



*We Serve*

# **Lions Clubs International**

## **District A-15**

### ***Governors Newsletter***

***May/June 2023 Edition***



#### **Together We Can Was The Slogan For The Lions Year And, Together We Did!**

We have seen greater membership growth in the district than we have seen in many years. More clubs are reporting service, there is a new branch club and a greater positive impact of Lions in our communities, all because of the incredible Lions of our district.

I would like to welcome the Waterdown and District Lions, the Dundas Lions and the Dundas Lioness Lions to our district. The Clubs transferred to district A15 from A711 in May and they will be a great asset. There will be a Change in Zone 9 South to accommodate these three Clubs with the Zone being split into two. Our Cabinet has done an amazing job, keeping the district moving forward.

We lost the two Zone Chairs in Region 37 for circumstances beyond our control and to date were unable to replace them. Most clubs received visit from their Zone Chair. The Governors team did visit all the clubs in the district. The GAT team has accomplished much more than what was asked of them. The Committee Chairs did great, keeping the clubs informed about what was happening in their area.

There was a great convention this year with four clubs working together each taking on specific rolls. Thanks to Ken Linnington and the Paris Club and Doug Smith of the South Wellington Lions for chairing the event. Lion Rene Wardlaw of St George Lions was the registrar, and promotion and security was provided by Rockwood Lions. Its always fun when your "security" person has something to share in the vest pocket!

I thank treasurer Linda and secretary Denis for their diligence when it comes to keeping our District accounts current and timely reporting to Lions Clubs International.

I ask you to finish the year strong! Celebrate your accomplishments, and plan for another great year with DGE Garry.

We will be celebrating our Canadian president of Lions Clubs International when Dr Patti Hill gets voted into office at the Convention in Boston.

It has been a Great Year, Thank you s for your service!

*Tony*

# CABINET 2022-2023



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## INCOMING CABINET



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# PASSINGS

## “THEY SERVED”



**Rockwood & District  
Lion Gord Ostrander  
May 13, 2023**



**Rockton Lions Club  
Lion Eleanor Wood  
May 12, 2023**



**Copetown Lions Club  
Lion Don Rostron  
May 11, 2023**



**\$70, 000.00  
&  
COUNTING!**



**Read & watch this feature on our own PDG Larry Wainwright, wife Lion Hilda and dog guide Otis.**

click the photo to view.....



# pet valu **WALK** FOR **DOG GUIDES**



## **An Event For Young And Old According To Our Great Granddaughter.**

Delicious food, friendly service and an absolutely terrific idea for a promotion. New Orleans Pizza Fergus for the third year in a row put on a Pizza promotion, Tuesday, May 23, from 4 to 10 pm, with 50% of each order before tax, going to Larry and Otis' Lions Foundation of Canada Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides.

A total of \$405.00 was donated to the Walk bringing the total after 3 fundraisers to just over \$1100.00.

We are so appreciative that Jim Miller, owner of New Orleans Pizza Fergus presented this proposal. It has given everyone that participated the opportunity to support a local business while at the same time supporting a local project.

Thank you Jim and your staff, and to everyone that took the time to participate and support Otis and our 9th annual walk for dog guides.

Thanks to everyone who has donated to this years walk for dog guides.

Lions Larry & Hilda Wainwright and Otis



# A15 ROLL-UP BANNERS IN ACTION!



**WILMOT  
LIONS/LIONESS**

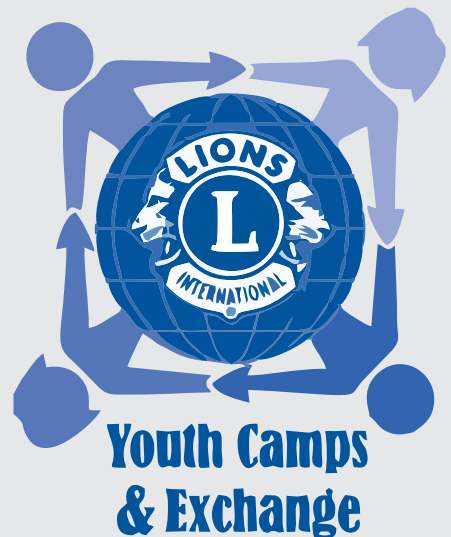


**COPETOWN  
LIONS**

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## We Need Help!

