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**Lions Clubs International**  
**District A-15**  
***Governors Newsletter***  
***Almost April Edition***



**“TOGETHER WE CAN”**



The convention was a ton of fun. It is great when the Club banners are carried with pride by the Club members. The passing of the Campbell by the PDGs and the Skits by the Candidates make our convention one of the best.

PID Mark and Lion Lyn, our international guests were a bonus part of the weekend, with their good wishes and their dedication to Lionism. Lion Mark showed his talents when he showed us one of his other talents with a couple of songs on Saturday evening.

The Memorial Service on Sunday is a somber event as we remember those who have passed.

Congratulations to the candidates who were elected to serve on Cabinet next year and thank you to those who stepped forward to be appointed into the open positions. DGE Garry will be working with you to prepare you for next year.

It was the dedication of the Convention committee that worked tirelessly to plan and execute such a wonderful weekend. I am grateful for all their work.

We are a growing District with a positive membership growth and a new Branch Club this year. The reporting of service is also increasing. I challenge the Clubs in the District to keep up the momentum.

Without Community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. Its important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It is the way in which we grow and develop.

*Tony*

# CABINET 2022-2023



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# **“THE CAMPBELL”**



**The Lions District A-15 Gavel is named “The Campbell” in honor of our first District Governor, Lion Dougald Campbell (1976-1977), of the Lions Club of Elmira. At each annual District A-15 Convention, a ceremony of passing the Campbell is held; this in recognition of those Past District Governors who have served in District A-15, and also to acknowledge those Governors who have served in other Districts and currently reside and serve in A-15.**

**At the convention opening ceremonies, the procession of *“Passing The Campbell”* begins with the District Governor passing it to the most recent Past District Governor, then successively in order to the most senior Past District Governor. At the completion of the ceremony, The Campbell is entrusted to the most senior Past District Governor, for keeping until the closing of convention.**

**The ceremony of passing the Campbell is repeated at the close of convention; at which time the gavel is passed back through the line from the most senior Past District Governor to the District Governor, who places it in the hands of the District Governor Elect to keep until the Convention of the following year. The Campbell is housed in a beautiful oak cabinet built and donated to A-15 by PDG John Brash and PDG Nancy Brash.**



# PASSING OF "THE CAMPBELL"



**L-R: Incoming DG Garry Ransom, PDG's Dr. Jack Bishop, Art Woods, Larry Wainwright, Doug Smith, Thom Herrmann, Tim Cronin, Nancy Ransom, OJ Wilura, Todd Wilson, Dan Ayim, Denis Vinette, Wayne Litt, Tracey Robinson, George Corrin, Harvey Wood.**

