to source the many acts of service happening throughout the District. Keep a watchful eye for Nancy's monthly reportings. Our Membership Chair, Denis Vinette produces regular on line meetings and we have a number of prospective members waiting to be installed. And our Leadership Chair, James Sanders and his team including Diane Smith, Bill Robinson and Garry Ransom are holding information seminars weekly on Wednesdays via Zoom.

Our fourth pillar Peter Oswald leads the LCIF campaign 100 program. Peter's good work supporting this initiative continues to attract donations from both District Lions Clubs and from individuals. This campaign will wind down in a few months and I thank Peter for all the good work he has put into raising funds for this very valuable service over the past three and one half years.

There are several other success stories which will be related at other times but I do wish to thank George Patton for his leadership to produce our first in person convention April 9th and 10th to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener. The Convention packages have been distributed to each Club and I am asking the Clubs to complete and return to George and his Convention team soon.

Harv

A-15 CONVENTION PRESS RELEASE

"The A-15 family will be meeting 'in person' for the first time in three years" announces District Governor Harvey Wood. "Covid has required we have virtual conventions in 2020 and 2021 but, in spite of the current omicron wave, we believe we will be able to meet face to face again in April. I am inviting all members of the A-15 family to join April 9th and 10th of 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kitchener for our annual convention because 'TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER'."

This convention, hosted by the Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club, will be a modified event running for two days from 4 PM on Saturday April 9 to 1 PM on Sunday April 10. It will include many of the elements that members have come to expect at conventions. This will include opening ceremonies with the parade of banners, hospitality rooms on Saturday evening, in-person voting, cabinet meeting and memorial service on Sunday morning.

Our special guest will be International Director for Canada, Lion Allen Snider and his wife Susan. Director Snider will be meeting and greeting members throughout the two days of the convention and addressing the assembly at a luncheon on Sunday.

Hotel rooms are a special convention rate and information on booking rooms will be included in the convention registration package being mailed to all clubs as well as available for download from the A-15 website. Tables at which committee chairs can inform members of the committee's activities will be available during the convention and can be booked on a 'first come - first reserved' basis. All Covid protocols as require by local health authorities will be in place. Also, any specific requirements put in place by the headquarters hotel will apply.

"We are going to have a fantastic reunion for members who haven't had a chance to renew acquaintances, meet old friends or get to know some of our new Lions" says Governor Harvey: "and we hope as many members as possible take advantage of the chance to meet again in the spirit of gemutlichkeit." For more information contact Host Committee Chair PDDG George Patton at convhost@A15lions.org.

ALLEN SNIDER INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Allen Snider, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention in 2021.

He has 36 years of experience as a construction millwright and engineer at General Motors. Toward the end of his career, he also took on the position of mobile equipment manager. In retirement, he farms garlic, lavender and sunflowers.

Director Snider became a Lion in 1981 when he joined the St. Davids and District Lions Club where he has since served multiple terms as club treasurer and president. At the district level, he served a district governor and held leadership roles on the Global Membership Team and Global Service Team. He is on the board for the Lions Home for Deaf People and was also Preservation Hearing Chair at MDA. In recognition of his service, Lion Allan has been honored with two International President's Awards and several International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow and Helen Keller Fellowship recipient and a life member of the Lions Foundation of Canada and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Snider has been an Alderman for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a trustee for the Lincoln County Board of Education and is currently the Chair of the Committee of Adjustment for Niagara-on-the-Lake. He has also been a member of the local Royal Canadian Legion since 1977 and has received the Volunteer of the Year Award for Service Clubs in his community. Lion Allan's wife Susan, is also a Lion, as are his son, Richard, and daughter, Jessica. Director Snider is also proud to serve alongside the many other Lions in his extended family.

Governor Harv's comment: I have always believed that Lionism starts and ends with the members of our clubs. Having our new Canadian International Director as our special guest will let the Lions of A-15 see a Lion who is a 'down-to-earth' guy who is more comfortable in jeans & a T-shirt than a suit and tie. I truly think you will find him a person who appreciates value in the opinion of the average club member.

Also, ask him about planting trees!!



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TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

2022 DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION

APRIL 9TH - 10TH

CROWNE PLAZA

105 King St. E, Kitchener, On.



Hosted by:

Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club

Complete one registration form per person.

If paying for multiple registrants with one cheque or electronic transfer, attach forms together with payment. Make cheques payable to: The Oktoberfest Lions Club.

