



Lions Clubs International

District A-15

Governors Newsletter



We Serve

JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year. May you have Health and Happiness and a lot of fun through the Year!



“Together We Can” is the District and International presidents’ motto for the year and the Lions of the District have proven it. The clubs of A15 have accomplished many terrific service projects and fundraisers over the past year.

The Clubs stepped forward to send money to the devastated areas of the East Coast after Hurricane Fiona. The Clubs sent money to support the Ukrainians after the invasion. Clubs have sponsored refugees from Ukraine. This shows what we stand for.” We Serve”.

I have been promoting Lions Quest this year as only 17 percent of the Lions Clubs in Canada have been supporting it over the last few years. Lions Quest, a Center for positive youth development is a valuable resource for our community.

We have a convention planned for April 14-16 at the Brantford Best Western. Lots of activities have been planned. Join us for an Environmental project, a Strides Walk and much more.

Registration package is available on the Website. Make this year an exciting year by running for a Cabinet position!



This is going to be an Awesome year for Lions in Canada with Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton being a Candidate for International President. Pins are being sold for \$5.00 to support the Campaign. She will be the fifth Canadian President following Judge Brian Stevenson 1987-1988, Tris Coffin 1973-1974, Walter C. Fisher 1949-1950, and Harry A Newman 1924-1925.

Thank you for your commitment to Lions. Have Fun and enjoy the year.

**Governor
Tony**

Tony



We Serve

TOGETHER, WE CAN!

2023 DISTRICT A-1 5 CONVENTION

April 14th-16th

Brantford Inn & Convention Centre

Hosted By:

Paris, Rockwood & District, St. George & South Wellington Community Lions



**International Guests, Lions Lyn and PID Mark Lyon,
endorsed candidate for 3rd International Vice
President. Members of the Brookfield Ct., Lions Club.
Further information on next page.**



Downloadable Registration form available by
using the link shown or by scanning the Q.R. code.

<https://bit.ly/3XD24jg>



Lion Mark and Lion Lyn have been married for nearly 40 years, and are the proud parents of three adult daughters. A recognized part of their community, not just for their Lions activities, Lion Mark and Lion Lyn are also known for their past and present involvement in local civic, church and school groups. Both are career-minded professionals – Lion Mark in legal and financial services and Lion Lyn in accounting and operations. In their occasional free moments, Lion Lyn enjoys reading, crafting and bird-watching, while Lion Mark enjoys reading, playing guitar, golf and mountain biking.



Lion Mark has served our International Association of Lions Clubs in many capacities since 1996. A proud member of the Brookfield Lions Club, Lion Mark has a great appreciation for what our local Lions Clubs do every day to improve the well-being of their communities through active service. Along his Lions journey, Lion Mark has benefitted greatly from the guidance and support of many mentors. Because of them, he more fully understands the importance of life-long learning, the development of leadership skills, and the fostering of lasting relationships based on trust and mutual respect. To this day, Lion Mark continues to accept the challenge of serving in roles of increasing responsibility within Lionism.

Lion Mark views the opportunity to serve our Association as International Third Vice President with the same drive, determination and passion that he has in serving his local community. He is qualified to serve in this position, and is wholly committed to leading by example, and to representing all Lions in accordance with our International Purpose and Code of Ethics. As the endorsed candidate of Multiple District 23 (Connecticut) seeking the high office of International Third Vice President, Lion Mark is confident in his abilities to represent our Association, and pledges to do everything in his power to support the mission and vision of Lions International.

In August 2022, Lion Mark received the unanimous endorsement of the Executive Officers and Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International for International Third Vice President for Lions Year 2023-2024.



TOGETHER, WE CAN!

2023 DISTRICT A-15 CONVENTION

APRIL 14TH - 16TH

Brantford Inn & Convention Centre

Hosted by:

Paris, Rockwood & District, St. George and South Wellington Community Lions

Complete one registration form per person.

If paying for multiple registrants with one cheque or electronic transfer, attach forms together with payment. Make cheques payable to: "A15 Lions Convention".

Mail to: Paris Lions, P.O. Box 123, Paris, ON N3L 3E7

Electronic Transfers to: convention2023@a15lions.org



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Guests are to make their own room reservations directly by calling the hotel office at (519) 753-8651 and mention you are with the "Lions District A 15 Convention (April 14-16, 2023)" for the special room rate of \$129.00 plus taxes. Limited number of rooms available until March 1, 2023 at this special rate so book early.

Hospitality rooms are \$170.00 (HST Included) and are to be booked with the Convention registration.