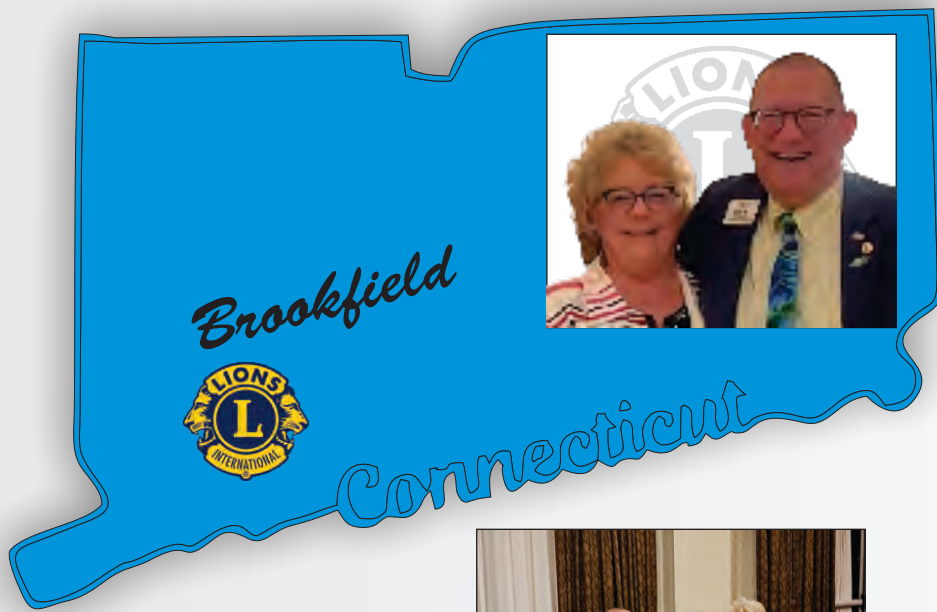


**(l-r) PDGs Dougald Campbell, Dr. Jack Bishop, Jim Baird, John Paff, Dr. Jim Loucks, Bob Taylor, Art Woods, John Brash, Larry Sales, Larry Wainwright, Larry Inder, DG Don Robertson.**

**Historical Photo 1997 Convention**



**(l-r) DG Garry Ransom, IPDG Tony Davidson, VDG1 Bill Robinson, PDG Denis Vinette, VDG2 Linda Vinette, RC9 Ray Derouin, RC51 Kevin March, ZC 51W Cheryl Bauman, RC 37S Rick Bell, ZC 37W Evelyn Albers, ZC 9E, Jaun Moterozza, ZC 9S Ken Linington.**



**As mentioned by D.G. Tony, the convention was blessed with the attendance of International guests, PID Mark Lyon and his wife Lion Lyn. They are from Brookfield Connecticut. Mark gave presentations at the lunch on Saturday and at the banquet in the evening that gave members food for thought as we go forward in the coming years.**

**Mark is the endorsed candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of Lions International and he is also a talented musician, he entertained the crowd Saturday night with a couple of popular songs: The City of New Orleans and Good Morning America.**

**Click the image of Mark and Lyn to view and hear the video.**

# LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL



Lion Debbie Cserhalmi received a Lions International Medal from PID Mark Lyon for her stellar work with the Lions Foundation of Canada. She is a strong force with fundraising for the organization, their puppy fostering program and is a LFC Patron award winner. She is also a force with the Walk For Dog Guides Program. Debbie was instrumental behind the forming of a Cyber Lions Club in Mosburgh. The Presidential Medal is the 2nd highest award in Lionism.



# LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEDAL



Past International Director Mark Lyon (left) and District Governor Tony Davidson (right) presented Past District Governor Tracey Robinson with a Lions Club International Leadership Medal.

Lions who have made a significant leadership contribution during the International President's year in office are eligible to receive the Lions Club International Leadership Medal. This award is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest LCI award.



# **PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

**PDG Nancy Ransom was the recipient of a Presidential Certificate of appreciation for her excellent work as the District Historian and many other ways in the district. The presentation was made by PID Mark Lyon and DG Tony Davidson.**



**Lion Jim Keron, the District Audiologist Guru was presented with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for his tirelsss efforts, lending his expertise to provide audio for cabinet meetings and of course, conventions. He is also the district Zoom coordinator. The presentation was made by PID Mark Lion and DG Tony Davidson**



# CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

## Roadside Cleanup



### VDG Bill Robinson Skit Shows Messy Driver Littering

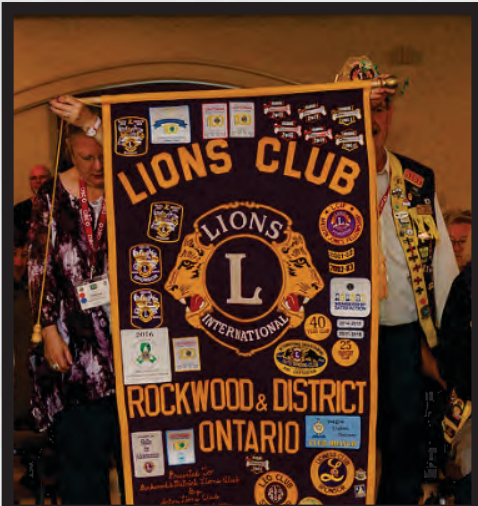


### Lions To The Rescue!

A real-life cleanup of a Brantford Street was part of the convention.

