



District A-15

Governors Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2023



Nancy and I have returned from the International Convention in Boston. The five day event was very exciting. It was great to see eleven thousand Lions from all corners of the world and knowing we were part of it. We participated in the installation of our very own Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton as President of Lions International. You can learn more about Dr. Hill by watching her video: <http://bit.ly/pattihill>

Her theme is “Changing the World”. As Dr Patti says “together, the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship and one community at a time”.

President Hill's programs and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service.

- Creating a greener, cleaner environment
- Sharing our stories with the world
- Reaching our full potential as Lions and leaders
- Supporting our global foundation, LCIF

Nancy and I were part of the roll out of a new membership program called Mission 1.5 million. The goal is to increase our world membership to 1.5 million Lions by 2027. More members mean more service and service is what we do best. There is a greater need for service, so we need more members. You can watch a short video about Mission 1.5 by clicking this: <https://bit.ly/pattimission>

These are very exciting times for our district. We have a great cabinet with a full slate of Zone and Region chairs. We had three clubs move to our district from A711 which has resulted in the forming of a new zone 9C. Our district goals are set and can be found by clicking the link below.

<https://bit.ly/districtgoals>

Your District Governor's Team emphasis will be on membership. Increasing membership involves service and leadership. You cannot have one without the others. It is important to remember the only purpose of your district team is to serve the clubs. I look forward to seeing you at our cabinet meeting on August 27th hosted by the Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club.

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PASSING

“THEY SERVED”



**Copetown Lions
Lion Bill Shewfelt
June 25th**



**Woodstock Lions
Lion Joe Sweeney
June 25th**



**Sweaburg Lions
Lion Ron Weatherhead
July 4th**



**Innerkip Lions
Lion Tracey Vanderheide
July 29th**

obituary available, click the individual images.....



DISTRICT A15 BRUCE MURRAY LIONS INTERNATIONAL



YOUTH CAMP *Est. 1975*

ONTARIO - CANADA - JULY 15th - JULY 25th



**Watch The Video From The Y.C.E.X.
International Dinner Hosted By The Lions
Clubs From Rockton, Lynden And Copetown.**

click the logo to view and listen.....

The Lions of Rockton, Lynden and Copetown hosted the International Dinner for the Youth Exchange Program on July 23rd.

It was a wonderful night with colourful and informative displays by the youth. A great dinner was had, prepared by Copetown Lions members Joe Thorogood, and Doreen Wilson.

After the meal there was an amusing and talented display put on by the youth followed by wrap-up remarks from the YCEX Committee, Lions Allison and Mark Henkle.

An excellent video was produced by Lion Ken Biehler from the Copetown club, it can be viewed and heard by clicking the link above, it can also be viewed on the A15 website.



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A huge LIONS ROAR to all the clubs that participated in the program this year and to the all important host families.



Each Club that was involved in preparing a meal or helping out in another fashion received a certificate of appreciation!



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

MISSION 1.5



What is Mission 1.5? It is our latest International Membership growth initiative. I am sure some of our more senior members are rolling their eyes and saying to themselves, “we have seen this before”.

So, what is different about Mission 1.5? As a member for 25 years, this is the first time we I have seen a membership goal set with a time frame. 1.5 million members by July 2027. This means that we require a 10% increase in membership. Our district requires a net increase of 133 members by 2027. In the past 5 years our district has lost an average of 164 members annually. Therefore, we will need to add 164 plus 44 members for a total of 208 each year. Let's break that down to the club level. For example, the Guelph Lions club has 20 members. On average the club will lose 10% of its membership each year. So in order to meet its's goal of 22 members by 2027, it will need to add 8 members over the next 3 years or an average of almost 3 members per year.

How do we accomplish a net 10% increase in membership by 2027?

- Add service projects that involve interacting with your community. Everyone you meet through a Club service project is a potential member.
- Just ask people to be a member.
- Have projects ready for new members and for those that wish to volunteer.
- Market your club. Have a marketing chair.
- Ask for help. You have a great cabinet team that are willing to provide hands on support.

AYR-NORTH DUMFRIES



The Ayr-North Dumfries Lions recently inducted two new members, at the same time they also honoured one of their charter members. Shown in the photo from left to right are

Club President Rhonda Vine, sponsor Marilyn Bursey, New Lion Liz Rego-Fried, New Lion Rupam Thakuria, sponsor Dave Poissant and 1stVDG Bill Robinson. The second photo shows Melvin Jones Fellowship being presented to the surprised charter member, Bob “Coop: Cooper with 1st VDG Bill Robinson and club president Rhonda Vine. “Coop” was recognized for his years of service and dedication to humanitarianism and fundraising efforts.

