

Lions Clubs International

District A-15 Governors Newsletter

February 2022



This Lions year is passing quickly and now with the Provincial Government relaxing health protocols, our clubs have started to resume live meetings and are planning fund-raisers.

Our Global membership and Global leadership groups continue with their information and educational sessions, mostly by zoom.

Zone Chair meetings will be resuming so do not miss the opportunity that will be coming in your Zone.

Our District membership is turning the corner, thanks to all who have and will be sponsoring a new member. Membership is the life blood of our organization and we appreciate the fine efforts of our sponsors. Please remember my request: "finish the year with one more member than your Club started."

Be safe and be well!

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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, inperson 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 gemutlickeit." For more information contact Host Committee Chair PDDG George Patton at convhost@Al5lions.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!!



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

Flectronic Transfers to: kitoktlions@gmail.com

New Lion Since March 21 A – 15 Convention First Timer	Pre-Registration Deadline: March 23, 2022			
District:				
Club:		,	57	
Lion Leo Non-Lion				
Highest Office Held:		Past	_Present	
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Address: Cit Postal Code: Phone Number:	()		4	
e-mail:				
Registrations after March 23 rd Lion \$22.12 + HST= \$25.00. I	Non-Lions \$11.50	+ HST= \$13.0	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		00 X		
50/50 Draw Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5		ets @ \$2		
Winner to be announced after Memorial Service on Sunday		2000		
Ticket MUST be present to win		ets @ \$5		
Sunday, April 10 th – <i>Convention Luncheon</i>		0 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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District Governor



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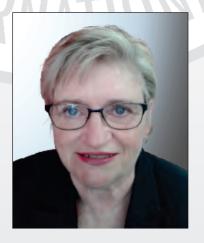
Tony Davidson 1 VDG



Garry Ransom 2 VDG



Garbrielle Paff Secretary



Linda Vinette Treasurer









Galt-Cambridge Lions
January 15, 2022

click here for full obituary.....

"TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER" 2022 DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION

- The Special Discounted Room Rate Ends March 16th
 Now is the time to book your room!
- Hospitality Suites Are Limited In Number Book Your Suite Now!
- Convention Luncheon Ticket Deadline March 23rd
- Early Bird Registration Discount Ends March 23rd



Have you heard the good news?

Lions Clubs International is proud to report that the new *Global Membership Approach* (G.M.A.) program has proven to be a reliable means for club growth and satisfaction in North America and now, throughout the World! Yes... it really works... if you work it!

To introduce this program to our District Clubs, the A15 Membership Committee will be hosting an online information night about how this new program can be the foundation of your club membership plans and strategy. This invitation is open to any interested member and should be of special interest to your upcoming club President and Membership chair. The presentation will be a short introduction to the program and will allow time for questions and discussion.

Come join us for the FIRST of THREE Sessions on

Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 7:00pm (Zoom Online)

To register, click on the link below

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlduCgqTlqG9CbDTT8jh9fjfRnZ3-aFPVW

Session 2 will be held online on March 24, 2022
and the Session 3 will be in person at the
District A15 Convention from 9:30 – 11:30am on Saturday April 9, 2022 Crowne
Plaza, Kitchener Downtown.

Not Sure? If you would like to know more about this new program, feel free to email me at gmt@a15lions.org or call 226-343-0261.

Denis Vinette, Membership Chair, District A15

A15 WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS

#3 January 26th



A15 has put together a series of four webinars that focus on membership and club growth, the first one was January 12th followed by the next three Wednesdays. The first two sessions were reported on in the January edition of the newsletter.

Next up was Club websites with a comprehensive overview delivered by George Loney who retired from the University of Guelph and set up a business specializing in website development and operationnot for profit organizations including the Guelph Club. Garry Ransom using his own Club's website showed how straight forward it is to keep the Guelph site current and fresh.

Lisa Visser introduced Lion Mark King from the Chippawa Lions who is establishing a virtual club in District A2, along with a host of other Lions. He is interested in visiting as many clubs as possible to gather information helpful to their cause. He can be contacted at 289-931-2663.