Mail to: Box 25099, 1221 Weber St East Kitchener N2A 4A5

Electronic Transfers to: kitoktlions@gmail.com

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>New Lion Since March 21</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A – 15 Convention First Timer</i> District: _____ Club: _____ | Pre-Registration Deadline: March 23, 2022 | |
| Lion _____ Leo _____ Non-Lion _____ Highest Office Held: _____ Past _____ Present _____ Name: _____ Badge Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ e-mail: _____ | | |
| Registrations after March 23rd Lion \$22.12 + HST= \$25.00. Non-Lions \$11.50 + HST= \$13.00 | | |
| Item/Function | Cost | Amount |
| Lion Registration (including HST) Before March 23rd | \$20.00 | |
| Non-Lion Registration (including HST) Before March 23rd | \$10.00 | |
| Leo Registration | Free | |
| Convention Pin | \$6.00 X _____ | |
| 50/50 Draw Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 <i>Winner to be announced after Memorial Service on Sunday</i> <i>Ticket MUST be present to win</i> | Tickets @ \$2 _____ Tickets @ \$5 _____ | |
| Sunday, April 10 th – <i>Convention Luncheon</i> | \$50 x _____ | |
| Special Meal Requests (Please give details) | TOTAL | |

Guests are to make their own room reservations directly by calling the CROWN PLAZA office at 519-744-4141 or 1-877-408-6665 and mention they are with the Lions District A 15 convention or use the three-letter code LCC to get the special room rate of \$139.00 plus taxes. Limited number of rooms available until March 16, 2022 at this special rate so book early. Hospitality rooms (Junior Suites) are \$369.00 plus taxes.

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Contact PZC Lion Ray @519-745-0947 or r_derouin@hotmail.com

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| Committee Use ONLY | Date Rec'd: | Cheque Number: | Amount: | Confirmation Sent: |
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for a registration form download click here.....

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Immediate Past
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Garry
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PASSINGS

“THEY SERVED”



PASSING

**Lion David Barker
Sweaburg & District
Lions
November 18, 2021**



PASSING

**Lion Bill Weatherston
Sweaburg & District
Lions
December 5th, 2021**



PASSING

**Lion Michael Kennedy
Wilmot-New Hamburg
Lions & Lioness
December 27, 2021**



PASSING

**PDG Dr. Jim Loucks
St. Marys Lions
December 21st, 2021**



PASSING

**Lion Bruce Nisbet
Rockton Lions
January 4, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Janice Lajeunesse
Cambridge Highlands
Lions
January 18, 2022**

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LIONS OF DISTRICT A15

Monthly Membership Minute

“Make your club NEW again”. What can existing clubs learn from New Clubs.



A few days ago, I was watching a tv program and heard something that struck me as very true. The TV character said, “Improvement requires change, perfection requires constant change...”. The words were spoken when that character was asked to “keep his ideas to himself and do as he’s told and all will go as PLANNED. Stay the course...”

Interesting words, especially as it comes to club and membership satisfaction.

Think about it. Isn’t it true that a club can only be relevant to its members and community by constantly looking at what it’s doing and who it’s serving. Shouldn’t a club take the time to review, reflect and redefine itself to better serve others. Maybe it’s a good idea to regularly “wipe the slate clean” and plan who, what and how it will serve.

New clubs engage all members. New clubs define themselves by service and needs that come to them as they grow. New clubs are not bound by the legacy of years before. New clubs need new ideas and welcome these as a part of their mission. New clubs welcome change.

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So... here's a few questions for you to consider:

Is your club welcoming to new ideas in service and funding?

Is your club supporting the same programs, year in, year out without much consideration or review of the “current” needs and opportunities to serve in the community?

Are your newer members being heard and are they asked for their input as regards the club direction and purpose?

Is the club providing hands-on service, a key element of member interest and growth?

In a nutshell ... Is your club as “in tune” as it can be? Can it learn by being open to a wholesale re-look at its purpose and mission.

**And so I ask, Is it time for you to help “Make Your club New Again”.
Think about it...**

Denis



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

The District Membership committee is here to help and feel free to contact me or any member of our team (see the District Website / Membership) regarding this or any other questions regarding how to improve your club membership numbers and experience.

A15 WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS

#1 January 12th



A15 has put together a series of four webinars that focus on membership and club growth, the first one was January 12th, with three more to follow, January 19th, January 26th and February 2nd.