**Lions working together  
for the community!**

# CONVENTION PHOTO GALLERY



**Photos Courtesy of  
Lion Doris Weir  
Thamesford Lions**

**There are 198 photos  
in all to view the album  
click on the Lions Logo**



**Editor's Note: I have not yet mastered the  
"FLICKR" software, as a result there are  
several duplicates in the album.  
I may become more competent  
when Pigs Fly!**



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As many of you know, I operated a UPS Store. We would have people who would bring in a return package with a shipping label on it, drop it on the counter and leave. We had the same question...how do we get these people to be customers with out asking them? We **began to think**, what would make the drop off customer leave **having** had a great experience? **We** came up with a number of small steps.

- Keep the store clean.
  - **Have dedicated staff who enjoy speaking with customers.**
  - **Greet everyone within the first 3 steps into the store.**
  - Open the door, carry in their packages.
  - Ask each customer how their day was going.
  - Always wear your UPS Store promotional wear.
  - Offer individually wrapped chocolates or cookies on special holidays.
- When they accepted a chocolate, they usually took a moment to have a brief conversation giving you time to learn more about them and their needs.

We increased our walk-in sales by 10% each year by never asking them to purchase. They would give the store their business just because of the small things we did and treating them like a friend.

Does this apply to Lions....you bet it does! When you are having a pancake breakfast, have someone **circulate** around the tables, greeting them and **ask if they are enjoying** the pancakes. If you have a future project, explain the project and **let them know that** you are looking for **volunteers** and leave a business card on the table. Be sure to let them know who is providing the pancakes.

The next time you are doing a fund-raising project or a service project, think about ways that you can engage the people that you are serving. **Many will get to know you, the person behind the Lion and begin to ask about the Club and what you do.** Always have a membership component to your project.

SERVICE WITH A PURPOSE!



# COPETOWN LIONS

March 7<sup>th</sup> was a special night in the Lions Den in Copetown as we inducted five new members. Welcome to Lions Colleen Martin, Shirley Dearsley, Cathy McLaughlin, Paul Landon, and Ken Biehler. We look forward to working with you. Past District Governor Lion Harv lead the ceremony.

Membership is so important to all Lions Clubs. We need to keep adding members as our members are getting older.

Congrats Copetown Lions on adding five new members. Lion Dave read the Lions Purpose and Lion Debbie read the Lions Code of Ethics. It was a great ceremony.



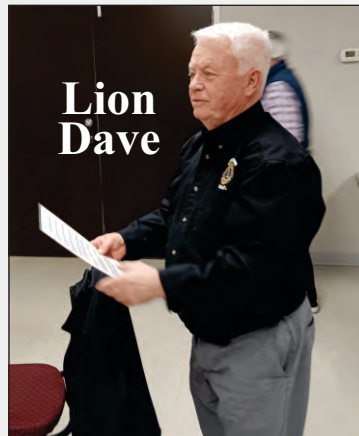
New Lions: Ken, Cathy, Shirley, Colleen and Paul.



Lion Harv



Lion Debbie



Lion Dave





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# **Conservation Dinner auction, held in person in 2023, raises more than \$50,000 for community**

## ***Charitable fundraising auction was cancelled in 2020, held virtually in 2021 and 2022 and returns as live event in 2023***

The Conservation Dinner, a charitable fundraising auction of the Exeter Lions Club and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, returned as an in-person event on April 20, 2023. The community fundraiser was cancelled in 2020 during the pandemic and held online as a virtual auction in 2021 and 2022. The Dinner Committee organizing the 2023 event said supporters were enthusiastic about its return. There were almost 350 people who attended the auction on April 20. The money raised at the auction event, in addition to a generous \$10,000 individual donation from the Rasenberg family, combined to raise a total of more than \$50,000 for needed projects in local communities.

Dave Frayne is Chair of the Conservation Dinner Committee. He thanked all the donors, patrons and volunteers who made the Conservation Dinner a success. The Conservation Dinner has raised more than \$1.335 million, for the community, over its 33-year history.

