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# Lions Clubs International

## District A-15

### *Governors Newsletter*

### *MARCH 2023*



**Hello Spring!**



**Its Convention time again. I cannot believe that a year has passed since I became Governor elect.**

**You have accomplished so much in the last year and should be proud of your accomplishments. More people are willing to get out and enjoy the great service projects provided by Lions. The ideas that brought the communities together have been fantastic.**

**We have a positive membership growth in the district. Thank you for inviting the new members into your Club. A special thanks to Wellesley and District Lions for bringing ten new members into the Club. “Together We Can” is our slogan for this year and together we are doing incredible projects.**

**An amazing committee has been developing a program for the 2023 that will showcase several Lions initiatives. There will be a Strides Walk, Childhood Cancer presentation, Lions Quest presentation, and a presentation about the Guide Dogs. This is an opportunity to have fun and get to know fellow Lions in the District. There is still time to register.**



**Thank you for your dedication, your Lions Club, and the District.**

**“Together We Can”**

*Tony*

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# LCIF NEWS

*Lions Clubs International Foundation*



## LIONS OF CANADA FUND

*for LCIF*



### Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

**Where there is a need there is a Lion. We need your support!**

A powerful earthquake struck Turkey and Syria and strong aftershocks followed, killing more than 5,000 people and injuring thousands more. As one of the strongest quakes to

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes hit the region in more than 100 years, it has left entire communities destroyed., we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe grant to empower Lions in Turkey and other impacted areas to help their communities recover.

Please consider donating today – 100% of the funds raised go directly out to supporting our communities in need.

**Your donation can make a difference.**

**Online- [lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca](http://lionsofcanadafundforlcif.ca)**

**or**

**Please send donations to**

**The Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF**

**c/o**

**Stan Durward**

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# **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 14<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup>

Brantford Best Western and Conference 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](mailto:convention2023@a15lions.org)



<input type="checkbox"/> <i>New Lion Since April 9, 2022</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>A - 15 Convention First Timer</i> District: _____ Club: _____		Pre-Registration Deadline:  March 1, 2023	
Lion _____ Leo _____ Non-Lion _____ Highest Office Held: _____ Past _____ Present _____ Name: _____ Badge Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____ e-mail: _____			
Item / Function		Cost	Amount
"Early Bird" Registration (On or Before March 1, 2023)		\$25.00	
Standard Registration (After March 1, 2023)		\$35.00	
Sunday Only Registration (April 16, 2023)		\$15.00	
Leo Registration		Free	
Convention Pin		\$6.00 X _____	
Draw Tickets \$5 each <i>Winner to be announced after Memorial Service on Sunday</i> Hospitality Room (HST Included)		Tickets @ \$5 _____ \$170.00	
Saturday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> – Convention Luncheon \$30.00		_____	
Saturday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> – Convention Banquet \$55.00		_____	
Special Meal Requests (Please give details)		TOTAL	

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](mailto:convention2023@gmail.com)

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# PASSING "HE SERVED"



  
**Atwood Lions**  
**Lion Neil Cockwell**  
**March 18th, 2023**

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Childhood Cancer



Youth



Humanitarian



Hunger



Disaster Relief



Environment



Diabetes



Vision

# LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA

INTRODUCING THE:

LION ART WOODS  
GOLDEN TREE  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
FELLOWSHIP



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# Lion Art Woods Golden Tree Environmental Fellowship

By Lion Bob Pearson, Editor Lion Magazine

It's "***FORSURE***" Lions of MDA and Canada and elsewhere in Lions International, either know or have heard of PID Art Woods, those of us that know him are better for it.

We know Art tries to avoid the limelight but he has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President's Award, a Membership Key Award, a 100% District Governor's Award, multiple International President's and Leadership

Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a life member of the Elmira Lions Club, a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, He also has received a International Directors Recognition award and last but not least a Lions Foundation of Canada Patron award. Notwithstanding his feelings, he deserves to be recognized with his accomplishments.



Art has long been a strong supporter of the Lions Foundation of Canada(LFC), quite a few years back he initiated the concept of a Memorial Forest to honour past Lions. This became a reality and now serves as a model for Lions Clubs across Canada and elsewhere. The forest is firmly established on the property of the

Lions Foundation Breeding Facility in Breslau Ontario. It is well know in Lionism throughout North America and has been a destination for International Lions Presidents, including our present Leader Lion Brian Sheehan.