The Youth Camp Exchange Committee need your help. Host families are required and club support for meals is a priority as well. Please contact Committee Chair Lion Allison Henkell  
226-228-0874  
[ycex@a15lions.org](mailto:ycex@a15lions.org)







# DUNDAS LIONS ANNUAL RIDE4AUTISM



**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

The Dundas Lions Club, Dundas Lions Foundation and Dundas Lioness Club are hosting their annual Motorcycle- "Ride4Autism Ontario" event where all or a portion of the proceeds go to Autism Ontario to support social and learning opportunities for those on the spectrum in Hamilton-Wentworth.

*One in 66 children in Ontario is diagnosed with autism.*



*Starting at Hamilton Air Force Club*

*128 King St. E. Dundas, ON*

*Finish at Hamilton Air Force Club*



*Riders* can register for \$30, add a *passenger* for \$15 and receive an event tee-shirt with on-line Registration.

Friends and family can sponsor you through the *pledge* form.

Businesses and individuals may decide to *sponsor* part of the event or *donate* to our raffles.



- Registration: 8:30 am
- Kickstands up: 10:00 am
- BBQ lunch and entertainment: 1:00 pm
- Music, raffles and auction: 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- Awards and Prizes: 3:00 pm

Prizes for the best  
Poker hand and the  
most donations collected !

For information, registration, donation:click the link below:

[www.hamiltonride4autism.ca](http://www.hamiltonride4autism.ca)



## **MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

# **Campaign 1.5 Million by 2027**



**Dr Patti Hill, First Vice President Lions International, announced at the MDA convention Campaign 1.5 million by 2027 is to be launched July 1st. Membership in Lions throughout the world has been stagnant at 1.4 million while the world population has increased by 2 billion. The same can be said about our District where population has increased but Lion**

**numbers are constant. The results are greater service needs with the same or fewer Lions. So, what can your club do?**

**Make sure you have a membership, service and marketing chairperson. These designated Lions will receive information from Lions International to share with your members. We can expect new and exciting ideas from Lions International to help us promote membership. If you do not have those positions filled, considering utilizing one of your club directors to fill the position.**

**Membership is everyone's responsibility, not just the membership chairperson. It is critical each Club member commit to help your club grow. Think outside the box. Is there a group in your community that could become a Lions club? You only need five members to form a branch club.**

**Need help? Contact you Zone Chair, your GMT or the District Governor team. We can help facilitate a club membership meeting, provide ideas and even some able Lions to participate in the campaign.**

# ROCKTON LIONS

After four long years, The Rockton Lions held their 15th All- You- Can- Eat Fish Fry on June 3, another huge success!!



## **Rockton Lions Club**

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

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

Over one thousand were in attendance, with lots of help from the St. George and the Lynden Lions. Along with the St. George United Church who we help out at their

annual fish fry event. In addition most of our active members pitched in along with a number of extra volunteers

Almost eight hundred pounds of pickerel were served along with seven hundred pounds of potatoes!

With the support of donors there was an unbelievable silent auction which raised over \$18,000.00 and a 50/50 draw where the winner took home \$2,380!

60% of the profits from the event fry go to support the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Since 2012 we have supported over the training and placement of least 13 teams and donate \$10,000.00 to the foundation expansion in 2015.

We're now looking at becoming involved in the "LFC Difference Campaign " for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides to support their initiative for a new state-of-the-art training school, targeted to open in 2025. It will be the first of its kind and will provide for the training of more Dog Guides and most importantly help more people.