Scott Rasenberg presented the \$10,000 donation, on behalf of his family, to Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, at the April 20 community fundraising event. "In this community we are so blessed to have Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and the Exeter Lions Club to help establish a great many memories for everyone's enjoyment," he told the crowd of close to 350 people. "The trail, and the fishing derby at Morrison Dam, have been paramount in building a passion for nature, and for being outdoors, in people of all ages, not only in our community but the community surrounding South Huron," he said. "Over the years, our family members have been fortunate enough to take part in the events held by your organization. We wish to offer our support of this great cause. We thank you for the care you take to maintain local conservation within our community."

The Conservation Foundation supports projects such as commemorative woods, accessible trails and facilities, nature areas and conservation lands and conservation education opportunities for local young people. "I'm at a loss for words," said Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. "We're very fortunate to have the Rasenberg family in our area," he said. He called the donation an act of amazing generosity.

In addition to more than \$50,000 raised, there was also more than \$6,000, at the April 20 event, in generous individual donations to Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. After the live auction was completed, Exeter Lions Club Past President Mark Keller invited people to support the Dog Guide program. There were 30 people who volunteered to donate \$200 each towards the cost of having a Dog Guide trained for someone in the area who needs one. Andrea Stevens and Sarah Pelleterio, representatives of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, brought dog guides in training to the Conservation Dinner auction event for a demonstration of their exceptional skills.

The money raised at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Conservation Dinner, in 2023, supports local projects. These projects include recreation such as a family-friendly fishing derby, nature education and events, trails and parks and conservation areas, a youth educational bursary award, habitat enhancement for aquatic species, and a summer employment experience for youth to work in the conservation field.

The Conservation Dinner took place at South Huron Recreation Centre in Exeter. The annual charitable event featured live and silent auctions and special raffles and general raffles. Find out more at [conservationdinner.com](https://www.abca.ca/foundation/dinner/) and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation website (<https://www.abca.ca/foundation/dinner/>).

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**CONTACT:** Tim Cumming, c/o Publicity Committee, Conservation Dinner, c/o Ausable Bayfield Conservation, 519-235-2610 or 1-888-286-2610, extension 248, or email [tcumming@abca.ca](mailto:tcumming@abca.ca)



## **RASENBERG FAMILY DONATES \$10,000**



The Rasenberg family generously donated \$10,000, to the work of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation, at the April 20, 2023 Conservation Dinner. Shown in photo (from left to right) are: Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Ausable

Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA); Dave Frayne, Chair of the Conservation Dinner Committee and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF); Sue Ann Rasenberg; Ashley Horlor; Anamaria Rasenberg; Scott Rasenberg; and Lee Finkbeiner, President of the Exeter Lions Club.

## **FEATURE ARTIST 2023**

This year's Conservation Dinner Feature Artist was Dark Horse Estate Winery Inc. Shown in photo are (from left to right): Andrew Cieszkowski, Sommelier and Hospitality Manager; Ashley Horlor, Vice President and Kris Simmons, Executive Chef.





Over its 33-year history, the Conservation Dinner has raised more than \$1.335 million, in net proceeds, for needed projects in the community. The success of the Dinner would not have been possible without the participation of the auctioneers over the years who keep the evening moving and keep the crowd involved and entertained. Shown in photo (from left to right) are: Brian Horner, General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA); and auctioneers Kevin McArter; Ben Lobb; Bob Heywood; and Richard Lobb.

There was more than \$50,000 raised for the community at the 33rd Conservation Dinner on April 20, 2023. In addition to that, there was another \$6,000 raised, at the community fundraiser, for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. This was thanks to 30 people who volunteered to donate \$200 each. Shown from L to R in photo area, Dave Frayne, Chair, Conservation Dinner Committee & Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF); Andrea Stevens, Manager, Events at Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides; and Sarah Pelleterio, also from Lions Foundation of Canada.



# ELORA LIONS



The Elora Lions hosted a Wine Makers dinner in April and raised \$3,000.00 for the Groves Hospital. Eighty-nine guests celebrated Earth Day and were entertained and enjoyed a delicious meal in support of a most worthwhile charitable organization.