The webinar team is made up of Lion Bill Robinson, ZC 51E, Lion Jim Sanders GLT District Coordinator and Lion Garry Ransom, VDG2.

The first session on the 12th was all to do with membership and club growth, PDG Dianne Smith introduced DG Sandy Heeralal-Judhan from A7-11 she gave an excellent presentation on membership growth and forming new and branch clubs. There is a comprehensive report on her district's first 100 days that illustrates membership growth. That report is available on the A7-11 web site.

The theme for the next three sessions are Club Uniqueness on January 19th, web site development and maintenance on the 26th and Social Media on February 2nd.

A full recording of the first and the remainder of the seminars is available by clicking [here](#)....



**DG Sandy
A 7/11**



ZC Bill



VDG2 Garry



PDG Dianne



GLT Jim

A15 WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS

#2- January 19th



A15 has put together a series of four Wednesday Webinars that focus on membership and club growth, the second session was January 19th, with two more on January 26th and February 2nd.

The webinar team is made up of Lion Bill Robinson, ZC 51E, Lion Jim Sanders GLT District Coordinator and Lion Garry Ransom, VDG2. That trio of Lions are doing an excellent job with the moderating of the sessions. PDG Dianne Smith is part of the team with her excellent introductions.

The second session on 19th was about club uniqueness and provided examples as follows: PDG Dianne Smith introduced Lion Kamran Farooq, President of the Lions Club of Kitchener. He gave an excellent presentation how he stays current with some of their projects, the “Reverse Santa Claus Parade provided the community with a very unique experience, his club has many other examples of their unique activities. Not to be outdone, Lion Jim Sanders also provided a very informative look at how his club maintains their presence and individuality with their projects and activities in the areas of sight and hearing.

The theme for the next two Wednesdays is web site development and maintenance on the 26th and Social Media on February 2nd.



**Lion Kamran
President
Lions Club
of
Kitchener**



ZC Bill



VDG2 Garry



PDG Dianne



GLT Jim

District A15 – 2021/2022

New Member Welcome Wall

| <i>Member</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>Club</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Marilyn Bursey</i> | <i>Brenda Carballo</i> | <i>Ayr-North Dumfries</i> |
| <i>E. George Woodley</i> | <i>Raymond Jasperson</i> | <i>Belwood and District</i> |
| <i>Brent Wiancko</i> | <i>Bert Martin</i> | <i>Elmira</i> |
| <i>Michael Groot</i> | <i>Lee Finkbeiner</i> | <i>Exeter</i> |
| <i>Mike Hammond</i> | <i>Steve Coward</i> | <i>Exeter</i> |
| <i>Kim Shred</i> | <i>Paul Anstett</i> | <i>Exeter</i> |
| <i>Kevin Small</i> | <i>Paul Scott</i> | <i>Exeter</i> |
| <i>Allanah M. Kelly</i> | <i>Jim Cook</i> | <i>Freelton</i> |
| <i>Cees Van Arendonk</i> | <i>Beverley Gushue</i> | <i>Guelph</i> |
| <i>Tarlochan(Tosh) Sondh</i> | <i>Carl Swanson</i> | <i>Guelph Royal City</i> |
| <i>Trudy Ling</i> | <i>Lisa Visser</i> | <i>Ingersoll</i> |
| <i>Chloe Ribaric</i> | <i>Bonnie Lalande</i> | <i>Ingersoll</i> |
| <i>Amy McKague</i> | <i>Dave Mair</i> | <i>Innerkip and District</i> |
| <i>Scott A. McKague</i> | <i>Dave Mair</i> | <i>Innerkip and District</i> |
| <i>Bree G. McQueen</i> | <i>Dave Mair</i> | <i>Innerkip and District</i> |
| <i>Brett P. McQueen</i> | <i>Dave Mair</i> | <i>Innerkip and District</i> |
| <i>John Paul B. Bell</i> | <i>Chris Keithlin</i> | <i>Kitchener</i> |
| <i>Tamara Hamilton</i> | <i>Missy Westgate</i> | <i>Mossborough Busy Busy</i> |



