

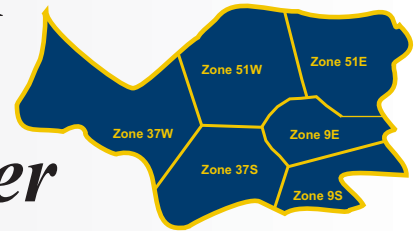


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Lions Clubs International

District A-15

Governors Newsletter



Summer 2022



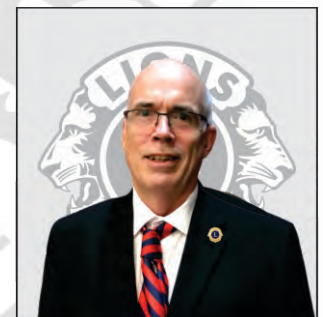
Our Lions year has come to a close. Elections have taken place and our new cabinet is in place. Incoming Governor Tony Davidson has plans in place for next year and you will hear more about them in the near future.

Once again, I want to say a big "thanks" to our Cabinet Secretary Gabrielle Pfaff and our Cabinet Treasurer Linda Vinette who both stepped into their roles at the last minute and both have done outstanding jobs. Our Convention Chair, George Patton and his committee presented a terrific Convention where attendees had the opportunity meet Lions friends and spend a weekend of enjoyment. And, most importantly, no one caught Covid. A huge thank you to Bob Pearson who stepped up to create eleven district bulletins. Lion Bob possesses a huge talent and his contributions have created a communication medium throughout the District.

I wish to thank the membership for its support throughout the year. It has been a privilege and honour to serve as Governor of District A-15

Harv

Thank you, Governor Harv, for your commitment to Lions. If it was not for the dedication of you and your team, District A15 would not be where it is today. There have been many challenges through your year and you managed to keep on top of them. It was good learning from you this past year and look forward to having you for guidance this year.



All Lions should celebrate the great service projects they have undertaken over the past year. Its amazing how some Clubs thought outside the box to service their communities. We must share these stories with others to show how innovative we can be.

I challenge every Lion to look on the LCI website and watch a video, or read a story, to learn what Lions in the rest of the world do. Learn about our foundation and where the monies are spent. Learn about our camps, Lions Quest, Our Dog Gide program. Learn and Share. It's Great To Be A Lion.

This is going to be a great year. I look forward to working with you. We are going to work within our communities, doing service where there is a need and have a lot of fun.

My motto for the year is "Together We Can."

Have a great Summer!

Tony

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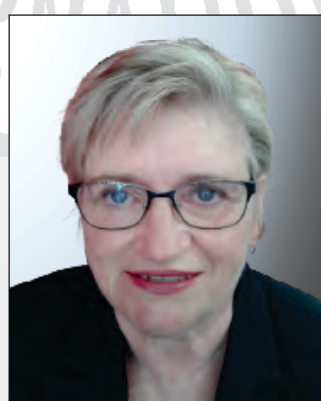
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Woolwich Community Lions Childhood Cancer Project



In members of Woolwich Community Lions dropped off approximately 200 items ranging from DVD players, craft kits, crayons, markers, paints, brushes, card stock, colouring books, Disney movies, molding clay, games and gift cards. The club is undertaking a two part project to support Kids Cancer Programs at Grand River Hospital. They provide cancer care within the region of Waterloo including communities within District A-15. The foundation created a wish list for both inpatient and outpatient programs and members of the Woolwich club purchased items the list. They were delivered to the Foundation office. The response from the Foundation was, "It feels like Christmas"! This initiative was part 1 of a 2 part project to support Childhood Cancer. Part 2 of the project will commence in the fall of 2022. Stay tuned!

Left to right:(Seated on left)Nancy Booth, (Back) Linda Litt, Val King, (Seated right) Paul Amaral (GRH Foundation)

HICKSON LIONS



On June 28 Lion Heather Lovie for the Hickson and District Lions Club presented the Most Improved Student Award at the grade 8 graduation ceremony for Hickson Central School. In addition to a plaque to recognize the achievement, the club provides a monetary award that the student can use toward their next level of education. This is an annual award provided by the club. In the picture are grade 8 teacher Mr. Jon Empringham, Lion Heather Lovie and winner Hailey Lupton accepting the honours.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS



