

Lions Clubs International District A-15 Governors Newsletter OCTOBER 2022







Together we Can!

Summer is over as is the first quarter of our Lions year. I know you have been busy doing service activities and fund-raising. It seems like people just want to get out and do something. When I have been asking about some of the festivals and fairs that you are involved in the comment is always the same. It was busy. I have helped a few clubs at some of their events.

Do you try to attract new members when you are doing a Service or Fund-raising project? I know you can always use a little help, and this would be a great way to attract like minded people. Do you ask neighbouring Clubs when assistance is required?

Lions do great work in their communities helping those who need it the most. We can all think of someone or groups who could benefit from a donation which would cover one of the five pillars of Lionism. Hunger, Diabetes and Vision needs can be found by looking down the street. Childhood Cancer is becoming an issue for people in our communities, and the Environment, it impacts all of us. LCIF donations are a great way to support these causes, all the money gets to the cause with no administration fees. Clubs can apply for grants from our foundation when they have a project that relates to one of the five pillars. Grants can also be applied for disaster relief.

We have some Canadian Initiatives that are receiving fewer donations than they have in the past. Lions Quest receives donations from less than 30% of the Lions Clubs in Canada. Lions Foundation of Canada also receives donations from approximately 50% of Lions Clubs in Canada. These are both excellent programs and my personal goal is to have the Clubs in the District donate to these amazing causes. We also have many Lions supported Canadian camps that work with the donations they receive from the clubs.

"Together We Can" make a difference to communities whether its next door or around the world.

"Together We Can" have fun as we prepare our Service or Fundraising projects.

Make a Great Day Thank You for being Lions

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A15 CABINET 2022-2023



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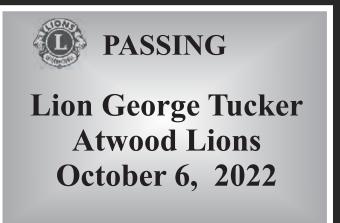
A15 CABINET MEETINGS 2022-2023

Date	Time	Location
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

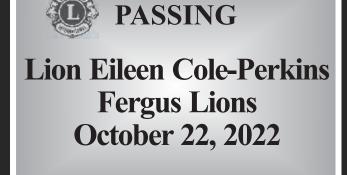
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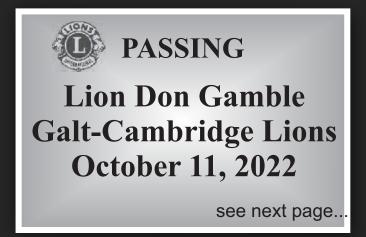


PASSING
Lion Bob Mercier
Belwood & District
Lions
September 21, 2022



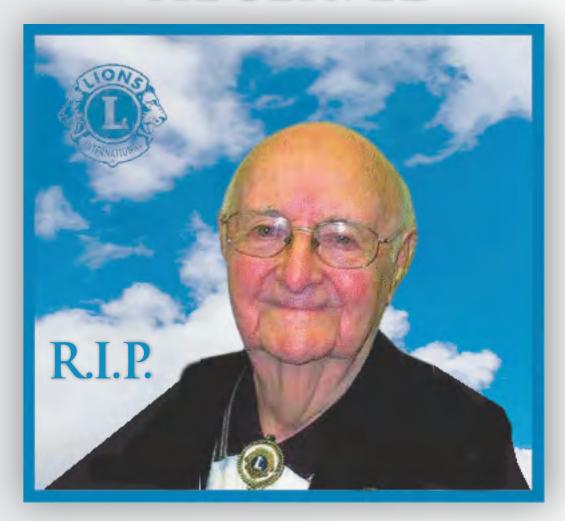
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Lion Don's obituary not available as yet, further information forthcominng

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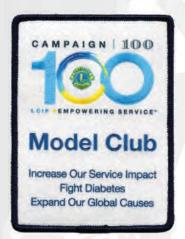


LION DON GAMBLE

LIONISM LOST AN ICON ON OCTOBER 11TH,
LION DON WAS WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED
FOR HIS DEDICATION TO LIONS AND THE
COMMUNITIES WHERE HE SERVED.
A FULL ARTICLE, INCLUDING HIS HISTORY WITH
LIONS, WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE AND
WILL ALSO APPEAR IN THE LION MAGAZINE.



