



Lions Clubs International

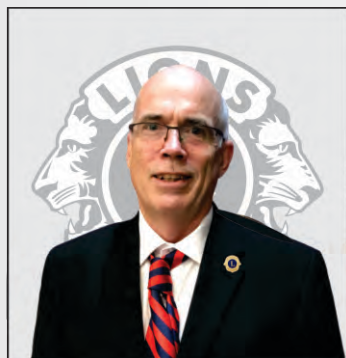
District A-15

Governors Newsletter



We Serve

Summer/Fall 2022



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, getting away with Family and friends to enjoy time together. Some people are still reluctant to participate in functions where there are a lot of people.

The International convention in Montreal was an exciting with three days of training with the group I have been working with virtually for the past year. The facilitator of the group was Lion Mark Lyons from the United States, and the participants are from many different countries. It really didn't matter what country, we all had similar issues within our Districts.

With the closing of the Campaign 100, the total raised as of the Convention was over the goal of \$300,000,000 with the total amount to be announced later as there are still donations coming in. Our district had a great champion with Peter Oswald promoting the Campaign and many Clubs making Donations.

As we get back to celebrating the return of the Fairs, Festivals, Car shows and barbecues we were involved in before they were suspended due to Covid. I thank you for thinking outside the box with the excellent service projects that Lions performed through those years. Lion Nancy Ransom is a great Service Champion keeping the Clubs informed of all the activities reported. Please continue to report all your activities in My Lion.

Our Membership Chair PDG Tracey Robinson and our Service Chair Lion Jim Saunders have a plan that has kept them busy. They have been reaching out to Clubs and doing some training to help improve the experience of the Lions who have stepped into executive Club Positions.

The district has some celebrations this year with Exeter Lions, Galt Cambridge Lions, and Kitchener Lions being Chartered for 85 years, 70 years for Monkton Lions, Wilmot Lions 55 years, and the Paradise and District Lions celebrating their 50th year. Its not just the Clubs that have tremendous anniversaries, but we have many members that have been serving as a Lion for many years.

Thank You for being a Lion

"Together We Can"

Lion Tony

A15 CABINET 2022-2023



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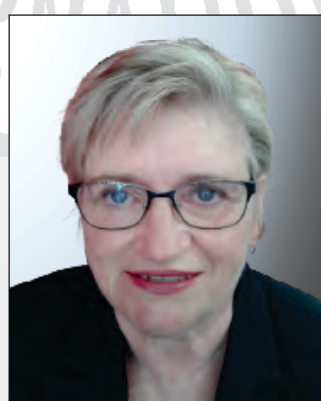
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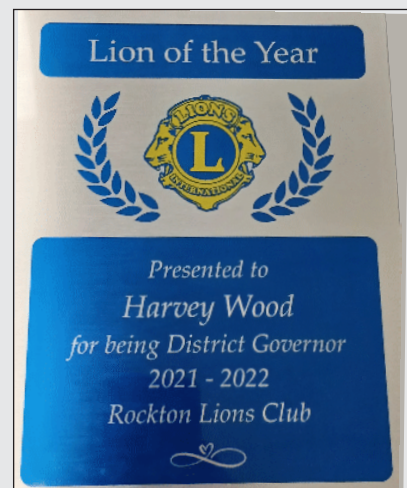
A15 CABINET MEETINGS 2022-2023

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Sunday, Aug 21, 2022	2:00 pm	Exeter
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022	7:00 pm	Atwood
Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023	7:00 pm	Innerkip
Saturday, Apr. 15, 2023	morning	Convention
Sunday, Apr. 16, 2023	morning	Convention
Wednesday, Jun. 28, 2023	7:00 pm	St. George

CABINET MEETING EXETER AUGUST 22

**Thanks to the Exeter Lions for
hosting the recent meeting.
Great Job & a Great Meal!**

**As always, PID Art Woods
did a masterful job with the
induction of the new cabinet!**



Another highlight of the session was the presentation of a “Lion of the Year” award by DG Tony Davidson to PDG Harvey Wood in appreciation of his efforts as DG for 2021-2022!

PASSINGS

“THEY SERVED”



PASSING

**PDG Jim Baird
Kitchener &
Waterloo Lions
July 17th, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Larry Smith
Atwood Lions
July 20th, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Gwen Parker
Plattsville Lions
July 30th, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Boris Sniatenchuk
Plattsville Lions
August 17th, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Harold Geisel
St. Jacobs Lions
August 26th, 2022**

Obituaries available, click the images.

THAMESFORD LIONS



In June Thamesford Lions President Barb Corrin presented a Youth Citizenship Award to a Grade eight graduate at the Thamesford Public School's Graduation Ceremonies. Thamesford Lions Club is very involved with the local schools in the area. in the photo from left to right is President Barb Corrin, graduate Alayyna Egan and Jeffrey MacPhai, grade eight teacher and M.C. for the event. .

KITCHENER PIONEER LIONS

Through these difficult 24 months of the pandemic the Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club continues to serve the community. Where there's a need, there's a Lion. There is a big need in local hospitals for equipment to better serve the healthcare needs of our community.

The funding of hospital equipment is not provided by the provincial government and each hospital must rely on outside sources. Members of the Kitchener Pioneer Lions heard the call to serve; when the request came to our club to help fund equipment. With a donation of approximately \$77,000, our members have provided Grand River Hospital a Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy board that will help in the radiation treatment of specific cancers.