Contact PDG Doug Smith @ (519) 855-1102 or email to: convention2023@gmail.com

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The Importance of having fun!

Why having fun is just as important as productivity

Our society places a lot of emphasis on the importance of working hard and embracing hustle culture. We hear statements like "no days off!" and see people receive praise for going above and beyond the call of duty in order to maximize their productivity._

While using our time wisely and putting forth our best effort are admirable skills, it is also important to remember that when we work hard, we should be able to play hard, too.

Having fun and truly experiencing pleasure and joy in life is just as important as being productive.

For one, if we do not take the time to relax and have fun, we will just continue to build stress, which can lead to burnout and an even greater lack of productivity.

Also, having fun has positive biological effects. When we do pleasurable activities, it releases dopamine which leads to positivity and can counteract more uncomfortable feelings of hopelessness and stress.

Finally, having fun allows us the opportunity to connect and create bonds with others. Doing enjoyable activities makes us more pleasant to be around, and doing these activities with others can create lasting memories that will bring us



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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”



Burford Lions
Lion Bob McLaren
January 13, 2023



Exeter Lions
Lion Jim Beckett
January 12, 2023

Obituaries available, click the images.



Get ready for the new Lion Portal

Evolving the Lion Digital Experience

from PDG Lion O.J. Wilura

- MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, along with some additional tools and functionalities will be combined into a unified experience called the Lion Portal. The new portal will offer the same features and functionality currently available, but with a more consistent and efficient experience.
- Launching targeting is mid-2023 launch. A preview of the system will be offered prior to the launch.
- Current Lion Account passwords are encrypted. This means we cannot see them or port them over into a new system. Because of this, you will prompt to update your Lion Account credentials — your username and password — to access the Lion Portal.
- The new system will not support the use of telephone numbers as usernames, so you will need to use a unique email — one that is only used by you — and create a new password to log in. This is for privacy compliance, shared passwords will not be allowed.
- Access to various functions will be directly from the homepage. For example, rather than clicking into MyLion to report your service, you'll access service reporting directly from the main portal page.
- In addition to reporting service, managing club rosters, accessing reports and all the other functionality you currently have through MyLion, MyLCI and Insights, the new Lion Portal will provide a centralized location to access a variety of data and tools ranging from your LCIF donation history to our Member Service Center

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Get ready for the new Lion Portal

Evolving the Lion Digital Experience

- MyLion, MyLCI and Insights as you know them today will not be available once the new Lion Portal is live. However, the same functionality of those tools will be available. The functions will no longer be housed within separate tools.
- Whether using your desktop, laptop, tablet or mobile phone, you'll have access to the same functionality in the Lion Portal. The portal will simply be adjusted to fit the size of the device.
- The new system is built on Salesforce, which offers Salesforce Shield — an extremely powerful and secure suite of data-privacy and encryption tools.
- The Lion Portal will include in-product training at launch so you can learn while exploring the updated experience.
- Just as it is today, your access to specific data and tools is based on any Lions positions you hold.
- It is imperative that Club Secretaries or Administrators start ensuring member's email addresses are correct, Club Officers information needs to be added for upcoming next fiscal year on MyLCI immediately after the club elections. The same is needed for District Officers with submission of the Convention Report and the District Cabinet Officers Report directly following their conventions.
- Emails being used now by members must be the same as recorded on MyLCI
- Lions not registered when the new system is launched can do so, more than likely in September, as priority will be given to the current registered Lions.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



I read an article by Yael Splansky who is the senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto's first synagogue. He recommends everyone's New Year's resolution should be to volunteer for one hour. He wrote.. I'd like to encourage a resolution for 2023: let's dedicate ourselves to volunteerism. Imagine if adults and teens across this city of renown pledged to devote a little precious time and energy to the worthy cause of their choosing. Neighbourhoods could be transformed. Grassroots organizations could operate not from a place of scarcity and exhaustion, but with renewed energy and common cause.

He goes on to say... Take a little courage from what every volunteer knows: the first motivation is for the sake of helping others, but very quickly we realize we are also receiving. It is life-affirming to show up for others and to feel useful. It is grounding to feel a part of something larger.

I know, about now you are all thinking "yes Lions Garry we know this. You are preaching to the converted." But before you turn the page, what would happen if we asked people to volunteer one hour rather than ask them to be a Lion member. We all know about that "life-affirming" feeling that we could create in other people by just asking them to volunteer.

What would happen if you had a 100 volunteers for one hour? You could clean up 50 kms of highway, pick garbage in every park in your city, go door to door and collect a months worth of food for a food bank, or drive 50 patients to their cancer treatment appointments.