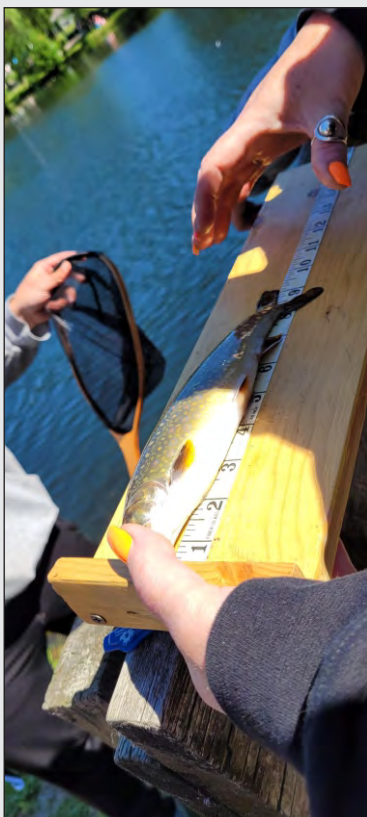
The Woolwich Community Lions participated in the 2021-2022 District A-15 "Challenge For Pride" Service Contest to promote new service ideas. We are proud to announce that our entry received the award. Like any project, success is directly linked to creating partnerships and working together. Our Drive-By Santa service project was successful thanks to a partnership with Woolwich Fire and Rescue, Woolwich Recreation, and a local company, Conestoga Contracting.

Together we were able to support our community of Woolwich in a way that would preserve the excitement and joy of a visit from Santa (during Covid) by creating a Drive By Santa event, where Santa made a "house call".

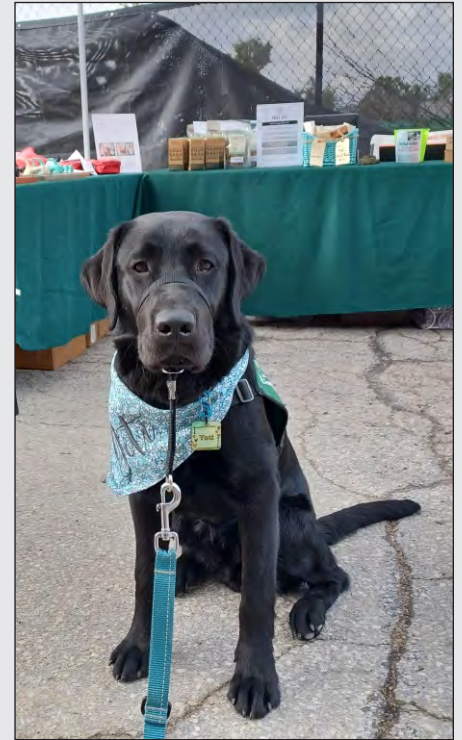


AYR NORTH-DUMFRIES LIONS

Ayr Lions recently held their annual fishing derby, the first once since 2019 because of the pandemic. There was face painting by one of the new club members and fishing themed crafts and games presented by the local library. The fish were not biting that day and only one fish was caught, but all entrants went home with a prize.



MOSBOROUGH BUSY BUSY LIONS



The Mosborough Busy Busy Lions have a busy summer and fall ahead as we raise funds to support the new building at Dog Guides and to sponsor a dog. We have pop up sales coming up July 16 at the Polish Hall in Cambridge, on August 13 at Paws for a Cause in Hamilton, and Aug 21 in Bancroft. We will be selling great dog items and Purdys chocolate all to raise funds to support Dog Guides. More fall dates are being planned as well. We are working on two exciting things; our first online auction that will include unique handmade items from our talented club members and our fall 50/50 raffle with a potential grand prize of \$25,000. Follow our facebook page to keep up to date on the exciting things we have planned.

COPETOWN LIONS

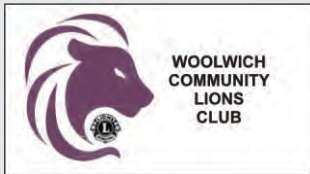


The Copetown Lions donated \$5000.00 to Campaign 100 and also made a top-up contribution to bring us to Maple Leaf Club status, a banner patch is forthcoming. The tall member on the left is Lion Chief Dave Biehler, flanked by Lion Peter Oswald, A15 LCIF Chair & Lion Bob Pearson, 1st V.P.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS



"Community Conversation Guide for Social Isolation in Seniors"



In June Woolwich Community Lions hosted a presentation to members of the Woolwich community on the topic of Social Isolation in Seniors. The session featured an overview of social isolation, how to recognize the signs and increase awareness of what resources are available within our region. Club members participated in one of many focus groups run by the Schelegel - University of Waterloo Research Institute for Aging (RIA). The result of the focus group discussions and research undertaken, produced a Conversation Guide specifically for the Township of Woolwich to train front line workers and community members to watch for individuals in need and be willing to offer a helping hand. These Conversation Guides will be available in many settings within the community such as offices, health care facilities, long term care and assisted living residences, library, pharmacy and many other public places. The event was well received and attended by local service clubs, health care practitioners, caregivers of seniors and senior community members in attendance.