Additionally the club have provided the In-center Hemodialysis Unit with eight specially designed dialysis chairs. These chairs will make the four-hour, three times a week dialysis treatments more comfortable for the many dialysis patients in Waterloo Region.



The club challenge the other clubs of Waterloo Region in helping Grand River Hospital Foundation meet their equipment funding goals.

THAMESFORD LIONS

Community Environmental Projects

Roads & Parks Cleanup Day



In April ten members of the Thamesford Lions helped to clean up the four main roads leading into our village. The club has been doing this community service twice a year on a regular basis. It is part of a roadside cleanup program working with Oxford County & Zorra Township. Our club also

partnered with families of Grade 8 students from Thamesford Public School, plus three other community families who "just wanted to help" by cleaning in four parks in town.



Pollinator Gardens

One of the newer initiatives of the Thamesford Lions Parks & Environment committee this year was to establish a "Pollinator Garden" at in North Park. Working in equal financial partnership with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority(UTRCA), the Lions began preparation last fall at a location chosen in the North Park. This spring, Lions completed preparation of the site and with guidance from Linda Smith & Kim Gilbert of UTRCA , members of the Thamesford Girl Guides troop and the Lions completed the planting

At the same time last fall, Zorra Township made plans to establish a second garden located near the entrance sign at the Lions River Park on the other side of the village. The township totally covered the cost of this project and worked with UTRCA, who once again selected and guided the planting of that garden this spring.





STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

STRATFORD LIONS MOTORCYCLE RIDE

On July 9th 2022, the Stratford Lions Club held a Motorcycle Ride in Perth County. The ride started at Lions Arch at Dunn Road Stratford and ended at Dave's Diner in Sebringville,. The route included stops in St Marys, Exeter, Mitchell, Atwood.

Here are some of the highlights



Funds raised went to Stratford Lions Project Care.



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

FOOD DONATIONS



Stratford Lions made another food donation to the Salvation Army and to the House of Blessing in the month of August.

URGENT REQUEST FOR THESE ITEMS

Shampoo and Conditioner
Men & Women's Deodorant
Men & Women's Body Wash
Disposable Razors
Feminine Hygiene Products (Pads and Super Tampons)
Laundry Soap (Small Bottles)

RAISING FUNDS FOR FOOD AND NON-FOOD DONATIONS



The Stratford Lions will be selling these stuffed Toy Lions which are designed for all ages, (no choking hazards). They are \$25 each and all proceeds will go to the urgent request list shown on our websites. The Stratford Lions Project Care needs you to help us to help others, so please order your Toy Lion today by contacting Bill Robinson at lionbillrobinson@gmail.com or 226-228-3022.

If you can contribute financially or with products to Stratford Lions Project Care, Bill Robinson will also accept your donation.

SWEABURG & DISTRICT LIONS



On July 15th, Lions Don Taylor (middle) and Rick Bell (right) presented a cheque for \$3,100 to Jeremy Schumacher, (left) Executive Director of Lions Camp Dorset. The cheque was the result of donations made to the Sweaburg & District Lions Club in memory of PDG Larry Sales, who passed away in May of this year.

Membership Workshops



Does your club need more members to do more projects?
Does your club need to find ways to increase membership?

We have the answers

This fall the District Membership team will be holding 3 membership workshops, one in each region, and a virtual workshop. The workshops will provide practical strategies and ideas on how to increase membership.

We are inviting all Lion members who are interested in increasing their club's membership.

The first in person membership workshop will be held:

Saturday October 1st in Region 9E. More information regarding, time, location and registration will be sent to your club and Membership Chair.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



People like us do things like this..... Seth Godin

My daughter Erin is into trail biking. She has her buddies, and they bike trails near Kitchener-Waterloo and go on to competitions through out the province. Last weekend she invited her biking friends and their families over for a barbecue. I asked her what they talked about, and she said, “trail riding” (I already knew the answer). I then asked her what their spouses talked about that were not interested in trail riding and she said she did not know and then looked at her husband for an answer.

Sometimes our Lions clubs become like my Erin's unofficial trail riding club. This can be good and bad. A Lion club can have a focus such as supporting a certain project and only those people that want to support the project will join. If the project is attractive such as supporting your town, then it has the potential of attracting many new members. Clubs without a project or narrow in focus may not have appeal to a wider age group, men and women or individuals of different ethnic backgrounds. Sometimes the club is like Erin's club that will attract only those people interested in trail riding. Those people not interested in trail riding would not be interested in joining their group.

When we think about our club, ask the questions:

Why would someone want to join my club?

What type of people would be attracted to my club?

Would my club be missed if it did not exist?

Lion Garry, District A15 Membership Team

ST. GEORGE LIONS

A celebration of St. George German School grade 8 graduates was held on June 27th and marked the end of the school year. As in the past, our club sponsored the awards for top male and female athletes. Lion Chief



Tom Butterworth presented these awards to Rowan Worrall and Jacob Grenier.

Lion Lyle Fair was also on hand to present the Aaron Yantzi award to Hazel Dunne and Benjamin Lees.

"Aaron Yantzi was a former student of St. George-German School who died in an automobile accident several years ago. His family created this award to honour their son and brother, and to recognize a grade 8 student each year who exemplifies the same qualities that Aaron had.

The students receiving this award exemplify compassion and a positive, caring attitude towards others. They demonstrate these qualities every day without fail. Their strong character and dedication to others makes them very worthy recipients of this award.



Hazel Dunne is the daughter of Lion Jamie Dunne and his wife Katie.