A 15 can be proud of their accomplishments during the LCIF Campaign, the following is an overview of Maple Leaf and Model Club awards given out at the Cabinet Meeting in Atwood. The photos on the next page show the awards



presented to the clubs that were represented at the meeting. The total amount raised in A-15 was US\$243,000 or \$189 per member.

There were six Model Clubs that contributed at least US\$500 per member which is approximately CAD\$650, they were: Cambridge Highlands, Elmira, Guelph, Marsville, Stratford and Woodstock.

There was thirteen Maple Leaf Clubs who contributed at least CAD \$360 per member, they were: Ayr-North Dumfries, Cambridge Highlands, Copetown, Elmira, Elora, Guelph, Kitchener, Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit, Marsville, St Jacobs, Stratford, West Coast, and Woodstock,



All the A15 Clubs are to be congratulated for their efforts, of special note is the dual award for Marsville Lions, the top club on the list when it comes to the amount raised per capita donations.

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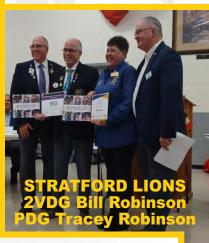
















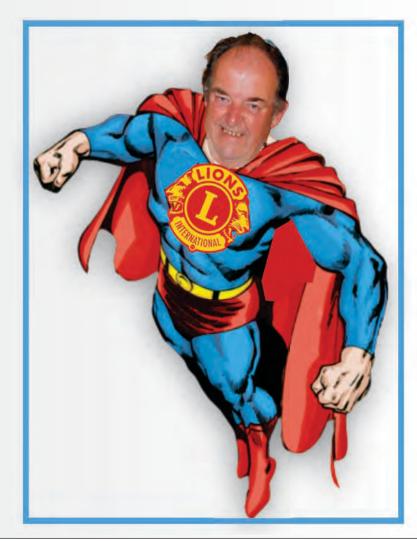
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



It is the editor's information that PDG Thom Herrmann and IPDG Harv Wood had lunch together recently. Thom warns us all we perhaps we should reconsider if Harv invites us out for lunch, he may just have an ulterior motive. Thom maintains it was Harv that roped him in to be the Diabetes Chair for A15. Here Thom is being congratulated for taking on the added responsibility by DG Tony Davidson.

It is a good thing the District is blessed with wonderful characters like Marsville Lion Neil Hoogendoorn, one might think he comes from Smallville, not Marsville, like another well known personality, yes Superman was raised in Smallville, perhaps there is a family connection.

The illustration is not a full page spread as Neil might like, but it fits him to a T!



INNERKIP LIONS



The Innerkip Lions lucked out with weather on October 22nd as they set out on the Lions Train on a beautiful day to collect non-perishable food items from the residents of Innerkip for the Salvation Army Food Bank. We met MANY of our neighbours, some new, some old, as we slowly meandered through town with the train whistle blowing. We were joined this

year by local Mayoral candidate Don Edmiston, as well as about a dozen volunteer students from Innerkip Central School to do the heavy lifting, it was quite a procession.

We made our way through town in two and a half hours, with pit

stops at a seniors residence as well as at the home of a boy in town with special needs who we helped purchase an accessibility ramp for last year. Stops were made to greet two local business owners who asked that we pop in, Innerkip Pharmacy and Hissing Goose Coffee Roasters who were both in the donating mood.



Everyone had a blast and we met back at the Innerkip Lions Centre for locally supplied pizza and snacks from Porky's, our local catering company. This event was a great opportunity for the town to see Lions in Action serving our community.