**See you next year on June 1!!**

**Submitted by Lion Pat Evangelisto, Rockton Lions**







**DISTRICT A15**  
**BRUCE MURRAY LIONS INTERNATIONAL**



***YOUTH CAMP*** *Est. 1975*

**ONTARIO - CANADA - JULY 15th - JULY 25th**

# **INTERNATIONAL DINNER**



**Sunday July 23rd 2023**  
**Doors & Displays Open 3 PM**  
**Dinner 5 PM**  
(Voluntary Donation Only)

**COPETOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**1950 Governors Road**  
**Copetown, Ontario**



**Hosted by Lynden, Rockton & Copetown Lions**

**RSVP by Monday July 17th**  
**Lion Bob Pearson**  
[bobpearson50@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearson50@gmail.com)  
**289-238-8877**

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**We Need  
Help!**



# MOTHER'S DAY IN LYNDEN



**The Lions of Lynden served up a community Mother's Day Brunch. Moms got top eat for free!**





# ARISS & MARYHILL LIONS



At a recent meeting of the Ariss and Maryhill Lions two Art Woods Golden Treen Environmental Fellowships were presented to Past Region Chair and Club President Lion Jim Davis and Lion Ray Bolton. Making the presentations was PID Lion Art.



**Lion Jim**



**Lion Ray**

# ARISS & MARYHILL LIONS



**Despite the weather the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club raised \$1407.00 from their recent bottle drive.**

**Money raised goes to Scotland's Yard - Scotland's Yard: a vision for enhancing pediatric cancer care here at home in Waterloo Region. Inspired by the courage of Scotland (Scottie), a young cancer survivor, a group of community members came together to make Scotland's Yard a reality. Join us in supporting cancer care for the kids in**

**our community. Thank you to everyone who made donations and came by to say hello! We appreciate all the support. A further thanks to our Lions members, Mildred Reynolds, Rick Motz, and Ray Bolton who organized the event!**

