

Lions Clubs International

District A-15 Governors Newsletter

March 2022



Pinally, we will be able to hold a live in-person convention. We have missed two consecutive conventions due to Covid and I am being told by members of our Lions Clubs that anticipation of meeting old friends, witnessing candidate skits, along with visiting hospitality rooms will be welcome. It may very well be a noisy evening.

Voting will be live at the Convention from 7-9 A.M. Sunday and those working in credentials and the election will be wearing masks as will those in the registration-area. Masks will be optional for voting delegates. Physical distancing will be observed. We will have at least four hospitality rooms for your enjoyment and I thank those sponsoring the rooms for their generosity.

April 9th and 10th the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kitchener, a beautiful hotel will be the destination. Registrations are building and we are looking forward to hosting a large crowd. The Convention will operate under the Provincial health protocols of the day.

PDDG George Patton, Oktoberfest Lions is our Convention Chair and his registration committee led by Lion Ray Derouin is looking forward to meeting you and will be able to process registrants in a quick, orderly fashion.

Our District membership is turning the corner. So far, in March, our numbers are positive. Your diligence in driving new membership and retaining current numbers is the driving force. Keep up the good work. Please remember my request of each Club: "finish the year

Please remember my request of each Club: "finish the year with one more member than your Club started with".

I look forward to seeing you at the Convention

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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



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

New Lion Since March 21 A – 15 Convention First Timer District: Club:	Pr	e-Registration D March 23, 20	
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Lion Registration (including HST) Before	March 23rd	\$20.00	
Non-Lion Registration (including HST) Befo	ore March 23rd	\$10.00	
Leo Registration		Free	
Convention Pin		\$6.00 X	
50/50 Draw Tickets \$2 each or 3 Winner to be announced after Memorial Se Ticket MUST be present to w	ervice on Sunday	Tickets @ \$2	
Sunday, April 10 th – Convention Luncheon		\$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

Committee Use ONLY	Date Rec'd:	Cheque Number:	Amount:	Confirmation
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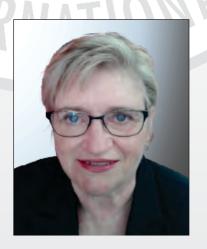
Tony **Davidson** 1 VDG



Garry Ransom 2 VDG



Garbrielle **Paff** Secretary



Linda Vinette **Treasurer**

DISTRICT A-15



I ast year two of our District Cabinet members received their LCI Guiding 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.

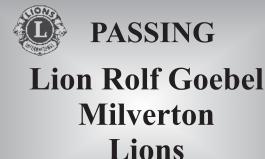
PASSINGS "THEY SERVED"





PASSING

Lion Theresa Miller Cambridge Highlands Lions February 21st, 2022



February 27th, 2022



PASSING

Lion Joseph Dougall
Lions Club
of Kitchener
March 7th 2022



PASSING

Lion Wayne Robson Belwood Lions March 18th 2022

Obituaries available, click the images.





Introduction to GMA - Session 2

Lions Clubs International is proud to announce 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!

Session 2 will be held <u>online</u> on Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 7:00PM

<u>To register, click on the link below.</u> https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlduCgqTlqG9CbDTT8jh9fjfRnZ3-aFPVW

If you missed the first session, <u>no problem</u>.

Register for session 2 and we will send you the notes and material from the first session at no extra charge ② ② ②

and remember ...

The third and <u>final session</u> 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 it's for you?

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

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	Mosborough 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
Isaac Rosebrough	Bruce Falkiner	Paris
Toby Pemberton	Charles Kalbfleish	Bayfield
Bradley Keys	Michael McCourt	Atwood
Margaret Raycraft	Mike Smith	Atwood
Dale Hunter	Lisa Visser	Ingersoll



We Serve

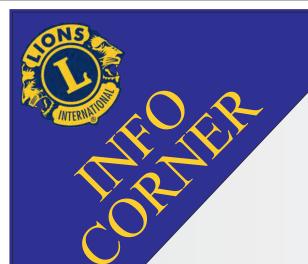
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Shane Allen	J. Paul Lalande	Ingersoll
Don Harris	Dennis Culbert	Fergus
Colleen Looney	Margaret Murray	Fergus
Andy Henkusens	Michael Fleming	Fergus
Susan Ann Lavender	David Lloyd	St. Marys
Tim Biehler	Dave Biehler	Copetown
Leah Rowles	Doreen Wilson	Copetown
Jerry Boschman	Matt Boschman	Copetown
Harold Cheatley	Frank Regan	Copetown

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 rendering of the New Member Wall.....

