



Lions Clubs International

District A-15

Governor's Newsletter

May 2022



The annual conventions are happening. The MDA event was held in Kitchener May 27-29 and was convened by our own O J Wilura. It was well attended and the first live one for three years. The feature guest was Lions International First Vice President Brian Sheehan. For those who do not know, 1st VP Sheehan is an excellent speaker. High energy, knowledgeable, amusing and, most of all, entertaining. His power kept the audience engaged.

Thanks to our District Governor Elect, Tony Davidson, the winner of the Convention raffle, donating the proceeds to LCIF Ukrainian Relief. I also thank our own convention committee Chair, George Patton for his strong leadership. It was our first live convention in three years and no one caught Covid.

Our District Secretary, Gabrielle Paff and our District Treasurer Linda Vinette have brought knowledge and respect to the positions. A big thank you from me for stepping up and accepting the responsibilities. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

A huge "shout out" to LCIF Chair Peter Oswald for the fine job he has done leading this very important committee for the past four years. Peter, your leadership has brought great contributions to Campaign 100 and pushed A 15 into a leader in the Multiple District. A-15 donations amount to \$165.09 per member. Thanks Peter.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not touch on membership. I will repeat my ask of each club. Finish the year with one more member in your Club than which you started. Thanks for allowing me to be your Governor for 2021/2022. It has been both a privilege and an honour.

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PASSINGS

“THEY SERVED”



PASSING

**Lion Ken Moneypenny
Kitchener Pioneer
Lions
May 10th, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Larry Sales
Sweaburg Lions Club
May 12th 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Howard Ferguson
Thamesford Lions
May 29th, 2022**

Obituaries available, click the images.

An A15 Touchstone Story

“One Never Knows When Someone Is Watching and Listening”

Last summer we received a call from someone we met at the Dog Park in Fergus. The lady, who shall remain nameless, was there with her dogs who liked to run and play with our Otis. Over many visits to the park we talked about Otis, the Lions Foundation of Canada(LFC) Dog Guides Programs and answered many of her questions.

During the phone call the lady asked about the Walk for Dog Guides and how it would be possible to make a donation. She indicated she had a bit of money available and wished to donate it to where it would do the most good to help someone. We told her 100% of any monies donated to the LFC Dog Guide Programs went directly to the fostering, training and graduating of a dog guide, available at no cost anyone in Canada who needed a dog guide.

The first dog graduated in 1985, there are more than three thousand to date. The costs involved are now \$35,000.00 per dog with financial support coming from Lions, the Lioness and Leo clubs, individual Lions members corporations, businesses and individuals. The fostering program, naming opportunities and the annual Walk for Dog Guides were explained.

The lady indicated that individual recognition was not wanted, only that the money would be used to make a difference in some individuals life. I indicated a donation over \$20.00 would receive an official receipt. She gave a little chuckle and the following comment, “It is going to be a little bit more than that Larry.” A to support Larry and Otis’s Walk for Dog Guides, arrangements made for Hilda to make an on line donation. She would drop a cheque at our home. It arrived and when opening the envelope it was a little bit more. The \$20.00 ended up being \$10,000.00.



People that have known us for years know how much the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program and Lions in general, over my forty-five years in Lions, means to us. I have continued to watch the growth of the Foundation since formed in 1983 and have been involved in the annual walks for dog guides with Fergus, Bayfield, Ariss & Maryhill, Elora and Belwood Lions Clubs.



When the time came in my life that a dog guide would be a great benefit to me, I thought that at age seventy-six I would be too old . Not true. My request was approved and in March 2014 I met my new partner Otis. We trained together for the next twenty-five days and for the past eight years Otis has been a loving and caring member of our family. At every opportunity I tell everyone that will listen that my precious gift of a dog guide has been a great blessing. The support we have received over our past eight Dog Walks has been phenomenal and very humbling.