George Loney



ZC Bill



VDG2 Garry



ZC Lisa



PDG Dianne



GLT Jim

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The feature for this session was the use of Social Media, PDG Diane introduced Lion Lisa and Lion Cheryl, together they gave an excellent presentation of the use of social media to promote membership and service projects at both the club and district level.

This was the last of the four webinars in this series, thanks to the committee responsible for pulling it all together, Lions Garry, Diane, Jim, Lisa and Bill did a masterful job. Looking forward to future sessions.

A full recording of the first and the remainder of the seminars is available by clicking on the video camera image.



VDG2 Garry



ZC Lisa



GLT Jim



LFC Chair Cheryl



PDG Diane



ZC Bill

District A15 – 2021/2022 New Member Welcome Wall

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



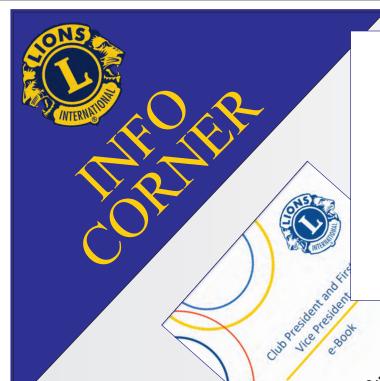
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Member	Sponsor	Сlив
Sherri L. Pelton	Lorne Reid	Paris
Carrie Sullivan	Club	Plattsville and District
Hermen A. Lavigne	Marjorie Gray	South Wellington Comm.
Mary Ann Barnes	Richard Barnes	St. George
Jonathan E. Hughes	Elizabeth Hughes	St. George
William J. Rath	Kevin Hewitson	St. George
Doris Weir	Rebecca Haggerty	Thamesford
Melanie E. Beisel	Jennifer DeCosta	Woolwich Community
Christina M. Darrigan	Melanie Beisel	Woolwich Community
E. George Woodley	Raymond Jasperson	Belwood and District
Nancy E. Woodley	Raymond Jasperson	Belwood and District
Adam Dickieson	Todd Wilson	Elmira
Jamie P. Dunne	Sam Sheardown	St. George
Penny McComb	Susan Martin	St. George

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.



Special thanks to Lion Denis Vinette for his rendition of the New Member Wall.....



WELCOME TO A NEW FEATURE

For this and future issues there will be valuable information that will help new and and experienced Lions locate and utilized tools and documents that will be of assistance.

The first example is an e-book that will be useful to any Lion who is considering moving through the various chairs within your club and eventually to being club president.

Click on the image to point you to the document.

CAMPAIGN 100

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M.D.A. Lions Working Hard
To Achieve The GOAL!

=\$300M US

Interested in viewing the LION magazine in a digital format? Click the image to the left to take you to the LCI digital platform to see the MD A magazines and other world wide editions.

How about going to this year's convention, it's pretty close, a short drive to Montreal.

Click the logo for all the important information.



Keep the A15 convention in mind, plenty of info on page two of this newsletter.

Fellow Lions



Your Leadership Team has just completed a review of the Training Sessions and Information Webinars held to date during the current Lions year. We would like to share some of what we have learned particularly from participants' feedback. We would also appreciate your ideas, advice and

help in planning future sessions for the remainder of this year and next.

What We Learned

- More than 85% of the participants prefer virtual versus in-person sessions
- 80-100% of participants had something to take back to their Club
- All Sessions received a positive rating with Facebook and Membership rated the highest.
- Sessions of 1 to 1.5 hours are preferred.
- It was evident that we all learn more with active participation.

How You Can Help?