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**Lion Art himself has been a contributor to the foundation and has been successful in obtaining major donations. A case in point was a major donation that amounted to over \$1,000,000.00, a lasting legacy which will be a huge benefit to the foundation and the Memorial Forest.**



**Lion Art has a special place in his heart for PDG Larry Wainwright, his wife Hilda and their Dog Guide, Otis. Larry is blind and is an advocate for the foundation, all three of them have raised thousands of dollars through participation in the Dog Walk events for LFC. It was Larry who started the ball rolling with the fellowship and followed it through to fruition. The foundation in their wisdom decided it was time for Art to be recognized in a special way for his efforts. The**

**project was unveiled at the District A-2 Convention in St. Catharines on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It was only appropriate that Art was the first recipient. Bev Crandell, Chief Executive Officer of LFC made the presentation.**



**The fellowship recognizes the commitment, dedication and 50 years of service of PID Art and his passion for the environment and LFCDG's Memorial Forest, funds from this fellowship will be directed to a dedicated garden space at the new training school. Recipients receive a unique personalized plaque. The cost is \$350.00 and can be ordered from the LFC website at**

**<https://rb.gy/gzosue>**

**or scan the Q.R. code**





**The Wilmot Lions / Lioness invited Amiera Black and her mother, Jennifer, to tell their story about Ameria's accomplishments. In fall 2022, she entered the World Down Syndrome Swimming Championships in Albufeira, Portugal. She won eight medals and has a goal in the future to continue to reach higher. These medals include:**

**junior gold - 100 metre freestyle; junior gold, 200 metre freestyle; junior gold, 100 metre backstroke; junior gold, 100 metre butterfly; junior silver, 50 metre backstroke, junior silver, 50 metre butterfly; junior silver, 100 metre individual medley. Ameria thanked the Wilmot Lions / Lioness for their support. The club, along with the New Hamburg Optimist Club and New Hamburg Sobeys helped to fundraise for her journey to Portugal in the summer.**

**A very exciting evening for our club and quite an honour to host such an amazing young woman and her mother!**







**St. Marys Lions Club assisted with serving a delicious breakfast/brunch at McCully's Hill Farm on Line 9 east of St. Marys, on Saturday, March 18 during the Maple Syrup Festival. They served**

**delicious pancakes with real maple syrup, pork sausages, maple baked beans, apple sauce, and a beverage. There were many families from St. Marys and the surrounding area who attended.**

**Photo courtesy PZC Lion Gerry Haliburton**

# **PLATTSVILLE LIONS**



**Plattsville and District Lions hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Night Dinner on February 16th. The event was held to say thank you to those friends and community members who freely volunteer to assist the Plattsville and District Lions at our various fundraisers such as our annual ladies night, Santa Claus parade, Woodstock farm show, just to mention a few events.**

## Let's Get Started

Today I received an urgent text from our daughter. Two of their three boys have pinkeye and they have been cooped up in the house all week. They are bored and probably driving their mother crazy as she works from home.

It is going to be nice today, sunny with a high of +7, so a good day for a bike ride and wear off some of that energy. First it will take some planning. It has been a while since the last bike ride. Do the bikes have air in the tires, where are the helmets, do they have gloves to keep their hands warm? Planning the route is also critical, it will need to include water and snow banks for 10 and 12 year old boys full of energy.

This is similar to planning for a process (Club GMA) to meet the challenge to increase membership. The first question is to determine if in fact there is support among a core of members who share the vision of growing the Club. In large clubs it may only be the executives and in smaller clubs it could be the entire club. Where are you going to do the planning? The process takes about 3 hours so it could be done over a couple of meetings or perhaps a designated time such as a Saturday morning. Similar to most good meetings, through this process, the club will leave with realistic goals and action plans.

The boys and I know what the end result of the bike ride will be. By following our route, the boys and I know that we will have fun arriving home with wet pants and shoes from racing through water and muddy hollows. In the same way, clubs will experience hills, valleys and perhaps some muddy patches. However, we can have the confidence that the GMA process will result in increased membership.



I know you from my own experience you will enjoy the process and please celebrate your success. The same as I know the boys and I will enjoy the bike ride and maybe we will celebrate our success by Nana having home made treats for the boys and perhaps a shot of whiskey for Grandpa.