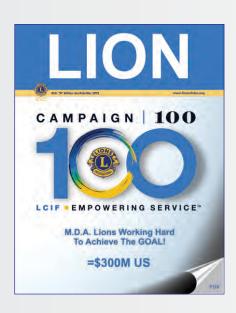




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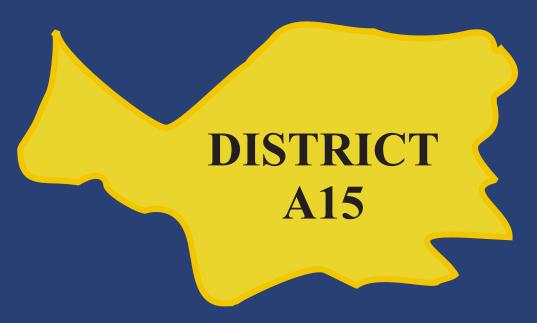


Interested in viewing the LION magazine in a digital format? Click the image to the left to take you to the LCI digital platform to see the MD A magazines and other world wide editions.

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.





A15 MOTTO "TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER"

HOW APPROPRIATE!



COPETOWN LIONS Inductions

Beware the Ides of March but there is nothing to fear in the Copetown Lions Den. District Governor Harvey Wood was on hand to induct four new members to the Lions Lair on March 15th and also presented the Lion Chief, Dave Biehler with a Club Excellence patch and pin. A great meal was served followed by an even greater induction ceremony.



COPETOWN LIONS CLUB

COPETOWN ONTARIO CHARTERED 1976

The Inductees



A
Family
Affair!



New Lion Tim Biehler & Sponsor Lion Dave Biehler. his Dad

Almost New Lion Jerry Boschman(ZOOMER) Sponsor Matt Boschman, Son

New Lion Leah Rowles Sponsor Doreen Wilson





New Lion Harold Cheatley Sponsor Frank Regan

COPETOWN LIONS INDUCTION NIGHT



DG Harv, Lion Chief Dave Club Excellence Presentation



Lion Shewy Leading A Lions Roar



Lion Shewy explaining why
Copetown is the
"HUB OF THE UNIVERSE"
To Lions Louise Howe & Eleanor
Wood, guests from the Rockton Lions



Lion Moe Techno Wizard & Zoom Guru

JANET DAWSON BROCK ZONE CHAIR 9E



Two years ago Janet Dawson Brock, was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This medal is intended to honour volunteers who have made a significant and continual contribution to their community. The medal was initially conceived by Governor General Romeo LeBlanc as the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award and created in November 1995 to award volunteers. It was replaced on July 15, 2015 by the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers.

Janet's presentation was delayed by the pandemic but finally on March 4th of this year it came to pass. On Friday March 4th Janet was presented with the medal by The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

One of the organizations that Janet supports, other than Lions, is the Best Friends of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, she is a charter member. They were represented at the ceremony as well.



Lion Khrisstina Engel IPDG George Corrin Chair



Co-chair

ne of our goals in this Lions' year for District 15 and MDA was to create a survey that would assist all clubs, their members as well as the MDA Accessibility Committee. A survey has been completed and the form is on the next two pages of this newsletter. It will be distributed to all clubs in the district and has been made available to the districts in MDA. The committee is asking each club to assign a member to complete this form and forward it to Lion Khrisstina for her to collect the much needed data. It will be used to identify areas and concerns that will be shared with the district clubs and MDA.

Lion Khrisstina's email is: kengel@lionsa16.com

Lion George's email is: ipdg@a15lions.org

There is an excellent Accessibility report available by clicking on the

Accessibility logo.





MDA Accessibility Survey for Lions Clubs Facilities

The Accessibility Committee is asking for a knowledgeable member of your Lions Club to complete the questionnaire.

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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.



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB





Service Club Bonspiel

Lion Ray Black, Lion Tracey Robinson, Lion Bill Robinson, and friends Cheryl Lehmann and Fred Lehmann and cute little Domino, the Future Lions Dog Guide participated in the Service Club Bonspiel on February 19 2022.

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.







THAMESFORD LIONS



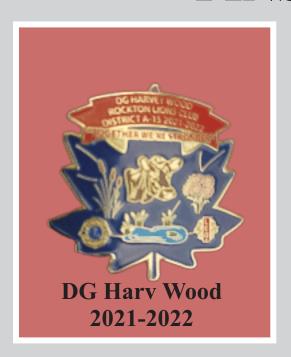
The Lions in Thamesford have inducted a new member, Lion Kristina Davis. IPDG George Corrin performed the induction at the Thamesford Lions Club meeting March 21st.

L-R: Lion Barb Corrin, sponsor, New Lion Kristina Davis and IPDG George Corrin



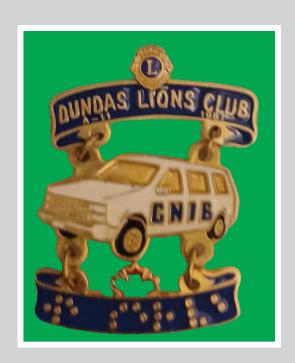
We might think this is funny, but it really isn't, pretty scary when you think about it!

PINS ANYONE?



This being the District Governor's Newsletter it is only proper that his pin be on display. If you didn't know Lion Harv is a cattle farmer, exclusively handling the Red Angus strain. Hence the agricultural theme to the pin.

A-7/11 NEIGHBOURS DUNDAS LIONS



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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

June 23rd-28th

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.