BELLWOOD & DISTRICT



The Lions have created a Centenial parkette facing Belwood Lake behind Belwood Hall. Constructed by the late Lion Elwin May and Belwood Lions, the area contains memorial benches to Lions Passed. It serves as a place of peace and contemplation for the surrounding community. Plaques recognize the project as the One Hundred Centenary of Lions in Canada, as well as of Elwin's work in fabricating the many other memorial benches in Belwood park and along the Elora Cataract Trail and surrounding villages.







To Do List

- Donate to Lions Quest Canada
- Honour someone with a Lions Quest Fellowship
- Include Lions Quest Canada in your club budget annually
- Invite members to join the Q-bear Fan Club
- Put a copy of this flyer in your club or District newsletter
- Include a speaker about Lions Quest at a club meeting
- Host/sponsor a Lions Quest workshop for your school or community
- Share information about Lions Quest with people who may be interested in our work
- Visit our website at www.lionsquest.ca and sign up for the newsletter

Contact Us www.lionsquest.ca

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We believe in 5 things all kids need:

- Strong positive relationships with people who care about them
- Safe and caring places to live, learn, and play
- Opportunities to provide service to others, learn and try new things
- Healthy habits
- Hope for the future

What are we working on right now?

Introducing (or re-introducing) our programs to educators – Social & Emotional Learning is being talked, and the importance has significantly increased as students return to classrooms after the pandemic. We need to promote our program as an effective, proven resource that not only helps to reduce negative behaviours like bullying and substance abuse – but also promotes positive behaviours like healthier relationships with peers/family and community service learning. With suicide as the leading cause of death for teens, it's critical to support mental well-being.

Virtual training opportunities - We have two virtual workshops available – one for schools/educators and the other for communities. By getting together online, it's very easy to get things started in your school or community by just sponsoring one or two participants. We say it "takes a village to raise a child" – you are a villager – your club is part of the village.

How can you help?

Spread the Word! – You have family, friends, neighbours who are educators or may be interested in our work. Simply mention Lions Quest to them and ask them to check it out. It's very clear that our growth is dependent on word of mouth and personal relationships. You don't need to be the experts, just the catalyst.

Lions Quest Fellowships - For **\$500**, you can honour someone with a Lions Quest Fellowship. The application is available on our website at www.lionsquest.ca. Our goal is to award 50 Fellowships this year.

Q-Bear Fan Club – For **\$100**, you can join the Q-Bear Fan Club. Personal donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. As we launch this new initiative, our goal is to have 50 Q-Bear Fans this year.

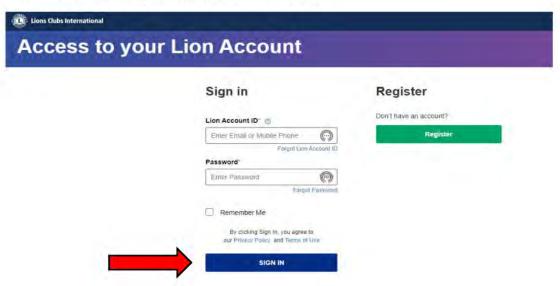
All Other Donations – We welcome donations of any amount. Dedicate all or a portion of fundraising event proceeds to Lions Quest Canada. Use your funds from bingo/gaming events (as allowed by your municipality). Include Lions Quest Canada in your annual budget. Our goal is \$135,000 from the Lions Family of Canada this year – we can do it!

District A-15 Club Officer Training

By now you have been elected, appointed, or continuing as an officer of your Lions Club, and that is FANTASTIC! Whether you are new to the position or have done the position many times we can assist you during your term as a club officer. The Leadership team encourages all club officers to access the Lions learning center and take the courses related to their position. There is a large amount of information available to you 24/7 through the learning center. All sessions are designed to assist you in expanding your knowledge on many different topics. You can start and stop whenever you have time and pick it up right where you left off when you have time.