# District Canopy

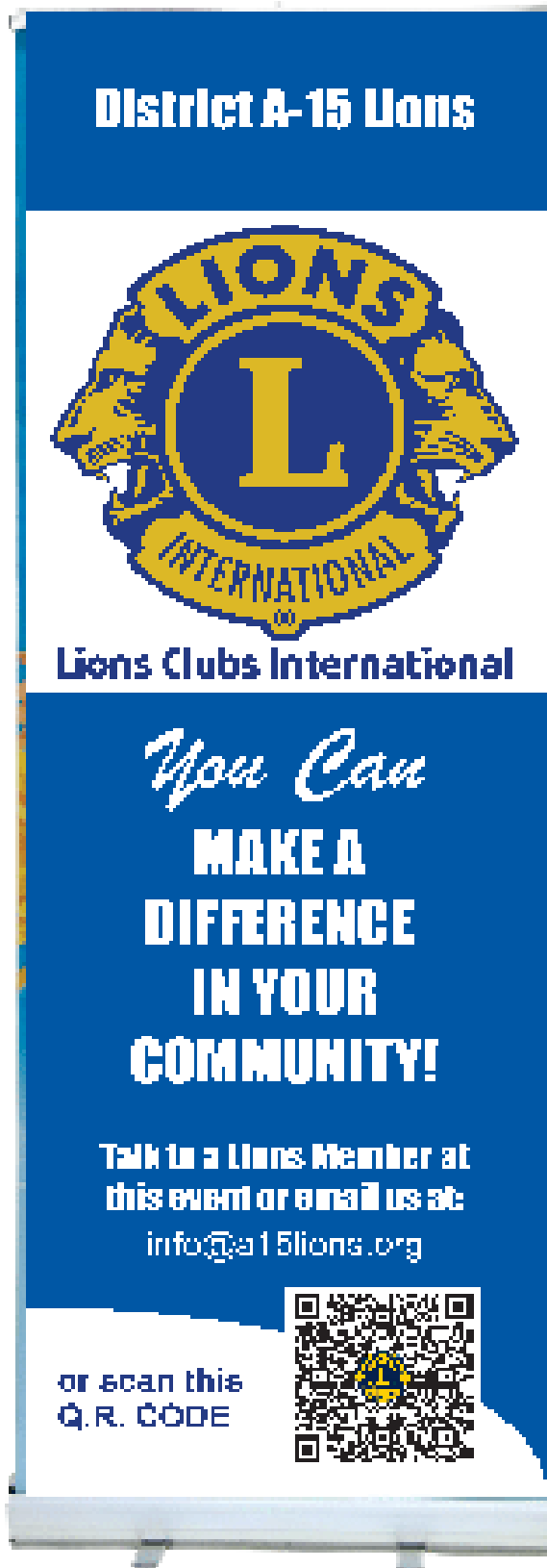


A District Canopy is now available for your use at public events. To book canopy go to [a15lions.org](http://a15lions.org). On the left under District events, click Lions canopy and then either click or scan the QR code and fill out the booking form. There is a calendar which will show which dates are booked. The canopy is easy to set up and there is also a banner that can be used. Set up instructions, size of the carrying case and weight are on the A15 website.

We were able to purchase the canopy through a PR grant from Multiple District A. Take lots of pictures of the canopy during your event and send them to me so they can be added to the final grant report.

1VDG Garry

# DISTRICT BANNERS



A15 is offering a 72" x 24" pull-up banners for your club at a discounted price. The cost of the banners is \$113.00 and the district will pay \$50.00. The banner will have your club's name at the top and the club district email address at the bottom, e.g:club email address for Guelph Lions would be: [guelph@a15lions.org](mailto:guelph@a15lions.org).

To order click the link or scan the QR code to go to the order form. Insert your name, phone number, email and the club's name as you would want it to appear on the banner. Send a cheque for \$63.00 made out to District A15 Lions.

Mail to Cabinet Treasurer

Linda Vinette  
20 Skeen Street  
Belwood, ON N0B 1J0

Or e-mail transfer to [ct@a15lions.org](mailto:ct@a15lions.org)

Offer is available because the district received a second PR grant from MDA, there is a time limit as to when the money must be spent and a summary report submitted.

***Deadline for submitting the order and payment is April 28<sup>th</sup>.***



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link for orders: <https://bit.ly/40teVWr>



# STRATFORD LIONS CLUB

Having been formally evaluated for demonstrated experience, knowledge, and skills to facilitate at Lions Clubs International leadership development trainings, 2VDG Bill Robinson has been bestowed the credential “LIONS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR”.

Between January 13 to 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, in Chicago, Lion Bill took the Lions Certified Instructor Program along with 20 other participants. He was one of two Canadians taking the course.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES



## Congratulations Lion Bill!



# ST. GEORGE LIONS

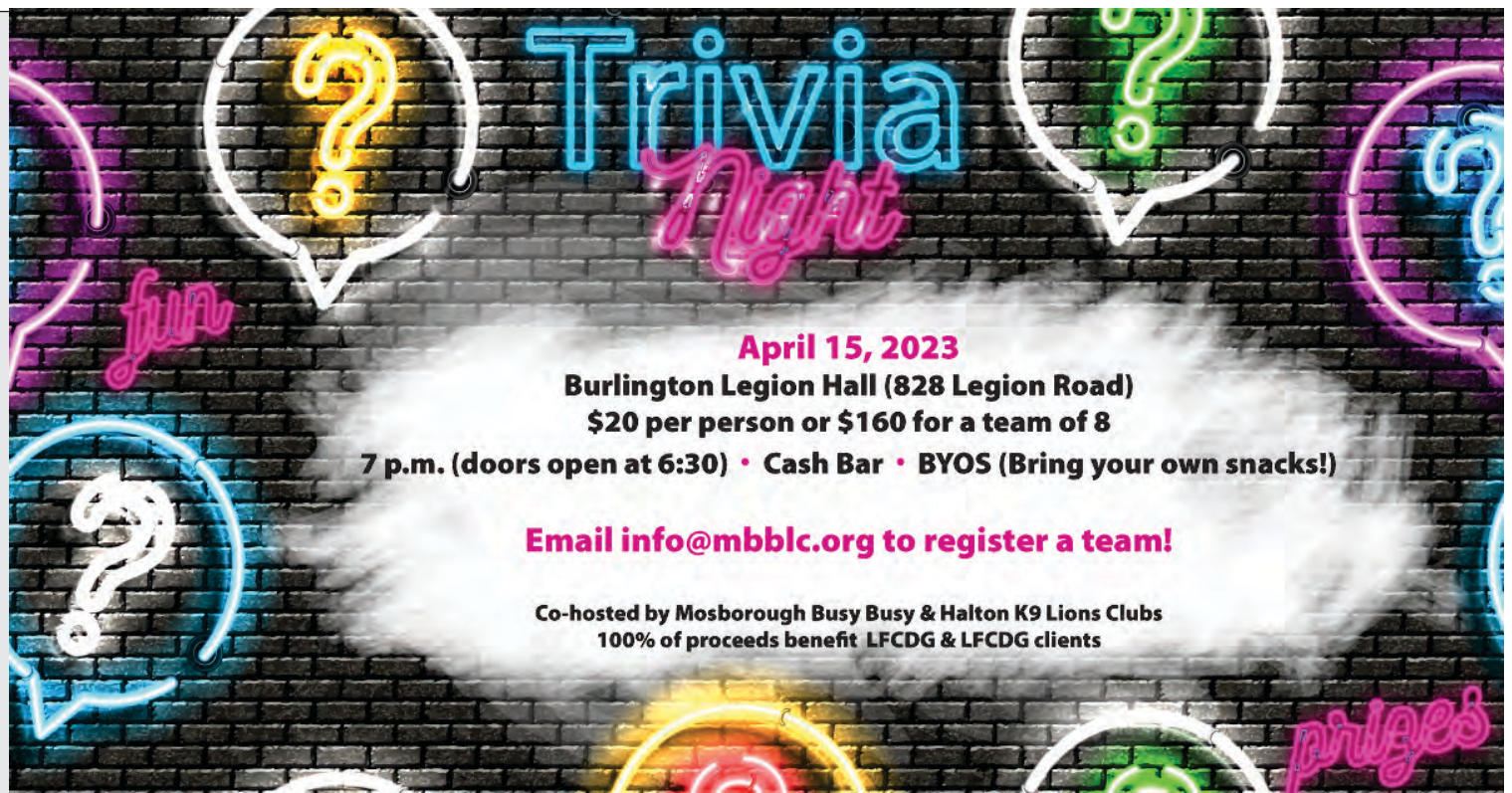


**Congratulations to Lion Lyle Fair who received a Helen Keller award for his contributions to our club. Lyle was suitably surprised as he thought he was only receiving a long overdue 10 year service pin. Eight of Lyle's family members were on hand to celebrate with Lyle.**

**The Helen Keller Award is given to acknowledge outstanding Lions in MD "A". Lion Lyle has contributed to our club in many ways including his involvement in Breakfast with Santa, Paris to Ancaster Bike Race and Effective Speaking. He is out to help at any and all events he is available for. Lyle was very surprised and appreciative of this recognition. In the photos are Lion Lyle receiving his award from District Governor Tony Davidson, Lion Lyle is shown with his grandchildren, from left to right, Kailey, Neil, Lyle, Marely and Tyler.**







**April 15, 2023**

**Burlington Legion Hall (828 Legion Road)**

**\$20 per person or \$160 for a team of 8**

**7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) • Cash Bar • BYOS (Bring your own snacks!)**

**Email [info@mbblc.org](mailto:info@mbblc.org) to register a team!**

**Co-hosted by Mosborough Busy Busy & Halton K9 Lions Clubs  
100% of proceeds benefit LFCDG & LFCDG clients**





Celebrate Earth Day with a  
*Wine Makers Dinner*

April 22, 2023

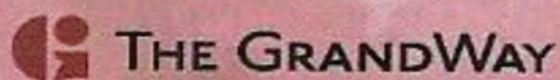
The Grandway, Elora ON 7:00 p.m.

4 Course Meal Paired with  
Kacaba Wine

*Menu*

Croquette de Poisson Blanc  
Potato Leek Soup  
Loin of Pork  
Dessert

*Raffle Table*



Part of proceeds donated to Groves Hospital Foundation.

Registration Deadline April 12, 2023

Ticket \$150 each

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