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.

Ticket \$150 each **0004**

# BURFORD LIONS

## 8th Annual Brant County Community Tree Plant

As part of Earth Day celebrations on Saturday, April 22, 2023, the 8th Annual Brant County Community Tree Plant took place at Burford Lions Art Cadman Park in Burford. Lion Chief Jim King, Lion Garry Givens and Lion Mary Rumble endured the rain and cool temperatures to man our BBQ for the event. The club is also hosting a raffle, CHEER FOR A YEAR, see included flyer.



**Burford Lions Club**  
OVER 75 YEARS OF LIONISM IN BURFORD

**CHEER FOR A YEAR**

*Supporting  
your  
community*

**All  
Prizes in  
LCBO  
Gift Cards**

**20 PRIZES**

- 1 x \$750
- 1 x \$250
- 1 x \$500
- 17 x \$100

*Draw Date*  
**JUNE 27, 2023 AT 8PM**  
*Only 1200 tickets printed*

**TICKETS | \$10 each**

Brant County Lottery License No. M850328

# LEADERSHIP



A series of online courses are available to all Lions. The range from fifteen to thirty minutes. If you are unable to complete the course in one sitting, you can leave and when you return, you will be placed back to where you left off. Here is a sample.

- CLUB PRESIDENT'S LEARNING PATH
- CLUB SECRETARY'S LEARNING PATH
- EFFECTIVE LISTENING
- TIME MANAGEMENT



There are more than fifty courses with new ones added regularly. Please take the time to work your way through at least one to not only learn but have an appreciation of its ease of navigating.

Visit Online Learning: [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org)

The In-Coming and First Vice District Governors with support from the Global Membership, Service and Leadership Teams are developing Orientation and Training Workshops for Region and Zone Chairs during the months of May and June. In addition, In June, similar Workshops will be held with content specific to fulfilling the roles of Club President and secretary.

## New Member Orientation

I would like to recognize PDG, Lion Tracey and VDG2, Lion Bill, who designed and held the first New Member Orientation session with a total of twenty six members. There will be one every two months. Please consider this a “must” for all new members.

Lion Jim Sanders, Global Leadership Team Chair

# **GUELPH ROYAL CITY**

## **CHILDHOOD CANCER INFORMATION SESSION**

**Wednesday May 10th**

**The Islamic Centre of Cambridge, 1550 Dunbar Road, Cambridge,  
Time: Social 6:30 PM; Dinner at 7PM followed by guest speakers  
Cost: \$20/person, non-Lions are welcome to attend, you can either  
send an E-Transfer to us or pay at the door.**

**RSVP: Please let our Club Treasurer Dawn  
Elliott know by Friday, May 5th how many  
Lions and guests will be attending, Dawn's  
email is [guelphroyalcity@a15lions.org](mailto:guelphroyalcity@a15lions.org)**



### **Guest Speakers:**

**Meaghan Moore, Director, Advancement & External  
Relations, Ronald McDonald House, South Central Ontario**

**Lion Sue Martin, District A15 Pediatric, Childhood Cancer  
Chair**

**Please Note: The meal that will be served is an authentic Indian  
Dinner, if you have special dietary restrictions or issues with spicy  
foods, please request a chicken dinner instead. If you would  
please RSVP with your numbers as well as any alternate Chicken  
Dinners required.**

**We look forward to meeting with you as we share a meal, social  
time and learn more about Childhood Cancer which is one of  
Lions Clubs International service focuses.**

# GUELPH ROYAL CITY

The Guelph Royal City Lions held their annual Family Day Breakfast in person this year! We had some of our Dog Guide puppies and their foster parents on hand to share with the public the amazing role our Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program provides to disabled Canadians. The food was delicious, there was lots of laughter and fun. This annual event is our service to our community and is free will offering. We were thrilled to be able to host in person again.



Cash Prizes for Winning Hands!

Refreshments available!

Light Lunch served at the end of the games!