We are looking for assistance for workshops in the following areas:

- Setting Up and Holding Hybrid Meetings
- Marketing Your Club
- Advertising your Club services and Fund raising Projects
- Google Docs Training
- Determining Club Project Priorities
- New Member Orientation

Please list additional areas of needs based on your experiences and of your Club. We are aware of time constraints that we all face and will continue to take this into consideration for all participants. Please send your comments and suggestions to:

GLT Chair Jim Sanders glt@a15lions.org

Your District Leadership Team: Lions Garry Ransom, 2nd VDG [Chair], Bill Robinson, Zone Chair, GLT Chair, Jim Sanders, PDG Diane Smith, Zone Chair, Lisa Visser

Hot On The Trail For 40 Years PID Art Woods & Elmira Lions







If you're a user of Woolwich's now-expansive trail system, you have Art Woods to thank for that. The Township of Woolwich Environmental Enhancement Committee (TWEEC) recently did just that on your behalf, presenting him with an award recognizing his decades of service. The group's CARES award (Community Awards in Recognition of Environmental Stewardship) acknowledges the Elmira resident's pioneering efforts to launch trails in the community.

Taken for granted today, trailways weren't even on the radar in 1980 when Woods and the Elmira Lions Club pushed to create the Elmira Lions Trail. For the full story click on the logo to go the OBSERVER, the local community newspaper or scan the Q.R. code with your phone.

DISTRICT A-15



Lions Certificate in recognition of their efforts not only in this Lion's year but prior years as well. No doubt that aspect of Lionism will continue in the future. VDG Lion Tony Tony Davidson from the St. George Lions and DG Harvey Wood of the Rockton Lions are proudy displaying their certificates.



STRATFORD LIONS

LION WILIAM (BILL) ROBINSON IS RUNNING FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2022-2023



The Stratford Lions Club is pleased to endorse Lion Bill Robinson for Second Vice District Governor.

We believe he will do the district proud.

Lion Bill has been an active Lion for 25 years. He has been a club president, a secretary, and a treasurer along with many other executive positions and chairman/worker positions at the club level.

At the District level, Lion Bill has served as Zone Chair 37W, 9S. Lion Bill has also served as Region Chair for 37 and 9 and currently he holds the position of Zone Chair 51E. Over the years he has been on many District committees such as Global Membership Team Coordinator, District Camp committee chair and currently District Lions Quest Chair.

Lion Bill is a leader, a planner, an organizer, and a doer. District A-15 would be well served to have him as Second Vice District Governor.

Over the last three years, service clubs have made substantial donations to support Margaret's Place Hospice in Dundas, A15 Clubs Copetown and Lynden have contributed in a big way with gifts of almost \$50,000.00. KUDOS to the Dundas Lions from District A711 with a huge gift of \$500,000.00. A presentation was given at a recent Copetown Lions meeting by Don Davidson, President and CEO and Teresa Silvestro, Development Officer on how the facility has impacted the community.



SPRING 2022

Margaret's Place Update

Dear Copetown Lions,

It has been nearly six months since the doors of Margaret's Place opened to care for its first residents. We have been touched by the impact the hospice has had on our residents and their families in such a short time. Their positive and heartfelt feedback is validation to us for taking on such a grand project. Because of our generous community, we are able to provide compassionate and dignified care to our residents in their final days.

Our Foundation continues to pursue the mission to care for everyone in our community who may need it. Offering care in one of the largest long-term care homes in Ontario, various community outreach programs and services, and now hospice care, we have truly become a campus of care and an integral component of our health care system. This is because of you and our community. Because of your tenacious support, the expansion of care to our community was made possible.



Soon after ribbon-cutting in late August 2021, the hospice accepted its first resident. Since then, we have seen over 28 residents and their families come through Margaret's Place, trusting us to guide them through their journey – each touched by their own experience.

The architectural vision for hospice was to accentuate its beautiful location on the edge of Spring Creek Ravine. We have seen the importance of this element, as the natural environment, direct access to the outdoors and the curious wildlife that are regular visitors have become a form of therapy for our residents. Nature has a magical way of providing tranquility, especially at the end of life.

Beyond the location and architecture, the exceptional care at Margaret's Place truly stands out. Hospice care is unlike any other. The focus is on comfort, quality of life and creating precious moments for families. It is a haven of rest, of tears, of laughter and reflection. Our compassionate team of staff and volunteers are at the heart of this care. They touch lives every day and help ease the difficult journey that families face.

"Families feel safe and secure to leave their loved one in our care. They've been so thankful for our nurses, PSW's and volunteers. One family member mentioned they felt they were given angels to take care of them in their difficult journey."

