



Lions Clubs International

District A-15

Governors Newsletter



We Serve

DECEMBER 2022



Christmas is a time of Tradition. Christmas is a time of celebration, sharing memories, and being thankful for what we have. Reach out to those friends that you have not seen in a while and share your joy of being involved in your community.

There are many in our Lions community who have experienced a loss. Reach out to these families and help them through this difficult time.

Lions have done so much for the Community over the year whether collecting food for the less fortunate in the local area, sending money to rebuild after hurricane Fiona, or the support we have given Ukraine.

Service projects initiated by Lions have a Global impact. As the year comes to a close and the holidays are upon us, I can't help but reflect on the awesome commitment Lions have for their community. Despite the years obstacles you have exceptional passion and dedication to serve your community. Thanks for all you do and have a roaring holiday season.

**Thanks for your great service
Governor Tony**

"Together We Can"

CABINET 2022-2023



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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

PASSINGS

“THEY SERVED”



PASSING

**Lion Len Martin
Thamesford Lions
November 1, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Earl Illman
Monkton Lions
October 21, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Eileen-Cole Perkins
Fergus Lions
October 22, 2022**



PASSING

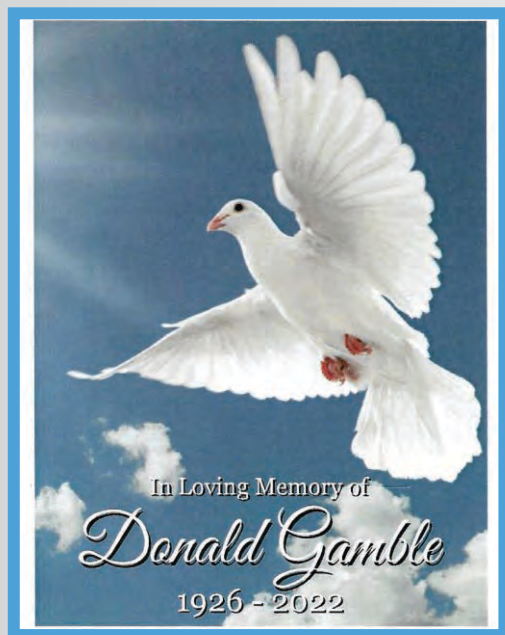
**PRC Wolfgang Boelke
Arris &
Maryhill Lions
November 22, 2022**



PASSING

**Lion Jack Clingo
Sweaburg &
District Lions
November 23, 2022**

Obituaries available, click the images.



A heartfelt Lions Service was performed in Cambridge November 12th to honour our dearly departed friend & Lion Don Gamble. PID Lion Art Woods conducted the service.

“HE SERVED”

*The Lord is my Shepherd;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
He maketh me lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My Cup runneth over surely goodness
& mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
*And I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever..**

~ Psalm 23

Donald Lodge Gamble

March 5, 1926 - October 11, 2022



Memorial Service

Saturday, November 12th, 2022
2:00pm

St. James Anglican Church
Cambridge, Ontario

A15 PEACE POSTER

Congratulations to Clay Ferber, student at Rockton Elementary School for winning the District A15 Peace Poster contest. His was selected as the from the quality entries received. His winning entry now goes on to the MDA level to compete with the winners from the other districts. Clay received a cheque from the District for \$250.00 for his efforts.



Congrats to al the students that participated!





Our astute A15 Diabetes Chair would like us to be aware of the many ways we can fight the disease.

PDG Thom Herrmann

click the image

**DIABETES
CANADA**

NEWSLETTER

!Winter Edition

**TAKE ACTION.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**END
DIABETES
NOW
DIABETES
CANADA**

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

When it comes to ending diabetes, our collective actions can have transformative power, whether it's raising awareness, learning the facts, or donating towards research to find a cure. This Diabetes Awareness Month, every action counts and brings us closer to a future without diabetes. Visit diabetes.ca/takeaction to learn more **#LetsEndDiabetes**

**ADD A PHOTO OF YOUR CLUB
TAKING ACTION TO END DIABETES**



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

Sock & Blanket Drive, November 2022

Once again, the Stratford Lions Club collected new or gently used blankets and new socks for our community in need. Club members could be found collecting donations at the Stratford Mall throughout the month. For a cash donation of \$20.00 or more, donators were offered a toy Lion.