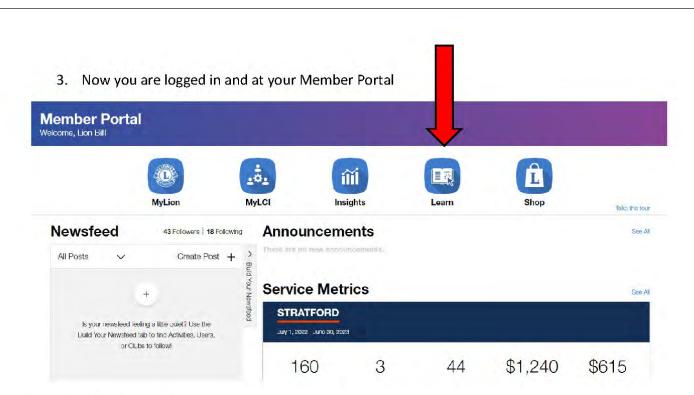
Here is how you access the Lions Learning Center.

- 1. Click this link to access your Lion Account
- 2. Once there you will see this screen.



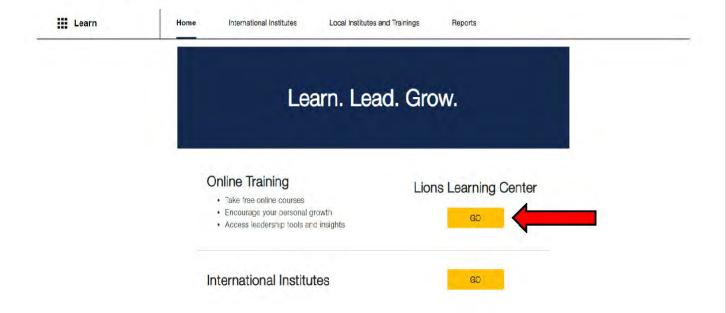
You will enter your Lion Account ID and Password and click ${\sf SIGN~IN}$.

If you don't have a Lion Account, click the Register tab and follow the instructions.

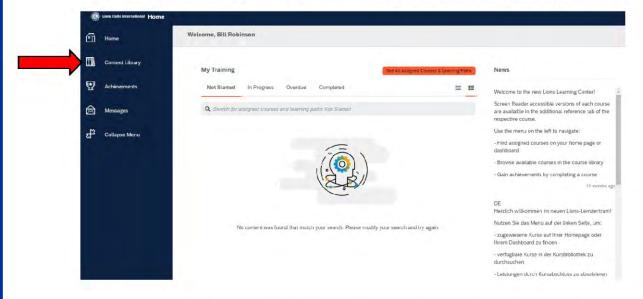


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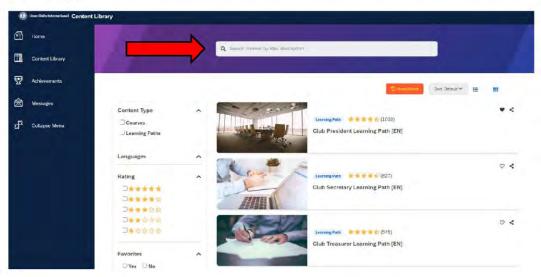
4. Now you will be given a choice, go to Online Training and under Lions Learning Center click on the \mathbf{GO} tab



5. You will land on this page. On the left-hand side click the Content Library tab.



Now you have access to unlimited learning material. Go exploring, you can use the search window to look for specific training or suggestions will be given as you navigate through the library.



You can't break it! Have fun and expand your knowledge base. If you are having problems accessing the information or navigating the website, please don't get frustrated just reach out to me and I will help you.

Bill Robinson

Second Vice District Governor

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Membership Virtual Workshops







Does your club need more members to do more projects?

Does your club need to find ways to attract new members?

We Have The Answers!

This fall your District Membership Team will be holding two virtual membership workshops They 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.