<https://grhf.ca/blogs/grand-ideas/scotlands-yard-childhood-cancer-day>

# 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](http://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



**Ayr-North Dumfries Lions Club**

**Annual Youth**

# **Fishing Derby**



**Saturday June 17th**

**8:00am - 11:00am**

**Watson's Pond - Downtown Ayr**

**Free Entry, Great Prizes!**

**Must be under 16 years old**

**Register at the gazebo beside the pond**

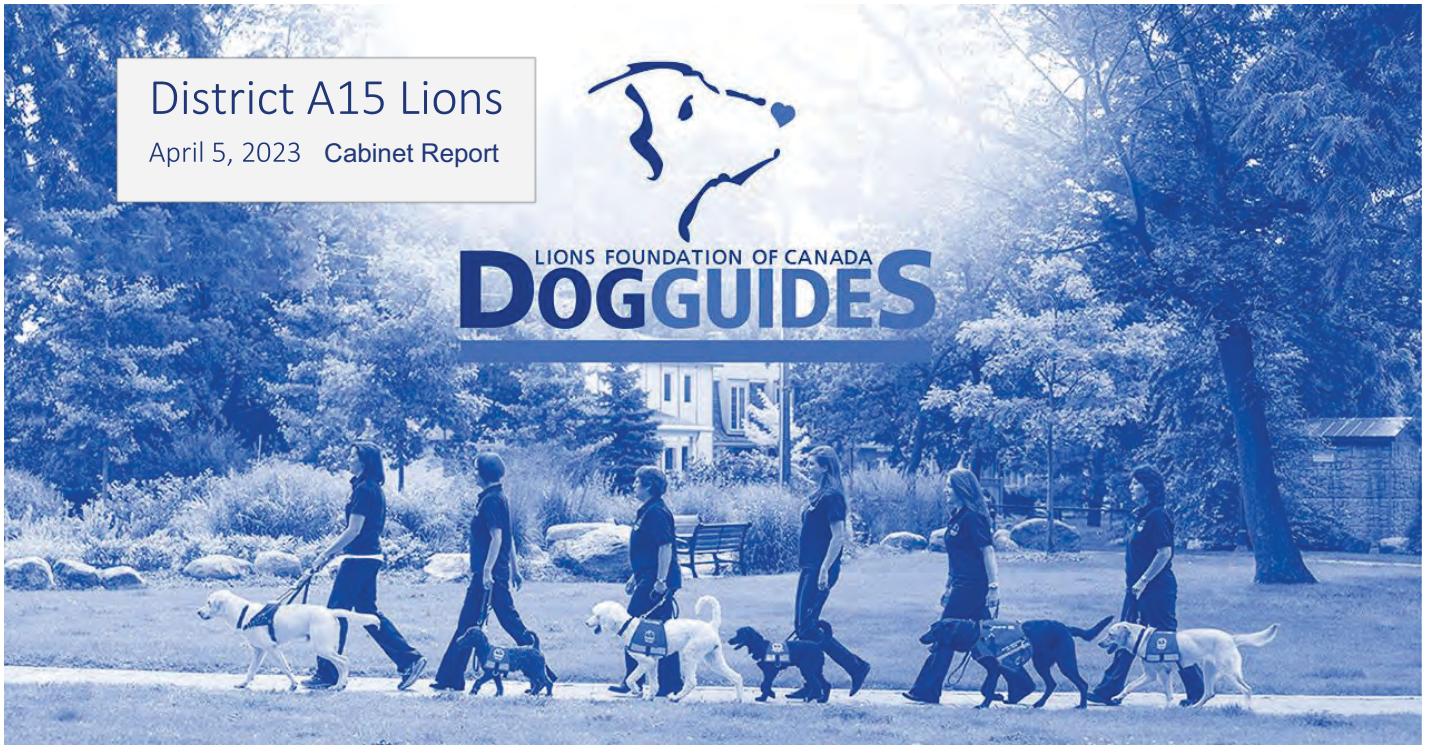


## District A15 Lions

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>.

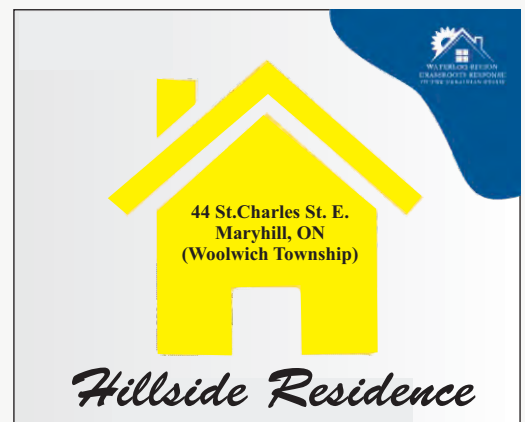




**In April, the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club donated \$250.00 in gift cards to five Ukrainian families who reside at Hillside Residence-Ukrainian Guest House in Maryhill.**

**Thanks you to Lion Rick Motz and Lion Mildred Reynolds for organizing this. A further \$250 will be donated when more families move into the Residence.**

**“Lions Supporting Our Community”**





# Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre (CLERC)

Bay #2, 1216 34th Avenue NE

Calgary AB T2E 6L9



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."

# 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 donations from many sources including Lions Clubs. District A15 Lions Clubs continue to support Dog Guide's 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 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 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*