3rd Friday each month Sept - June  
Trinity United Church (basement)  
400 Stevenson St. N., Guelph  
Doors Open 7PM; Game begins 7:30PM  
Cost: \$7/person

Royal City Lions Club of Guelph

<https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/guelphrc/>

All money raised goes directly back into our Community!

Bring your friends and enjoy some great games of Euchre while helping your community!

**GUELPH**

**ROYAL CITY LIONS'**

**ON-LINE AUCTION**

**Bidding opens**  
**Wednesday, June 7 &**  
**closes 8 pm (soft**  
**close) Sunday, June 11**

**To view items and bid go**  
**to: [www.rapid-sell.ca](http://www.rapid-sell.ca)**

Need info? Email us at  
[guelphroyalcity@a15lions.org](mailto:guelphroyalcity@a15lions.org)

# AYR - NORTH DUMFRIES

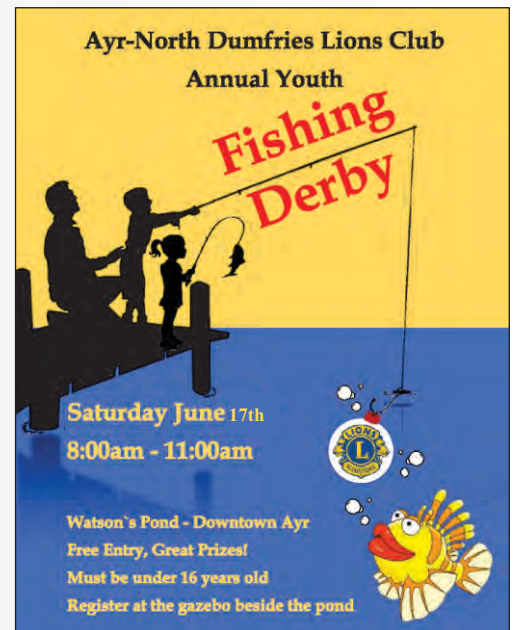
Ayr-North Dumfries Lions in partnership with Knox United Church in Ayr held a fundraising dinner in March to benefit humanitarian relief efforts in Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake in early February.

Our Lions put together a fantastic pulled-pork on a bun dinner, serving an estimated 140 meals in all, complete with sides and dessert. While we did offer the choice of dine-in or take-out, the event hall at Knox United was nearly full for the duration of the event. Almost every Lion in our club participated in the preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up, along with additional volunteers from Knox United to bolster our efforts and make this fundraiser a resounding success!



Thanks to the many generous patrons who bought tickets, we raised \$2745, which was topped up Theto make an even \$3000 for our donation to the Canadian Red Cross.

This was our first fundraising dinner of the year and the outpouring of community support has made these efforts very worthwhile! We look forward to our next event on the calendar, the Youth Fishing Derby, which takes place the Saturday of Father's Day weekend.



# ST MARYS LIONS

**On Monday, April 24, 2023, St. Marys Lions Club prepared and served a very delicious Community Church Dinner at the St. Marys United Church for an amazing group of residents from St.**



**Marys. The Lions served mashed potatoes, chicken breasts with mushroom gravy, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, a bun, and beverages followed by chocolate**

**or vanilla cake. Thank you to all the residents who attended and thoroughly enjoyed the dinner.**

**Special thanks to Shirley Porter, Kitchen Coordinator, at St. Marys United Church for her expertise and guidance.**



**(Photos courtesy Lion Raymond Taylor)**



## Lions Quest Pre-K – Grade 8

*Social & Emotional Learning Programs*

**Revised**



### Direct Skills Instruction:

- Early Learning – Grade 8 curriculum
- 36 Developmentally appropriate and sequential lessons
- Addresses topics such as stress, emotion regulation, bullying, practicing empathy & mindfulness
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) integration into core academic areas
- Includes Facilitator's Resource Guide, Universal Program Guide, Digital Resources, Student Journals

### Professional Training:

- On-site or virtual instructional training conducted by professionals in the field
- Guidance on effective school-wide implementation
- Implementation & assessment support available

### Positive School Climate:

- Easy-to-use lessons for building a positive learning community
- Specific strategies for creating a positive school climate
- Service Learning Unit