What do you need to make that happen....service projects. Create the projects and ask people to help. The one of many things we learned going to businesses in Listowel is citizens want to help. Do not ask them to be a Lion ask them to volunteer. They will want to become a lion after they see the great work that we do.

As our President, Brian Sheehan says "think outside the box" . Click the link or scan the QR code to watch a short Lions video on how to start thinking outside the box.

VDG1
Lion Garry Ransom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSXBuTdOtUo>



AYR-NORTH DUMFRIES

The Ayr-North Dumfries Lions were eager and excited to host our first Santa Claus parade in three years! A lot of time was spent last year planning the return to the streets of Ayr, the club hosted a dinner in March to raise funds to help out. When the big day came on Saturday, November 26th, the club was thrilled to be able to put together one of the largest parades in club history! The spectator turnout was huge with the entire route lined with beaming faces, both young and old! There was three bands playing, more than 25 participating community groups and businesses and over thirty floats and vehicles.

It was a great community event and the spectators returned the favour by donating 1040-lbs of food for the Cambridge Food Bank, which was collected along the parade route by a small army of student volunteers. In addition to the outpouring of food donations, we also received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from the community via our social media channels. Who doesn't love a parade?







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May, 2022

Dear Lions Family of Multiple District A (Ontario):

On August 17, 1961, CNIB Lake Joe, the only accessible camp of its kind in Canada, opened its doors to campers with sight loss for the very first time. CNIB is grateful to Lions – the Knights of the Blind – for helping CNIB secure this piece of paradise on Lake Joseph, and for tirelessly serving as valued volunteers, generous donors, and dedicated advocates.

As we celebrate warm memories of the past 60 years, we are building a bright future for generations to come! **With the support of our dedicated Lions, we are smashing barriers to ensure that everyone who wants to attend CNIB Lake Joe can do so.**

One of our most urgent capital needs is to replace our aging minibuses. **We are seeking Lions' support to raise \$160,000 for a new minibus to provide reliable, safe, accessible and comfortable transportation for campers.** Everyone impacted by sight loss – adults, children & youth, and families – should be able to access life-changing programs at CNIB Lake Joe. In the words of Lion Peter Best, "If they can't get there, they can't benefit."

Get involved now! \$1,000 from each Lions Club can make this dream come true. Once \$80K has been raised, an application will be made to the **Lions Club International Foundation for a matching grant.** Visit cnib.ca/LakeJoeMinibus for full details and to donate.

One camper explains why CNIB Lake Joe is so important to her: **"CNIB Lake Joe feels like home. It's the only place where I don't have to explain myself or my disability. It's the only place where I have been encouraged to try new things I never thought I would be able to do. Lake Joe is the place that has made me begin to believe that I can dream."**

Sadly, many people with sight loss miss out on transformative experiences at Lake Joe because they simply can't get to camp. But, as Knights of the Blind, Lions can change that!

Please contact Tara Yellowlees, Manager, Philanthropy at tara.yellowlees@cnib.ca or (416) 319-5493 to share your club's commitment to help raise the funds to ensure people with sight loss can get to camp and enjoy the magic of CNIB Lake Joe!

Thank you,

Bob Tanner

Lion Bob Tanner
Chair, Sight Conservation
Co-Chair, MDA Lions/CNIB Committee

Monique Pilkington

Monique Pilkington
Executive Director
CNIB Lake Joe



Exeter Lions Club



Leadership of Exeter Lions Club helps to raise more than \$1.285 million at Conservation Dinner over 32 years for community projects.

The hard work of Exeter Lions Club volunteers, working with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, neighbouring Lions Clubs, and the local community has created successful charitable dinner and auction since 1990s; the 33rd Conservation Dinner is to take place in person in 2023.

The Lions have a long standing relationship with the foundation, a full press release is available using the links shown below and the Q.R. code. A historical photo collection over the years is also available, the links are shown below.

Shown in the photo from the 2017 dinner are Lions Craig Herbert on the left and Paul Anstett, both long time supporters of the annual event.



A full press release from December of last year can be viewed as well, the links are below, click the link or scan the code.

photos

<https://bit.ly/3DJCeIN>



press release

<http://bit.ly/3wB75Np>



KW COMMUNITY SPIRIT LIONS



At a recent meeting Lion Chief Janet Dawson Brock received a GAT Certificate of Appreciation from GAT Chair Lion O.J. Wilura, Janet was also recognized with a 10 member key.