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New Member Welcome Wall

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Sherri L. Pelton</i> | <i>Lorne Reid</i> | <i>Paris</i> |
| <i>Carrie Sullivan</i> | <i>Club</i> | <i>Plattsvilleand District</i> |
| <i>HermenA. Lavigne</i> | <i>Marjorie Gray</i> | <i>South Wellington Comm.</i> |
| <i>Mary Ann Barnes</i> | <i>Richard Barnes</i> | <i>St. George</i> |
| <i>Jonathan E. Hughes</i> | <i>Elizabeth Hughes</i> | <i>St. George</i> |
| <i>William J. Rath</i> | <i>Kevin Hewitson</i> | <i>St. George</i> |
| <i>Doris Weir</i> | <i>Rebecca Haggerty</i> | <i>Thamesford</i> |
| <i>Melanie E. Beisel</i> | <i>Jennifer DeCosta</i> | <i>Woolwich Community</i> |
| <i>Christina M. Darrigan</i> | <i>Melanie Beisel</i> | <i>Woolwich Community</i> |

*Thank You To All New Members For Joining Us In Service
And To Their Sponsors For Taking An Active Role
In The Growth Of Our Association.*



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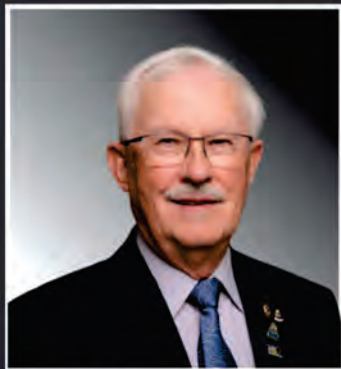
PDG James Johnston



PID Art Woods



PDG Jim Rohrbach



PID Garnet Davis



PCC Debbie Dawson

**September 24th and 25th
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](#)

LIONS INTERNATIONAL COUNSELOR

In the 1940s Lions Clubs International created a new distinction known as International Counsellor. This was awarded to Past District Governors who had reached and surpassed LCI goals for District Governor. The acronym of IC came with an official Lions International Certificate, a ring, and a pin.

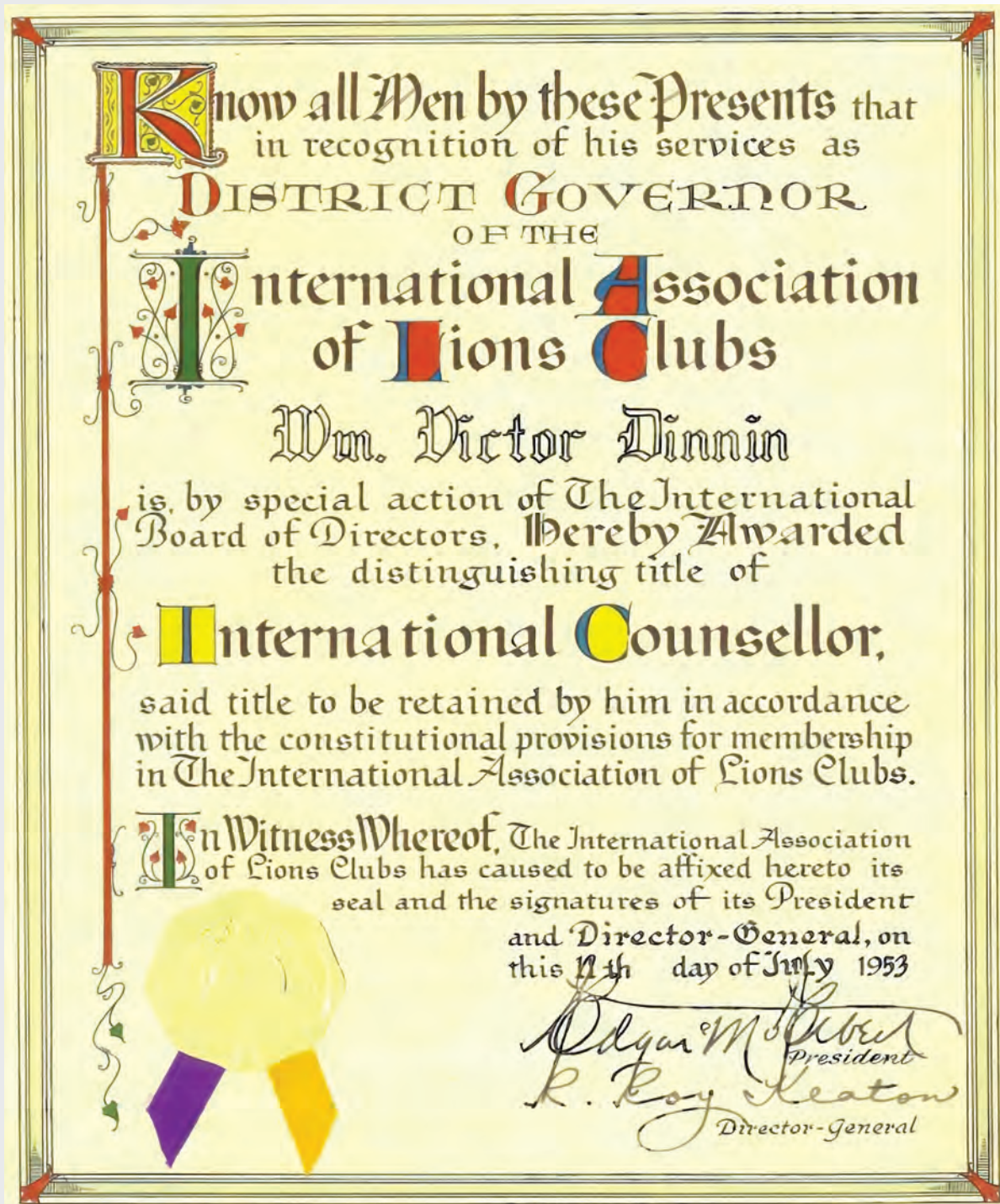
In 1966, LCI discontinued the use of the term International Counsellor. Existing ICs would no longer be recognized as such by LCI, they would be recognized by the title of Past District Governor. Districts could however, choose to continue using the recognition if they chose to do so.