### Family & Community Engagement:

- Take-home worksheets to engage families
- Families as Partners Guide to leading family meetings
- Strategies to involve the broader community

### Implementation Options:

- One lesson/week for all students
- Homeroom/Advisory period
- Stand-alone course
- After-school program

### Promoting :

- Connection to School
- Positive Behaviour
- Character Education
- Bullying Prevention
- Substance Use Prevention
- Increased Resiliency
- Mental Wellbeing

*Evidence-based and Proven Effective*

### Increases :

- Attendance
- Positive School Climate
- Academic Performance

### Decreases:

- Problem Behaviours
- Bullying
- School Suspensions
- Student Stress Level

*Research-based Pedagogy & Content*

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## District A15 Lions

April 5, 2023 Cabinet Report



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
**DOGGUIDES**



## Dog Guides Update

Dog Guides celebrated the graduation of 24 Dog Guide teams during its Spring graduation on April 5, 2023. Watch the new Dog Guide video to learn more about how these trained Dog Guides change the lives of the Canadians who receive them: [https://youtu.be/qaz\\_OZ9Uktw](https://youtu.be/qaz_OZ9Uktw).

The **Difference Campaign** focuses on raising funds for Dog Guides' new state-of-the-art training school. Lions' clubs across Canada are making the difference in the future of Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Already, 110 Lions clubs have contributed \$1.4 million and donations are arriving every week. The goal is to raise \$25 million with \$4.5 million donated from Lions. Donations can be pledged and paid over 5 years or given as a onetime gift. Donations of \$100 or more from individual Lions will receive a special commemorative pin.

The [National Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides](#), the foundation's largest annual fundraiser, takes place on Sunday, May 28, 2023. Email [Andrea Stevens](mailto:Andrea.Stevens@dogguides.com) register a team, support walkers, or find a local walk.

The [Ride for Dog Guides](#) takes place on June 24, 2023 starting at the Oakville Dog Guide facility at 10 am and ending at the Breslau facility. Learn more or register for the ride by emailing <mailto:events@dogguides.com>.

# District A15 Support for Dog Guides

It costs \$35,000 to raise, train, and place a Dog Guide, which are provided to qualifying Canadians with medical and physical disabilities at no cost. With no government assistance, the foundation relies on fundraising events and donations from many sources including Lions Clubs. District A15 Lions Clubs continue to support Dog Guide's mission to empower Canadians living with disabilities navigate their world with confidence and independence, by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

## The Difference Campaign

Several committed Lions on the Lions Campaign Leadership Committee and Team Ontario have been visiting District A15 clubs to share details about the new training school and The Difference campaign. To date, the following clubs have committed to supporting the new building capital campaign: Elmira Lions, Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club, Mosborough Busy Busy Lions Club, and Woolwich Community Lions Club. The following district clubs have also donated to Dog Guides: Fergus Lions, Kitchener Lions, Marsville & District Lions, St. George Lions, St. Marys Lions, and West Coast Lions.

## Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides

Larry Wainwright (Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club) and his Dog Guide Otis are participating in the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, which is being held nationally on Sunday, May 28, 2023. There are several District A15 Lions Clubs who have registered teams for this year's walk. Register a club team, join a District A15 team, or support a walker from the clubs in the list of PDG's Larry's photo.



- Bayfield
- Bridgeport
- Exeter
- Fergus
- Floradale
- KW Comm. Spirit
- Marsville
- Mosborough
- Paris
- Sheffield
- St. Jacobs
- Welsley
- Wilmot

## Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it is needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support from Lions Clubs such as those in District A15, the foundation can continue supporting its volunteers/fosters, staff, and Dog Guide teams as the demand for trained service dogs grows.

*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together – African Proverb*

*Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, District A15 LFC Chair*

# WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

The Woolwich club added some colour this spring with the sale of pots of pansies for Ukraine. The fund-raiser raised close to \$2,200.00 for the Woolwich Guest House for Ukrainian Refugees in transition.