At the same meeting the club presented the oneRoof Association with a cheque for \$10,000.00. There were 5 Lions clubs in attendance on this special night. Shown in the photo are members of the Bridgeport Lions, Cambridge Highlands Lions, Lions of Kitchener, Kitchener Pioneer Lions, and K-W Community Spirit Lions Clubs; with (centre) Andrea Ferguson, oneRoof Manager of Services.

BURFORD LIONS



Santa and Mrs. Claus waving to the crowd at the Burford Lions Santa Claus parade on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Lion Neil McKinnell presented a Helen Keller Fellowship award to Lions MarieAnne & Paul Kennette at our December 2022 Christmas dinner.



LYNDEN LIONS



This endeavor started by making turtles as favors for our Lions Christmas Dinner and Party. The next year we decided we would make a few dozen to sell at the Turkey Raffle. They didn't last an hour.

The next year we made a few more just for members and the Turkey Raffle. After that members wanted more, so we made more that year. The next year someone had the idea to advertise, we ended up making 102 dozen.

Last year Josmar Acres, a local farm market wanted to sell them, we made 172 dozen. This year we made 300 dozen. What will next year bring???



Photo, L to R: Marilyn Burke, Kathy Rotchell.
Rose Marie Brooks, Ruth Brooks.



ARISS & MARYHILL LIONS

The Ariss and Maryhill Lions presented Lion Rick Motz with the Lions Quest Fellowship at our meeting on November 8. The award is for club members that show extra dedication to the service and promotion of their club. Lion Rick was recognized for his contributions to new club projects and fund-raisers and his willingness to assist in organizing and supporting events.

Pictured are PDG and Past President Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club Larry Wainwright, Lions Hilda Wainwright, Otis and Rick Motz.



PLATTSVILLE & DISTRICT LIONS



Plattsville and District Lions celebrated the New Year at their January 5 th , 2023, meeting with VDG1 Lion Gary Ransom inducting three new Lions Members. Our new Lions, Jonathan Heimbecker, Leanna Heimbecker and Chris Dowdy are all members of our very proud Lion Chief Lee Heimbecker's family.

We were also delighted to celebrate Lion Lee who has been a very dedicated 20-year member of the Plattsville and District Lions Club. VDG1 Gary presented Lion Lee with his 20-year Chevron. Lion Janet Moss is celebrating ten years of dedicated Lionism and will be presented with her 10-year Chevron at an upcoming meeting.

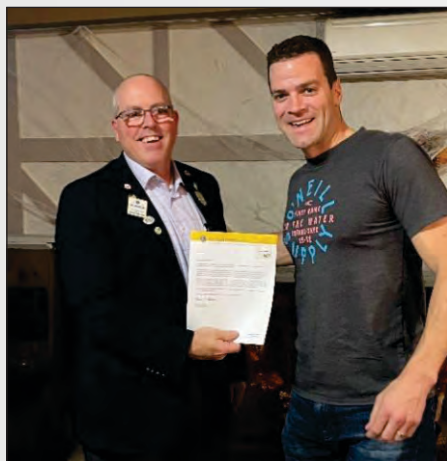
Lion Gwen Parker was looking forward to celebrating her 20 years in Lionism. Sadly, Lion Gwen, a very dedicated Lion, passed away in July of 2022. Lion Gwen's 20-year Chevron will be presented in absentia to her son in her honour at our volunteer appreciation dinner in February.



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

**2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL
ROBINSON'S VISITATION HIGHLIGHTS**

Wellesley & District



**10 yr. Chevron
Lion Chief Blair Chessman**



**Lion Robert Reid
45 Year Chevron**

Ayr-North Dumfries Lions



**Lion Peggy Gillespie
30 year Chevron**



**President Rhonda Vine
Campaign 100 Award for Club**



**Kitchener Oktoberfest Lions Club
Secretary Raymond Derouin presented
2nd VDG Bill with an Oktoberfest mug.**

Presented by Woolwich Community Lions and
Floradale Friends of Dog Guides

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Saturday *Lions Hall, Elmira*
Feb 4, 2023
7:00 PM

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm

Prizes - Cash Bar - Snacks

Advanced Registration Only
Deadline for registration is Jan 31, 2023
\$20 per person / \$160 team of eight
must be 19yrs of age or older

For more information or to register a team
please email: wclionstrivia@gmail.com

Cash Prize for top three teams!