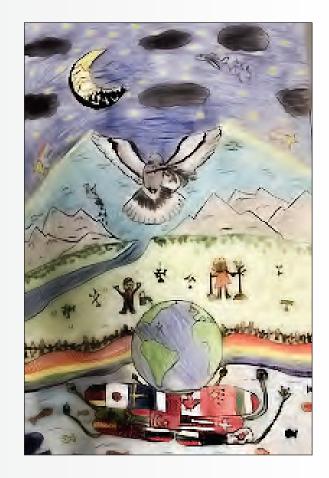
DAWN MARTIN, NURSE NAVIGATOR MARGARET'S PLACE HOSPICE



COPETOWN LIONS



Copetown Lions recently held their annual Peace Poster Contest in conjunction with Valaclava Public School, shown in the photo is winner Leah Tigchelaar receiving her prize from contest coordinator Lion Debbie Nelligan. Leah was more than happy with her \$250.00 prize from the for winning at the District A15 level and a \$100.00 bonus from the Copetown club. Leah had a big smile on her face under the mask. A welcome side note, Lion Debbie has accepted the position of Peace Poster Coordinator for District A15.



ST. GEORGE LIONS



This has been a good winter so far for the outdoor ice rink at Sunny Hill Park in St. George. The saying "many hands make light work" was no more apparent than when it was time to put up the boards in the fall. Likewise, with Lion Gerry Glaves heading up the project, St. George Lions members and members of the community have stepped up to help with shovelling and flooding the surface. The rink is a welcome addition to the community and very popular with all ages. Our club's history with rinks goes back to 1950 when a rink was constructed and maintained by Lions. Our own DG Harvey Woods can recall skating on that rink as a kid.









MONTRÉAL 2022

104th Lions Clubs International Convention

Hello Lions and Welcome to LCICon 2022 in Montreal

Our first in-person International Convention in 3 years and it is in Canada – how exciting is that!! At last we will have the opportunity to see old friends again and to meet new friends from around the world.

Have you registered for the Convention yet? If not why not?

This is your chance to support our own Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta on her path to International 1st Vice President.

It is an opportunity to meet our 2 Canadian International Directors. We can thank, and show our appreciation to ID Allan Hunt from Chilliwack, British Columbia for representing Canada for an unprecedented 3-year term and to congratulate ID Allen Snider from St. Catherines, Ontario who was elected as an International Director at the 103rd International Convention (virtual) last year. For the first time in our history we have two Canadian Directors sitting on the International Board. Let's show our patriotism by supporting them.

Bonjour Lions et bienvenue au LCICon 2022 à Montréal

Notre première convention internationale en personne en 3 ans et c'est au Canada - comme c'est excitant !! Nous aurons enfin l'occasion de revoir de vieux amis et de rencontrer de nouveaux amis du monde entier.

Vous êtes déjà inscrit à la Convention? Si non pourquoi pas ?

C'est votre chance de soutenir notre propre Dre Patti Hill d'Edmonton, en Alberta, dans son cheminement vers la première viceprésidente internationale.

C'est l'occasion de rencontrer nos 2 directeurs internationaux canadiens. Nous pouvons remercier et montrer notre appréciation à ID Allan Hunt de Chilliwack, en Colombie-Britannique, pour avoir représenté le Canada pour un mandat sans précédent de 3 ans et féliciter ID Allen Snider de St. Catherines, en Ontario, qui a été élu directeur international lors du 103e congrès international. (virtuel) l'année dernière. Pour la première fois de notre histoire, deux administrateurs internationaux au sein du conseil d'administration.

There is a comprehensive document of important information available on the LIONS of Canada website: https://bit.ly/3JRX03e or contacting the MDA Convention Advisory Chair PCC John Whyte at: jhwhyte48@yahoo.ca
Alternately you can scan the Q.R. code with your phone.





Saturday March 12, 2022



Ennotville
Historical Library

4:00 to 6:00pm

\$18.00 / meal

7722 - 6th Line, Ennotville, (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

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