Tuesday November 29th
Wednesday the 30th at 7:00pm.
Click the link to register or scan the QR code

https://bit.ly/3eXsyLb



District A15 Virtual Club Officer Workshop



When: Thursday October 27, 7:00pm

Where: Zoom - Link will be sent out once registered.

Program:

Explore with us all the tools that are available through the Membership Portal.

MyLCI Insights

Learn

Learn about the District email system.

This workshop is for:

Those members who are a President or Secretary in the 2022-23 Lion year.

"Whether you are new to the position or a repeat, this is an important workshop to attend"

Pre registration is required. Please click on <u>Registration</u>, the Lion's logo, or scan the QR code.

SCAN ME



https://bit.ly/3D1MV1D

Deadline for registration is October 25, 2022

ST. MARYS LIONS





The St. Marys Lions Club would like to thank the residents of St. Marys and area for your support in donating your preowned eyeglasses to our Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling for Sight Program. We will forward your preowned glasses to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre in Calgary Alberta, where they will be taken apart,

LIFETIME VISION CARE OF ST. MARTYS cleaned, prescriptions read, and then packaged to provide recycled eyewear free of charge to people in developing countries. Special thanks to Lifetime Vision Care and

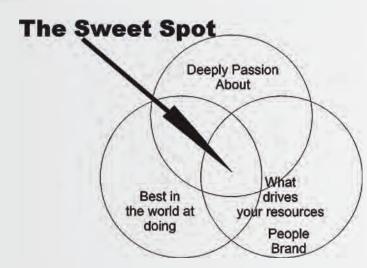
St. Marys Optometry for allowing us to place our Eyeglass Collection Boxes in their offices. (Photo courtesy, Lion Raymond Taylor)







Your Club's Sweet Spot



Jim Collins wrote a book called "Good to Great" where he researched companies that had been successful over a long period of time. He and his team then spent years examining the common characteristics of these companies. He then wrote a monograph called "Good to Great and the Social Sectors" where he looked at characteristics that apply to great non-profits. On the left I have reproduced a diagram from his monograph which shows three characteristics of "great"

non-profits. The top circle is Clubs need to be passion about what they do. They can be passion for the community they serve or a project. The next circle is they have to be the best in their field. It could be the best at providing glasses to students, the best at supporting their town, etc. The last circle is "What drives their resources". Are people excited about the projects? Does the club fit within the Lions brand? Does the club have a respected club brand within their community?

The Sweet Spot is where the three circles intersect. You have a great Lions club when the club have projects they are passion about, they are the best at doing what they do in the community, the public supports the club, and it falls within the Lions brand. In our District, we have many "great" clubs and many great projects that fall into the "Sweet Spot". How do you find what your club is passion about? Are your projects unique in your community? Are other organizations doing the same project. What is the Lions brand? What is your club brand? Come to the Districts two virtual membership workshops and we can help you find answers to these questions.

GUELPH LIONS

Guelph Lions Sponsor Golfer to Canadian Blind Golf Open



How does a blind person golf? He uses a coach.

Thirty-two players and coaches participated in the 25th Ontario and National Blind Golf Championship Open held on August 10th in Simcoe, Ontario. Each blind golfer has a coach who, using verbal instructions, lines up the golfer for each shot.Blind players from five other countries also attended.The Guelph Lions Club donated

\$1,000 to the Tournament. 2 volunteers 2 hours 64 people served and a \$1000 donation to a Lions International Global Cause - Vision.

Photo: Jim Sanders, a member of the Guelph Lions Club, with his coach, lines up for a putt on the practise green.



WILMOT LIONS-LIONESS



Wilmot Lions Lioness held a BBQ to raise money for a new playground at Forest Glen Public School. Pictured here is Lion Bill Roth, Lion Jim Miller and Lion Carol Massel receiving a thank you from the schools team leaders for the Wilmot club's helping to achieve their goal, playground is under construction and will be a safe play area for the students.