Rockton Lions Club



**Lion Daryl McKnight
receives 15 year chevron**



**Lion Gary Lloyd
receives 10 yr chevron**



**Lion Bob Elkin
50 Year Chevron**

**While 2nd VDG Bill was performing District duties in Rockton,
PDG Tracey Robinson had the privilege of inducting new members
into the Hickson and District Lions Club.**





**2nd VDG Bill presented Thamesford Lions
Dave Woods and Chuck Dalton with their 45
Year Service Chevrons.**



**Thamesford Lion Don Weir was presented
with his 35 Year Service Chevron by 2nd VDG
Bill.**



**Thamesford Lions members
Jim Rogers, Brian Voigt,
Wayne Rompht, Mike Hough
and Jim Young.
25 year chevrons.**



**20 Year chevron
for Lion Bill Phillips**

Thamesford New Member Inductions



**Lions Mike Egan
&
Scott Barr
10 year Chevrons**



COPETOWN LIONS



The Brad May tournament raised over \$340,000.00 for the Easter Seals Campaign. The Beverly Mens Hockey League were instrumental in raising over \$27,000.00 of the overall total, part of which was a \$1,000.00 donation from the Copetown Lions Club. A big Lions Roar to Lion Matt Boschman for his efforts with project.



The Copetown Lions post-covid (we hope) Turkey Roll was a big success owing to the efforts of Lion Barrie Conron and his crew of volunteers. At the end of it all the club donated \$2,500.00 to the local Salvation Army Food Bank. Shown in the photo on the left is club treasurer Doreen and a rep from the Food Bank.

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LCIF NEWS

The Copetown Lions Sure Know How to Recruit!

A recent addition to our membership roster is Lion Peter Oswald who transferred to our club from the Woodstock Lions and now living in Dundas. Lion Peter is well known to the clubs in A15 and MDA as well for his involvement with Campaign 100 and LCIF. He has been a leader in our district and elsewhere with this significant portion of Lions International programs.

Lion Peter has twice been recognized for his efforts in the foregoing. He received the LCIF Chairpersons Medal in 2019-2020 and again for 2021-2022. Shown in a recent meeting is Lions Peter receiving his medal for this time around and a letter from the International President, Douglas Alexander highlighting his accomplishments. Presenting the medal is A15 PDG Harv Wood. Congratulations Lion Peter!



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8 November 2022

Dear Past District Coordinator Peter Oswald,

I trust that you had a successful and enjoyable year serving as an LCIF District Coordinator. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to use your valuable knowledge and experience to strengthen our magnificent foundation.

I am writing to you today to express the gratitude I feel for the tremendous support of Lions Clubs International Foundation that you exhibited during the 2021-2022 Lion year.

As a token of my great esteem, it is my pleasure to present you with the Chairperson's Medal. As you may know, the Chairperson's Medal is given to District Governors and LCIF District Coordinators who demonstrate exceptional dedication to LCIF. For District Coordinators to qualify for this award, their districts must contribute a minimum of US\$30,000 to LCIF, while also achieving an overall increase in contributions of at least 10% over the previous year.

Every year, Lions Clubs International Foundation helps to ensure that the humanitarian service of Lions reaches those who need it most. LCIF provides the life skills that our youth need to grow into healthy and productive adults; it makes certain that individuals living with disabilities receive the support that they need to thrive; and it brings welcome relief to those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters. As a supporter of LCIF, you are helping to give these beautiful gifts to the world. Please wear your Chairperson's Medal with pride – you earned it!

Yours in Service,

Douglas K. Alexander

Douglas K. Alexander
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

A15 PEACE POSTER

Just in case you missed it in the latest edition of the DG's newsletter, here is the winning entry for District A15, from Lion Debbie, District Peace Poster Chair. It was submitted via the Rockton Lions and was created by Clay Ferber, his poster will go on to the MDA competition.



DUNDAS LIONS - HOLIDAYS AND HANDBAGS



A huge effort by the Dundas Lions in support of St. Joseph's Villa and Margaret's Place Hospice, With the support of the corporate community, the amount raised was \$185,000.00. Our Copetown Lions assisted with an included portion of the festivities, the **"Wine Wall"**. Copetown Lions Doug Paddon and Bob Pearson were on site, helping out with this aspect of the evening.



COPETOWN LIONS KNOW HOW TO RECRUIT!

Another example of our excellent selection process is the addition of Colleen Martin (Binkley) to the roster. For those of us that perhaps don't know Colleen, she is the daughter of long time Lion Charlie Binkley who passed away in September of this year. Colleen brings with her an impressive list of accomplishments in the business world as well as athletics, evidenced by her entry into the 2023 Ironman event in Penticton B.C. in August of 2023. The poster has been edited somewhat to make it gender-equal. Welcome to Lionism Colleen!