# A15 PEACE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST 2023-2024

**"Dare to Dream"**

**ORDER**  
*your kit from ...*



**Lion Debbie Nelligan**  
*peacepost@a15lions.org*

*Limited number of*

*kits will be available*



# 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.

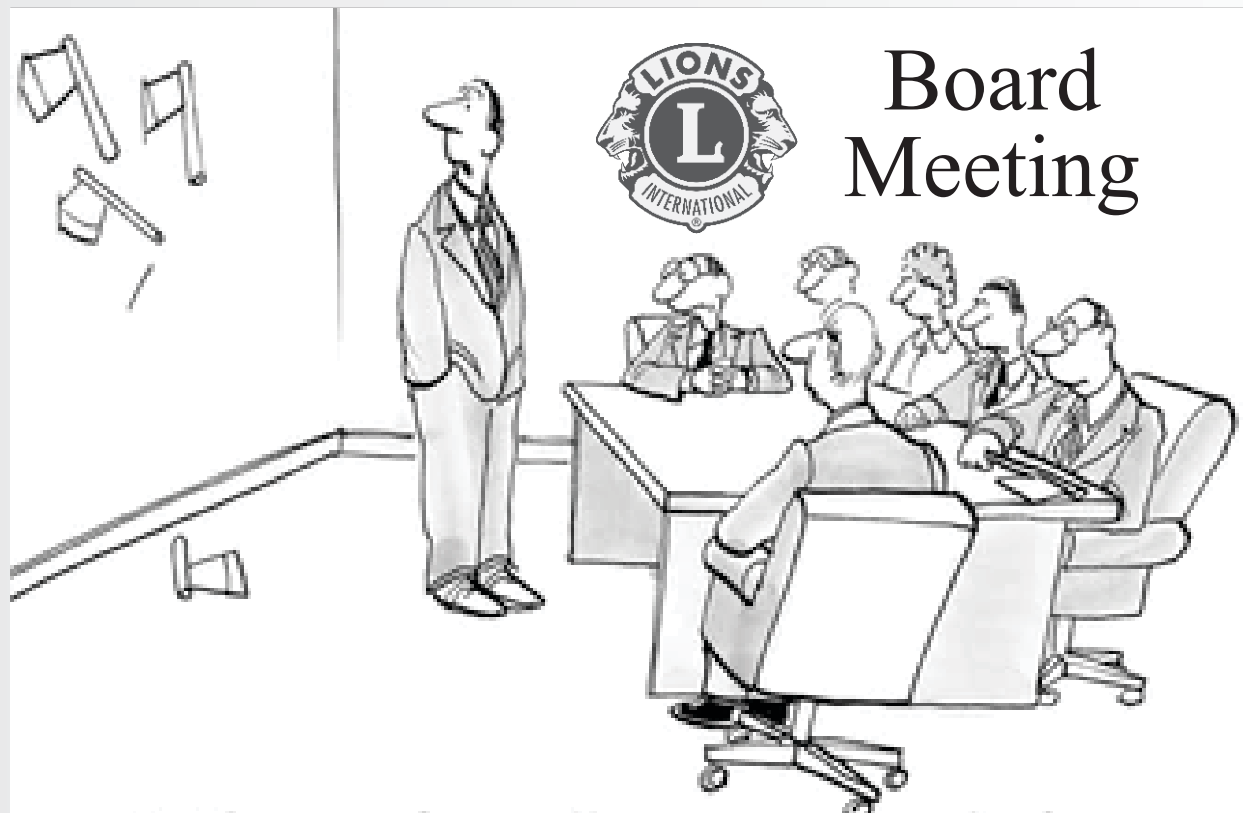
If you would like to support our event or discuss further, please contact us for more information.

Thank you,

Tim Ellis  
Great Lakes Ride  
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greatlakesride@gmail.com



[www.childhealth.ca](http://www.childhealth.ca) [www.greatlakesride.com](http://www.greatlakesride.com)



# Board Meeting

"Either we don't all agree, or somebody needs to sharpen his axe."



[click to view Lions spoof video on raffles.....](#)

# HAS YOUR **SMART SERVE** EXPIRED?

If you hold a certificate issued **prior** to July 1, 2018, your certificate will expire on **June 30, 2023.**

Anyone certified on or after July 1, 2018, will have **5-years**, from the date of issue, to recertify.

It will be the certificate holder's responsibility to recertify before their certificate expires.

LEARN MORE AT:  
[WWW.SMARTSERVE.CA](http://WWW.SMARTSERVE.CA)