SWEABURG & DISTRICT



Dear Sweaburg & District Lions Club:

Thank you so much for supporting our 2022 Hike for Hospice by overseeing the preparation, cooking, and serving of our BBQ Lunch. Everything was so delicious! We are incredibly grateful for the relationship we have with your club, and for your generosity and support of local events. You have allowed us to put additional funds towards our local hospice residence.



Sakura House is a staple in our community and means so much to so many people. During our Tribute Ceremony, one of our Board Members read a beautiful story written by one of our nurses, and I wanted to share a few lines of that here:

I am often asked how I can possibly do this work for so long. It is sweet indeed to relieve suffering. It is wonderful to see a patient calmly sleeping when I check on them during the night or sit beside them



while their families go home for a rest. Much of modern medicine must inflict suffering in order to heal or cure. But not end of life care—here we only take away suffering. But it is the privilege and honour of spending the last days with a fellow human that keeps my heart engaged in this good work. For it is these dear patients who teach me how to die.

Because of donors like you, we are able to keep offering this high level of end-of-life care. And, because of you, we were able to raise \$100,000 for Sakura House at our 2022 Hike for Hospice. We are eternally grateful!

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Michelle Dykstra

Fund Development Coordinator

THAMESFORD LIONS

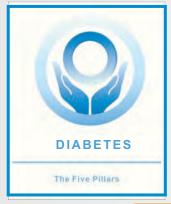


Thamesford Lions Club partnered with the Thamesford Public School to provide the meal for the parent's students and teachers for the first post covid19 *Meet the Teacher* Night. The club served over 350 people, 7 Lions were on hand.

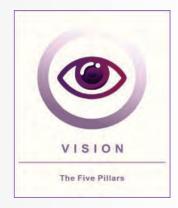
The File Pillars of Lionism were on display and, Lion Chief Barb partnered with the Parent Council in the Kitchen. Other members were busy on the BBQ outside.

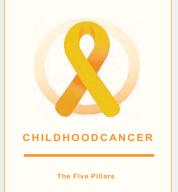


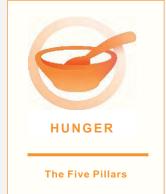
















The Canadian Outdoor Farm Show located in Woodstock Ontario has come to an end for another year. Many months of planning go into this event and it has lasted 25 years with the involvement of all clubs in **Zone 37 South** in District A15.





Each club has a representative at the planning meetings, and a lead communicator to ensure sufficient volunteers are available. The clubs involved have members that take on leadership roles that require extensive hours and commitment. No job is more important than the next.





Planning starts in May and continues to mid-September, when the 3-day event takes place. This year upwards of 45,000 were in attendance. Hundreds of vendors set up and demonstrated their products. After the show many assignments require more hours to complete and ensure everything gets looked after in preparation for next year's event.







Daily there could be as many as 200 Lions or more working at the site, all clubs are involved. This event gives each member the opportunity to work together for up to 7 days. Some volunteers put in 12 to 14 hour days, a great example of our motto:



"WE SERVE"







Harry A. Newman Award





Tarry A. Newman was the first Canadian President of Lions Club International in 1924-1925, During that year Helen Keller challenged the Lions clubs and Lions to become Knights of the Blind.

His son Tom Newman and family of Whitby, Ontario are pleased to have this award named after their father. The award may be given to a Lion, Lioness, or Leo member (or club) in good standing in

Canada, who has shown outstanding commitment to the Lions to the work of Diabetes Canada.

Each recipient of the Harry A. Newman Diabetes Award will receive an engraved glass award from Diabetes Canada, a Harry A. Newman lapel pin, and a personalized letter from the Chair of the Diabetes Canada Board of Directors.

Each sponsoring club will receive a letter of thanks from Diabetes Canada for their donation and participation in this award.

Full details available at: diabetes.ca

A15 FUN NIGHT @ ROCKTON LIONS





At a Rockton Lions meeting in September IPDG Harv Wood was honoured and roasted at the same time by PDG George Corrin and presented with the official IPDG suit. Harv's #1 in command, Lion Eleanor was on hand to assist with the fitting. Proof positive that you can dress him up but taking him somewhere is an entirely different story.