A recipient of this award, Past Council Chair, Lion William Victor Dinnin, a Charter Member of the Zurich Lions Club, served as District Governor for District A-1 in 1952-53. Subsequently the Zurich Lions Club became part of District A-15 when it was formed in 1976. IC Lion “Vic”, as he was known, passed away in 2007.



CHARTER MEMBERS — Four charter members of the Zurich and District Lions's Club were honored at the Club's 40th anniversary dinner. Shown are Wes Coxon, Vic Dinnin, Russell Grainger (with a record of perfect attendance), Howard Klopp and Zurich president Richard Erb.

Note: This page and the next two are from the files of A-15 Historian, Nancy Ransom and MDA Historian Ray Charbonneau





A Past District Governor with this distinction still serves in District A 15. Past International Counsellor, Lion Don Gamble. PIC Lion Don Gamble, of the Granby Lions Club in Quebec, served as District Governor of District A8 during 1964 - 1965. District A8 later became part of the newly formed Multiple District "U" in 1993. Lion Don relocated to the Galt Lions



Club in 1981, (now known as the Galt Cambridge Lions Club), where he continues to serve as a Life Member. He recently received his 75 year pin.

- Excerpt from the 1964 Canadian Lions News, thanks to Lion Ray Charbonneau, MDA Historian



**District Governor, A-8
DONALD A. GAMBLE
Granby, Quebec**

Lion Don was initiated into Lionism as a Charter Member of the Granby, Quebec Lions Club in 1952. He has served in almost every office within his Club, as well as chairing many committees. He became President in 1956, Zone Chairman, 19-W, for 1958-59, Deputy District Governor of Region 19 for 1959-60, and is a Charter Monarch and Key Member with twelve years Perfect Attendance.

Born at Carp, Ontario, the new Governor is a graduate of Ottawa Technical School. After serving two years in the Canadian Armoured Corps, he returned to complete his education in the field of business administration. He joined the

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staff of Canadian Westinghouse some sixteen years ago, and is now in charge of Marketing Services for the Lighting Division.

The Boy Scouts of Canada has long been an active interest of Lion Don's. He served as a Cubmaster of Hamilton Westdale and Granby, Quebec Wolf Cub Packs for eight consecutive years. He is Treasurer of the Granby Boy Scout Ass'n. District Governor Gamble is married, and he and wife Charlotte have one small son. He is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada, and recently retired as Church Warden after three years of office. He is retiring President of the Yamaska Valley Basketball Ass'n.; a Stewart of Yamaska Lodge; and a member of the Canadian Legion. His hobbies are movies and Fi Fi.