**Every opportunity you get to tell your story about being a member of a Lions Club and the many service programs to a neighbour, friend, family member and/or fellow worker.....
*They just might be listening.***

**PDG Lion Larry and Lion Hilda Wainwright and Otis
Larry and Otis's Annual Walk for Dog Guides
Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club**

St Marys Lions



Members of the St. Marys Lions Club prepared a Community Church Dinner on Monday, April 25th. On the menu were mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, chicken breasts with mushroom gravy, coleslaw, and cookies and tangerines. The club



prepared seventy-four meals which were delivered by our friends from the Rotary Club to local residents. Many thanks to Shirley Porter, St. Marys United Church Kitchen Co-ordinator for her valued assistance and guidance. In the photo are Lions Ernie Monk, Rob Stuart, Raymond Taylor and David Lloyd.





On Saturday, May 28, 2022, the St. Marys Lions Club held their annual TOLL BRIDGE on the Victoria Bridge, Queen Street St. Marys. The St. Marys Lions Club wish to express a sincere THANK YOU to the citizens of St. Marys and area for their incredible generosity. All donations go toward community projects in St. Marys. (Photos courtesy Lion Raymond Taylor)

District A15

President and Secretary Workshop



On May 15th your Global Leadership Team, conducted a seminar in Cambridge dealing with information for members that are or will be New Presidents and Secretaries or interested in becoming one of those executive positions, or for those repeating their term. It was an interesting session and the participants went away with a wealth of information to assist them while serving as a club executive.

District Governor Harvey Wood welcomed the group and stressed how important their role would be going forward. First Vice District Governor Tony Davidson via Zoom, provided words of encouragement as well.



The guest speaker for the day via Zoom was PDG Len Day who gave an excellent overview of the importance of the role of Presidents and Secretaries. He obviously was speaking from experience and his first-hand knowledge of the importance of the positions.

A portion of the session dealt with the use and benefits from two LCI platforms,



MyLion



MyLCI

MyLION and MyLCI, it was an excellent overview that provided the participants with knowledge of how useful and necessary those two functions are to the efficiency of your club. Members can further explore their benefits on the LCI main website.

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Next up was the A15 email system, an excellent platform, unique to our district and is invaluable to club operations. A document dealing the Gmail based program is available from the A15 website:



<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Directory/A15MailSystemsGuide.pdf>

As a follow-up to the session, candidates may want to avail themselves of some excellent support material at:

<https://a15lions.org/pages/Directory/ClubOfficerMaterial>



Well Done GLT members!!!



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Team Leader*

*2VDG Elect
Bill Robinson
Facillitator*

*PDG
Diane Smith
Presenter*

*1VDG Elect
Garry Ransom
Presenter*

*PDG
Nancy Ransom
Presenter*

*PDG
Tracey Robinson
Presenter*

*President and Secretary Workshop
"Class of 2022"*





INFO CORNER

**Are you taking advantage of the
Gmail based A15 platform?
It is a powerful tool to enhance
your communications abilities.**



**click the logo for a
comprehensive document
explaining the system**



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

The Stratford Lions Club congratulates Lion Bill Robinson on winning his bid to become 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2022-2023 Lions year. We know you will do a great job and look forward to assisting you along your journey to District Governor.

Congratulations also to Lion Garry Ransom who was elected to 1st VDG & to Lion Tony Davidson who is our new District Governor Elect.



CHILDHOOD CANCER MONTH

February was Childhood Cancer month. A local person, Jennifer Pigeon (left) made zippered pouches filled with goodies to give to children undergoing Cancer treatments. Lion Bill Robinson (right), on behalf of the club, presented a cheque to purchase eight pouches. In addition to the cheque, the Club donated eight stuffed Lions to be included with the pouches. Jennifer has made eighty-two pouches to be given out. These pouches will certainly brighten up some children's faces!

LYNDEN LIONS



Lion Ray



Lion Kathy



Lion Marilyn

In early May DG Harv paid a visit to the Lynden Lions Den. It was a good opportunity to recognize three of their members. In the first photo Lion Ray Edworthy was presented with a sixty-five year chevron. Lion Ray was a charter member of the club, his father, Lion Stan Edworthy was the charter treasurer.