ST. GEORGE LIONS



Our first major fundraiser of the year has come and gone. There is so much that goes into this event,



before, during and after. Supplies to be purchased, trailers loaded, volunteers scheduled, everything needs to be set up at the fair and of course everything needs to come down. You get the picture. Thank you to everyone who helped in some way to make the event a success. We are



very appreciative of the family members and friends who worked shifts at the fair. Without them we simply could not have managed.

The weather on the long weekend was beautiful. It was most pleasant to work in and brought out great crowds. Business was brisk for our group and we did really well. It was necessary to raise our prices about 50 cents on each item. Despite this, many of our customers thanked us for our fair

prices and for "not gouging". Our hamburgers came from a different supplier this year and there were many, many compliments about our food and our efficiency in serving it. A great effort by all involved.

EXETER LIONS





In September the Exeter Lions and the RCMP put on a fantastic show featuring the world renown Musical Ride. There are more photos available in the club's bulletin, "The Roar" and on their facebook page which can be viewed at:

https://www.facebook.com/Exeter-Lions-Club-261238660739978/

Hosted by the Exeter Lions in support of Programs for Youth and community improvement.

COPETOWN LIONS



In September the Copetown Lions made a donation to Lions Quest as part of their support of Lions programs. Shown in the photo on the left, 2VDG Bill Robinson of the Stratford Lions and Lion Chief Bob Pearson of Copetown.

K.W. COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIONS



In September the Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions welcomed back Lion Vasudha Kothari and inducted a new member Lion Prerna Patal. The inset photo is of Lion Jack Fisher who has recently moved to the KW area and his wife Lion Evelyn have their membership to the KWCS club. Also show in the photo are Club President Lion Janet Dawson Brock and 1ST VDG Gary Ransom.

Welcome Lions!



STRATFORD LIONS

Stratford Lions held another Bottle Drive on October 16th at the Giant Tiger store. It was a sunny but chilly day. President Trudy took refuge in the trailer from the wind as the club waited for the first donors to arrive. Everyone soon warmed up as people with warm friendly smiles arrived with their bottles and cans and cash donations.

Proceeds from this event will help a family in need at the Emily Murphy Center.

Plans are in the works for another drive next spring.





STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

PICKLEBALL EQUIPMENT HAS ARRIVED



Lions Paul, Trudy and Bill show some of the new equipment to the members.

The Stratford club and the Stratford Pickleball Association are working with the Stratford Minor Sports Council to provide and opportunity for youth of all ages to play the game. The Lions donation was used to purchase new equipment.



A close-up view of the designs on the paddles.







COPETOWN LIONS

INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL TURKEY & HAM ROLL

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19th 7:30 PM

COPETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE \$15.00 PER TICKET - 30 FREE ROLLS LATE BUFFET, PENNY SALE & MORE!!

SEE ANY LIONS MEMBER FOR TICKETS OR CALL 905-628-9089







South Wellington Community Lions Club Branch, in

partnership with local area photographer, Rick Cleland, is proud to, once again, offer a collection of exceptional bird photographs as part of our "Wings over Wellington - Vol. II" calendar for 2023.

Only \$20.00

This 12 x 12 inch calendar is a limited printing and net proceeds will help fund service projects that our club provides in the smaller South Wellington County communities.

IDEA: Make it a Christmas gift for someone in your family, your social circle, a child's or grandchild's teacher, your postman...Don't wait as we expect to sell-out again this year! We're sure vou'll love it!

> To order, call/text (226) 203-9034 or visit https://swcommlions.org/calendar to purchase online! Delivery available in limited local area.

> > Thank you for your support.

SOUTH WELLINGTON COMMUNITY LIONS







Sunday, November 6th 2022

9AM – 2PM at the Ennotville Historical Library 7722 Sixth Line, Elora, ON

Admission: Free