LYNDEN LIONS

**What a year this has been ! Our community continues to amaze us
and we thank all of you for your support this year, wishing
everyone a blessed New Year!**



**WHAT A
YEAR!
2021**





District A 15 helped schools meet an increased demand for food.

Action: Lions in Canada partnered with a local Nutrition for Learning program to help get food to schools with hungry students.

Impact: Lions packaged over 3,000 snack bags for students, and teachers at supported schools reported increased focus, better scores, and happier students in their classes.



A15 has been recognized in a report from the GLOBAL ACTION TEAM(G.A.T.) at LCI. The photos illustrate the A15 clubs involved: K.W. Community Spirit, K.W. Leos and the Kitchener Lions packing food items at the Schwaben Inn for the Nutrition for the Learning(N4L) group for further info click the image above, Dr. Jack Bishop is providing direction.



KITCHENER PIONEER LIONS



Christmas Fantasy in Victoria Park

Each year the Kitchener Pioneer Lions and the Downtown Kitchener BIA work together and put on a Christmas display in Victoria Park that is second to none. Despite vandalism and thefts the club continue to put the effort into the project. Show in the photo are Lions James Steele, Don Madill and Jessica Bailey in front of the park's main bridge. Well Done Lions!

WILMOT LION-LIONESS NEW HAMBURG OPTIMIST NEW HAMBURG BOARD OF TRADE A Community Project!



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!!!!



KOATS for kids



ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB KOATS 4 KIDS

The Lions want to thank everyone for their generosity in donating this year. We received a large number of items, and distributed about 45 in total from the pickup location on Water St. S.

The remaining items are being donated to:

- City of London for the homeless shelter clients
- A young London family in need
- Salvation Army Stratford
- Lance and Shari Giesbrecht for the Father's House Charity, which assists youth in Kiev, Ukraine.

Special mention is due to

- Thelma Chambers and her church group who knitted mitts, hats, and scarves.
- Marlene Forman for cleaning all the donations
- Nicole Berge of the Opera House Apartments for donation of the empty office facility.
- Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, TD Bank, Meridian Credit Union, and Gwendolyn Boyle for operating collection points.
- Randy Barber for donation of the racks.

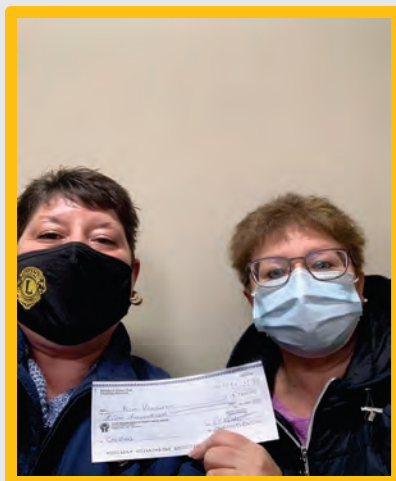
**THANK YOU VERY MUCH
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

In the month of December, in keeping with the Christmas spirit, The Stratford Lions Club made several donations.

President Trudy Carter (left) presented a \$500 donation to One Care. One Care looks after the needs of seniors and provides Meals on Wheels, dining/social programs, exercise classes, transportation, foot care, blood pressure clinics and many other services.



PDG Tracey Robinson presented a \$250 cheque to Kim Vancuran. Kim is a nurse that raises money and gets donations for Christmas presents for seniors living alone or in homes.

The Club also made \$250 donations to the Salvation Army and the House of Blessing.

INGERSOLL KIWANIS/ROTARY/LIONS



The Ingersoll Lions teamed up with the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs to help out with the annual Food and Cash drive over the Christmas holidays. The light displays in the parks bring thousands of vehicles to town and to participate. The foodstuffs and the monies collected go to the local Salvation Army and Inter-Church. As well local high school students helped out to build up their valued volunteer hours. \$12,790 and 2600 pounds of food was collected.

Shown in the photos with a van load of donated food are Lions Lisa Visser and Rotarion Lawrence Beckett and the big guy himself with a mesmerized fan!



IRISH DINNER

Saturday
March 12, 2022



Ennottville
Historical Library

4:00 to 6:00pm

\$18.00 / meal

7722 - 6th Line,
Ennottville,
(Elora)
Ontario

Hosted by the South Wellington Community Lions

Drive-thru / Take-out only

Tickets available by contacting Peter at

(519) 767-4995, by email at

peterrobertson972@gmail.com or online at
<http://www.swcommlions.org> by March 8, 2022

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