For more information go to: <https://tinyurl.com/mtdtd9f8>

AYR NORTH-DUMFRIES LIONS



**At a dinner meeting recently, VDG 2
Garry Ransom inducted new members
Sanj Rajput and Marilyn Bursey.
Welcome to Lionism!**

St. GEORGE LIONS



Elliot Field was purchased by St. George Lions a number of years ago. It has been used by the County of Brant for many years for soccer games and practices. Over the past few years the Club has been planting a number of trees in anticipation of starting our own Memorial Forest.

On June 4th of this year, St. George Lions Club held their first memorial forest dedication ceremony. Seven trees were dedicated to Lions who had died over the past two years. It was a perfect, sunny day and there was a wonderful turn out of invited guests. Lion Kevin Hewitson was the Emcee for the dedication. The ceremony began with a prayer and music. Each departed Lion was recognized individually. As their name was read a bell was sounded by Lion Chief Steve Ferretti, and a plaque marking the tree was uncovered by a Lion member.

The seven Lions remembered were: Lions Gord Landry, Harry Witteveen, Jack Kay, Wray Smith, Murray Tottle, Orton Eby, and Emidio Melara. All of these Lions had different interests in life but they had one thing in common. They became Lions because they wanted to join the club and make a difference in their community.

The forest will be a source of comfort and meaning to those who have suffered a loss. Planting the trees, is a symbol of hope, a sign of new beginnings and a living tribute. This memorial forest, not only pays a significant tribute to the memory of our lost Lions, but also ensures a better environment.

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COPETOWN LIONS



The Lions of Copetown recently unveiled a new memorial to deceased members. The tribute stone has been placed in front of the Copetown and District Lions Community Centre in close proximity to trees that have been planted over the years, also in memory of Lions that have passed away.

FLORADALE FRIENDS OF DOG GUIDES



The Floradale Friends Of Dog Guides were happy to be out again promoting our mandate. The dogs were a big hit at the Stratford Festival Marketplace. They were perfect ‘spokedogs’ for the upcoming Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. They met people of all ages from babies to seniors and received lots of pets and cuddles. It was a great experience for everyone involved.

But it’s not all work and no play for the pups. They had the opportunity to go to the theatre! They attended a performance of Chicago. From all reports, the dogs did very well. Unfortunately their reviews were not available at press time.



ST. GEORGE LIONS



PARIS LIONS

In June the County of Brant hosted an event to mark the official ribbon cutting of the Cowan Community Health Hub and thank over one hundred and ninety generous donors for their contributions. “This campaign was incredibly successful because of the generosity of the community,” said Mayor David Bailey. “Because of the community, we now have a state-of-the-art health hub, improving access to health and social services for all residents.” Both the St. George Lions and the Paris Lions have each pledged \$50,000.00 to the Hub.

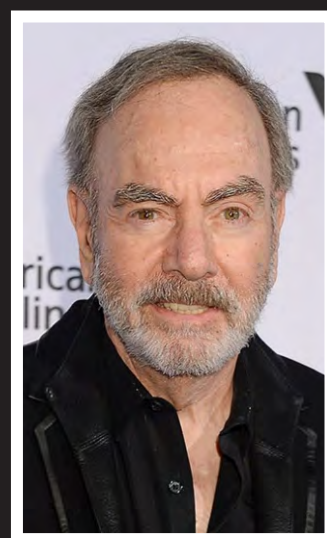


**Mayor David Bailey,
Lions Lorraine Ferretti
and Carol Ottman and
Lion Chief Tom
Butterworth**



**President Ken Linington,
Secretary Lorne Reid, 1st V.P.
President Elect Rod
Laframboise and
2nd V.P. Cy McKenna**

Little Bit of Nostalgia!



BAYFIELD LIONS



**Congrats to the
Bayfield Lions on
celebrating their 75th
Anniversary**

Photos Top Left(L-R)President Lion Tony Van Bakel , 2ndVDGE Lion Bill Robinson, Town Councillor Bill Whetstone, Past President Lion John Siertsema

Top Right(L-R) President Lion Tony, 2ndVDGE Lion Bill, Lioness Joan Merner & Lioness Kathleen Siertsema Charter Members Bayfield Lioness & Lion John Siertsema



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

RAISING MONEY FOR D-CAMPS

Stratford Lions held a bottle drive on May 28 2022 at Giant Tiger. Proceeds from the drive are going to D-Camps for children with type one diabetes.



Kate from 107.1 Juice FM broadcast live at our bottle drive location, encouraging the radio station's listeners to bring their empties. 107.7 2day FM was also promoting the bottle drive through Facebook and on air.

People were delivering bottles to members' homes. Others came in droves at the bottle drive location, and donations were still coming when we were cashing in at the Beer Store. Many mentioned D-Camps as their reason for donating.



Lions Kim, Kevin, Trudy, Bill, Tracey, Frieda and Paul posed for a picture during a slack moment.