Congratulations Bob on your well deserved honour!



STRATFORD LIONS



Stratford Lions Perth County Ride July 15 2023

Just before the ride it poured rain and discouraged most participants from coming. However, those that did come went on the ride anyway. The rest of the ride was dry. Everyone who went had a good time. Thank you to all the other Lions Clubs who helped make this event happen.



STRATFORD LIONS

CANADA DAY JULY 1 2023





Call Us At: 800-265-2680

Make A
Donation



Join us on Saturday September 16, 2023 to **Step Up for Kids!!** The Lions Quest Board of Directors and District Chairs will be getting their steps in to support Lions Quest programs across Canada and you can step up too! If you don't want to be a participant, please think about sponsoring one.

This is our first peer-to-peer fundraising event and we would be thrilled if you would participate. By joining forces we can amplify our impact and provide support for our vital work. Our goal for this event is \$40,000 - we can only achieve that with your help.

Here is how you can get involved:

Sign up! - Form or join a team, or go solo, just register to create your own personal fundraising page. It only takes a few minutes to set up and you can customize your page with a message and photos. There is also a Pledge Form available - please let us know you are joining if you aren't registering on the website.

Spread the word! - Once your page is set up, share it with your friends, family, and colleagues. Every contribution, big or small, will make a difference in the lives of young people across Canada.

Sponsor a Stepper! - Make a general donation to the event or sponsor a participant that you know. Google the topics below for more info.

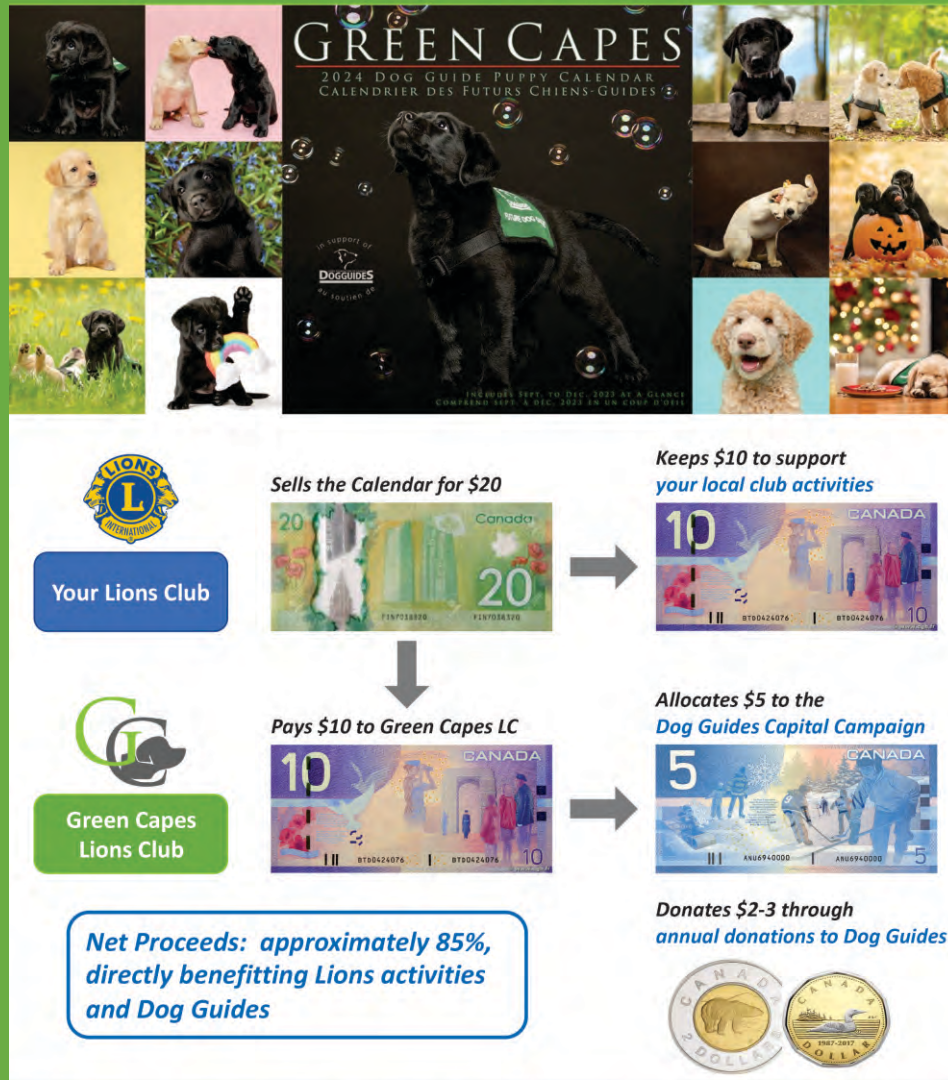
[Lions Quest Step Up for Kids Link](#)