Also presented with service awards were Lions Kathy Rotchell and Marilyn Burke, both ten year recipients.



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

***President Lion Trudy Carter presented
Monarch plaques to two Stratford Lions at the
February 17th meeting.***



Lion Paul Stitt was presented with his 50 Year Monarch plaque. Since his induction in November 1971, he has been an active member of the Timmins Lions Club, the Iroquois Fall Lions Club, and the Fort Erie Lions Club and is currently a 35-year member of the Stratford Lions Club. He is a Past President of the Timmins Lions Club and a two-time President of the Stratford Lions Club. His most frequent positions held have been Club Treasurer, Bulletin Editor and Director. For his service to Lionism, he has been awarded the Helen Keller Award and been made a Life Member.



Lion Bill Robinson was presented with his 25 Year Monarch plaque. He was inducted into the Stratford Lions Club in April 1997. Except for a short time as a member of the Woodstock Lions, he has been and still is an active Stratford Lion. He has been a several time President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Stratford Lions Club along with many other executive positions. He currently holds the position of Treasurer. 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. For his service to Lionism, he has been awarded the Melvin Jones Award.

President Trudy Carter gave her congratulations to both and gave a thank you for all of their time and service!

INGERSOLL LIONS



Do you remember a great fund-raiser for Diabetes Canada?

The Lion behind that popular event was Lion Ralph Gordon of the Ingersoll Lions. He is still going strong and he and his wife Linda recently celebrated their 80th birthdays. Happy Days Linda & Ralph!



EXETER LIONS



Exeter Lions recently donated \$2000.00 to the LCIF Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund . pictured here representing the Exeter Lions are Lion Darryl Beaver on the left and President Mark Keller.





Roving reporters, PDG Tracey Robinson and VDG2 Bill Robinson attended the Rockwood 50th Anniversary celebration , it was a great night.

DG Harvey Wood attended and assisted presenting well deserved awards and certificates as shown in in the photos on the following pages.

A great meal was served which happened to be the same menu from fifty years ago on club Charter night



**L-R: PDDG Darryl Nichol M.C.,
Club President Lion Ken McNab
Melvin Jones recipient, Victoria Caufield
for her extensive community work.
Arielle Bauman, Haylee Bauman, Grace
Patten and Jack Berry received
Certificates of Appreciation for their
contribution to the Christmas Santa
program. They work tirelessly during
December with the home visit effort.**



**DG Harvey
presenting
President Lion
Ken McNab with
the Rockwood and
District 50 Year
Charter
Certificate**

**DG Harvey presenting
Lion Walter Swanston
with his 50 Year
Chevron.**



**Lion Darryl Nichol
presenting Service Awards
on Behalf of the Rockwood
and District Lions to Lion
Lloyd Harding.**



**D.G. Harvey presenting Club President
Lion Ken McNab with 50 year
Charter Certificate**



**Lion Gord Ostrander
50 Years of Service**



**Lion Dianna
10 Years of Service**

**Lion Darryl Nichol
50 Years of Service**



**Lions John and Barbara
receiving Service Awards
from Lion Darryl Nichol**

**Lion Kevin March
40 Years of Service
&
Life Membership**



**Lion Chris March
10 Year Chevron**

**Lion Joe Wilder
Lion of the Year**



**SAVE
THE DATE**

**Saturday
June 18**

Join Lions Foundation of Canada
Dog Guides for the

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DOG GUIDES
2022**

Starting at 152 Wilson St. - Oakville, ON

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We never knew one word in English language that can be a noun, verb, adj, adv, prep.

“UP”

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is **UP**! It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP** , meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP** ?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP** ? Why do we speak **UP** , and why are the officers **UP** for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss **UP**) and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report?

We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is blocked **UP** ...

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the uses of **UP** , look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with **UP** to a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP** . When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP** . When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it does not rain for a while, things dry **UP** . One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP** , for now . . . My time is **UP** !

One last thing, if your looking to make a difference in your community and the world, consider your local Lions Club where they would be happy to have you join UP!

Three Short Lions Spoof Videos!



click each one separately.....