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB



The editor is not sure of the protocol but this Lion makes more visits than Santa. Keep up the good work Bill!



September 13, 2022
Brantford Lions Club
President Ron Bryne
receives DG pin from
2VDG Bill on an
official visit.



September 19, 2022
Centralia-Huron Park Lions
President gets their DG pin
another official visit.



Also in September the
Copetown Lions made a
\$1000.00 donation to
Lions Quest. Lion Bill
accepted the traditional
cheque from club
President Bob Pearson



FREELTON LIONS



Food banks are among the charities in most need of help right now to carry on their mission to help those who have trouble supplying the needs of their families. The increases in the cost of everything lately, and with the Holidays fast approaching, the need is increasing. The Freelton Lions Club contributed \$2,000.00 to the Flamborough Food Bank.

Photo L-R Lions Jim Cook, Secretary Sally McMann, First VP and Treasurer Peter Kachuik, Food Bank Manager Jim, and Lion Teri Cook.

BUILD YOUR TEAM



Where there is a need there is a Lion, But, If there are no Lions the needs can not be fulfilled.

The first step in the Global Membership process is to form a team. In most clubs the membership team is the Membership chair, but it needs to be a team. Large enough to be vibrant but small enough to be nimble. A team of 3-5 members is the ideal number. Sometimes we think that the whole club should be on the team, but it is difficult to come up with a consensus for a membership plan. At the same time all club members need to agree that there is need to add members.

Jim Collins in his book Good to Great says there are two parts to a great team.

- 1.First it needs to have a leader who is ambitious first and foremost for the cause, the organization, the work - not themselves- and they have the fierce resolve to do whatever it takes to make good on that ambition.
- 2.Second, those that build great teams make sure they have the right people on the bus, the wrong people off the bus, and the right people in the key seats before they figure out where to drive the bus.

Last week the District had 2 membership work shops. Besides the facilitators, 23 Lions took time out of their schedule to attend one or both workshops. We thank you for stepping up and wanting to make a difference. There were 19 clubs represented.

Thamesford Lions
Lions Club of Elmira
Wilmot Lioness Lions
Burford Lions
Bridgeport Lions
Guelph Royal City Lions

South Wellington Community Branch
Kitchener Pioneer Lions
St.Marys Lions
Paris Lions
Belwood & District Lions

Fergus Lions
Guelph Lions
Ayr - North Dumfries Lions
KW Community Spirit Lions
Lions Club of Kitchener
Kitchener Oktoberfest
Lions

The District A15 Membership Team want to wish everyone a great holiday season



KITCHENER PIONEER LIONS

The Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club learned that the CNIB Lake Joseph Centre (CNIB Lake Joe camp) has started a campaign to raise funds for a new minibus. Their present buses are not new and are becoming less reliable..

When the club found out about the campaign, one of the minibuses was actually out of commission, which increased the transportation challenges of the season. We know the special magic camp brings to so many people from coast to coast, which includes campers from the Waterloo Region area. If campers cannot get to camp, they cannot experience the magic of camp, which includes missing out on all the fun, skills learning and friendships that will last a lifetime. The camp buses also provide transportation to off-site programs, which opens up more events and opportunities for all that camp has to offer.



The campaign's goal is to raise \$160,000 for a new minibus that will provide reliable, safe, accessible and comfortable transportation for campers. Kitchener Pioneer Lions Club has donated the first \$1,000 to the new Lions' Minibus campaign for CNIB Lake Joe to start of the campaign. Chris Duncan (past president) is calling on his fellow Lions to contribute to this

minibus campaign and to help spread the word. "I'm super excited about stirring up competition with other Lions Clubs to match/beat my donation and perhaps having an incentive for clubs to donate \$1K each."

For more information on the campaign and to donate, please visit www.cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus.

For more information on how your local Lions Clubs can partner with CNIB Lake Joe, please contact Sherri Helsdingen, Community Manager at the camp at Sherri.Helsdingen@cnib.ca or 705-241-2907.

GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS



The Guelph Royal City Lions Club have welcomed 2 new members into the Club in the past few months, most recently being Lion Emma who is sponsored by Lion Char Dwyer and inducted by Zone Chair 51 East Lion Kevin March(top photo). We also welcomed into our Lions Club family Lion Tosh Sondh who is sponsored by Lion Carl Swanson and was inducted by Second Vice district Governor Lion Bill Robinson. Welcome to Lions service Lions Emma and Tosh, they have already helped to make an impact in service in our community and through Lions International service initiatives.

GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS

The Lions in the Royal City have been busy with several projects, this and the next page is a review of their community service efforts.

In October members along with friends, sorted and packed 1,740 pairs of lenses, 84 pairs of sport/safety glasses, 175 pairs of children's glasses, 1,148 pairs of sunglasses, and 6,685 pairs of regular glasses for a total of 9,832 pieces. Thanks to the Galt-Cambridge Lions Club for bringing their eyeglasses and lenses they collected for us to pack, deliver to St. Jacob's Home Hardware to be shipped to CLERC



One Act Play: Saturday, November 5th the Club held this event at the Guelph Music Centre on Cardigan Street. "A Game of Inches" was performed by Christena Jackson. This was our first attempt at an event like this one, it was a fun evening and we were able to chat with those who attended.



On the third Friday of each month, Sept. thru June. The club welcomes anyone to come out and enjoy this progressive euchre tournament, singles welcome. Doors open at 7PM, games begin at 7:30PM, the cost is \$7.00 P.P. There are draws and a light lunch is provided at the Trinity United Church, 100 Stevenson Street North in Guelph.

GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS



Remembrance Day Wreath Presentations Guelph Legion

The Guelph Legion hosted an in person Remembrance Day service at the Sleeman Centre on November 11, 2022. Club members Lion Emma and Lion Ted Wells presented a large poppy wreath to the Legion Sergeant-At-Arms.

Again this year the Guelph Royal City Lions Club supported the Adopt-A-Family program through the Guelph-Wellington Children's Foundation. Individual



Salvation Army Kettle Christmas Campaign, Again this year, members of the GRCL manned the kettles at Stone Road Mall for the annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive to help those in need this holiday season.



GUELPH ROYAL CITY LIONS



The Guelph Royal City Lions Club purchased 200 Tim Horton's cookies for The Good Games Santa Train which was organized at St. Peter's Catholic Public School in Guelph by the West Willow Village Neighbourhood Group. We handed out scrumptious Christmas Cookies and served hot chocolate to the local families that attended. The smiles and laughter were so wonderful as children delighted in the magic of Christmas with a visit from Santa, local sports teams Mascots, the Salvation Army band and more! There were crafts and games for the children and we were so proud to be a part of this amazing community event.

Lions Club of Kitchener



Past President Erhard Kruger, Lions Club of Kitchener was recently presented with two awards by the Society for Creative Anachronism. The first for his many supportive aspects with this medieval re-enactment group and a service award for his contributions to his community and to the Lions organization. It is our information this is the first time in 33 years that both awards have been given to the same recipient.

Editor's Note: A very interesting organization, more information can be found by click on the SCA logo or by using the URL as shown.



www.sca.org

ZONE 37 SOUTH LIONS FOOD DONATION

Ten Lions Clubs in Zone 37 worked together to run a food booth and provide catering services at the Woodstock Farm Show each year. After the show is complete, a home must be found for any leftover food. This year the clubs donated three truckloads of food to the 519 Community Collective based in the Kitchener Waterloo area. The total donation value was \$8002.00.

Pictured in the photo is Lion Gerald Harmer (centre) of the Drumbo Lions Club, flanked by his son Jonathan (left) and Julie Sawatzky (right) of the 519 Community Collective.



"Wings over Wellington" *Calendar 2023 - Vol. II*



Wings over Wellington Vol. II

2023 South Wellington Community Lions Calendar

***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 .

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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 you'll love it!

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Thank you for your support.



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START	02	DECEMBER 2022
		10:00 AM EST
END	11	DECEMBER 2022
		8:00 PM EST

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Lions Club**

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Free Family Skate

Sunday December 18, 2022 12-2 pm

Lions Rink, RIM Park, Waterloo, ON

*Free Hot
Dogs and
Hot
Chocolate
(while supplies last)*



*Santa will be on the ice
from 12:00-1:10 pm!*

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