## PARIS LIONS MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL



The Lions Club of Paris kept participants at the Paris Maple Syrup Festival well-fed as they served up batches of pancakes with maple syrup and sausages. The Paris Club also had a booth promoting their Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. Several Future Dog Guides and two graduates provided puppy love to visitors on a chilly morning.







**15th Annual**  
**Rockton Lions Club**

**"All You Can Eat"**  
**Fish Fry Fundraiser**

**Sat. June 3, 2023**  
**4:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Beverly Community Centre**

**Proceeds will be used to support**  
**Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides**  
**and other Community Projects**

**Adults \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door**  
**Youth (age 6 - 12) \$10**  
**Child (5 & under) Free**

**See any Rockton Lions Member for tickets**  
**or call: (289) 679-0552**

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# Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC)

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To all Lions Clubs in Canada,

CLERC is celebrating its 25th year in providing quality eyeglasses to 3rd world countries. This is a milestone shared by all Lions clubs that have supported CLERC during this time. CLERC is a Lions of Canada initiative that profoundly touches more lives than any other project that Lions do. We would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in the success and growth of this life changing initiative.

CLERC has placed eyeglasses on 6.3 million faces in 103 countries around the world. It has partnered with Canadian Vision Care on two Optical Teaching Centres by shipping complete eye testing equipment, edgers and grinding machines that have been donated to CLERC by opticians. In addition, over the past 8 years, CLERC has kept 992,000 lbs. out of landfills allowing the plastic, glass and metal to become viable products. Weekly, a ton of plastic, newsprint and cardboard boxes that we receive shipped glasses in are recycled.

However, processing eyeglasses costs money. To date, Lions in District C-2 in southern Alberta have provided over 94% of the funding. The cost of shipping boxes, drop-off boxes, paper, sanitizing soaps and supplies, have all increased 60%. Gas and maintenance of the CLERC van and truck as well rent for the CLERC warehouse are continuing to increase in price.

The lens meters that read the donated eyeglasses prescriptions are wearing out after eight years of reading more than 3,600 pair per month. Reading the prescriptions is the lifeblood of the process. CLERC urgently needs 3 or 4 new lens meters at a cost of \$10,500 each.

Both the CLERC web site ([clerc.ca](http://clerc.ca)) and Facebook page will give you much more information on CLERC's activities, the Lions who spend many hours working at processing and shipping eyeglasses, as well as individual cases of those who have been touched by improved sight.

We are asking you to consider being part of the CLERC family. Your club can do this by donating funds to allow CLERC to continue the life changing work that Lions have been challenged to do as Knights of the Blind.

Most Sincerely,  
James Lee, CLERC Chair.

"An out of sight opportunity to aid the vision impaired of the world."

# Help us raise funds for Children's Health Foundation with the Great Lakes Ride.

My name is Tim Ellis, and I am the founder of Great Lakes Ride.

This summer, August 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, GLR riders will cycle 1000 km over 6 days to bring awareness and raise money for Children's Health Foundation in London Ontario. The ride will be starting at London Children's Hospital, and continue to the communities of Kincardine, Collingwood, Oakville, Niagara Falls, Simcoe and then finishing at London Children's Hospital. It will be exciting to have the patients there to see us off and cheer us in. They're the reason why we ride!

This is the first year for the GLR and we believe it will become an annual event and will continue to grow in the coming years. We would love for you to be a part of this amazing event. We are asking you to consider sponsoring \$1000 to be a platinum sponsor or \$500 for silver sponsorship. This will greatly help lower the costs associated with this ride.

We would love to have your business and brand be represented in the communities that you serve. Please consider sponsoring our event. Your gift will make a huge difference for our riders participating in this ride.

In recognition of your sponsorship, you will be recognized as an Event Sponsor on our website, on all signage, jersey placement and on our social media. Our story will also be spotlighted on local mainstream media. Any unused sponsorship money will be directly donated to Children's Health Foundation.

Please visit our website for more information and I encourage you to check out Children's Health Foundation to see all the amazing work they are doing with helping these kids.

If you would like to support our event or discuss further, please contact us for more information.

Thank you,

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