[Lions Quest Step Up for Kids Pledge Form](#)

Educator, Ontario



Green Capes Calendars Fundraising Opportunity



ONE pawsome calendar – DOUBLE the impact for Lions across Canada

The Green Capes Puppy Calendar sales is an easy, low-risk fundraiser for all Canadian Lions clubs. It provides a win-win for communities served by Lions and the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

How It Works:

Your Lions Club orders calendars in increments of 25 from Green Capes Lions for \$10 each. Your club sells them for \$20, keeping \$10 from the sale of each calendar to support your club's activities. Green Capes donates the proceeds from calendar sales to Dog Guides with \$5 from each calendar sale going to the Dog Guides Capital Campaign to build its new facility. For more information on the program or to purchase Dog Guide calendars, email District LFC Chair Cheryl Bauman at lfc@a15lions.org.



AGCO

Alcohol and Gaming
Commission of Ontario

AGCO Extends Final Recertification Window to August 31st, 2023

Responding to the high demand for last-minute recertifications, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) announces a 60-day extension for final recertifications, now concluding on August 31st, 2023.

We encourage certificate holders to take advantage of this opportunity and promptly recertify, with Smart Serve honouring the \$29.95 fee for previous holders.

We appreciate your patience during this period. Expired certificates will remain valid until August 31st, 2023, 11:59PM.





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



RSVP: alinchan@rogers.com
eTransfer: mike.leacy@sympatico.ca
Cheque or cash payable at the door.



Woolwich Community Lions Club

**Save
The
Dates!**



Monday September 25, 2023

Watch their FB page for further info!

Fall Mum Fund-Raiser

**September 7, & 14 at Lions Hall Elmira
2:00pm-7:00pm until quantities last!**



**Halloween Dance
October 28, 2023.**

**Proceeds from all events dedicated
to Community Causes!**

RIDE TO THRIVE MOTORCYCLE CHARITY RIDE



PARTICIPATION
SUPPORT SERVICES
your care, your home, your way

FOR



**Canadian Mental
Health Association**
Brant-Hamilton-Norwich
Mental health for all

**For more information, call:
Ron - 226-450-1281 or
Tereca - 226-552-1712**

Saturday, August 12, 2023

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BRANT NAVAL VETERANS ASSOCIATION



Registration Opens at 8:30am

Registration: Starbucks - 320 Colborne Street W.

Kickstands up: Participation Support Services - 10 Bell Lane,
Brantford

Stops: Davidsons Sport - 773022 Hwy. 59 S, Norwich

Power Garage - 99 Montclair, Woodstock

Second Gear - 148 Northumberland St, Ayr

Brantford Motorcycle - 643 Colborne St. W, Brantford

Dual Sport Plus - 581 West St, Brantford

End: Navy Club Brant - 54 Wadsworth Street

A15 SUMMER CABINET MEETING

August 27, 2023 – 3:00PM. (Doors open: 2:00pm)

Hosted by Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club

Heritage Park Community Centre,
58 St. Charles St. E.,
Maryhill, ON

A meal is to be served following the meeting
advanced registration is required. Cost : \$25.

**COME HEAR HOW A SMALL CLUB OF 8 MEMBERS
CREATED A NEW EVENT THAT WAS ATTENDED BY
WELL OVER 1,500 PEOPLE FROM THEIR COMMUNITY!**

GREEN THEME: To walk the environment talk, please bring your own plates, cup and utensils. No paper plates, please.

NOTE: Online (Zoom) attendance will also be available for those who cannot attend but who wish to observe.

Click on the link below or scan the QR Code to register...

Google Form Registration



<https://bit.ly/CABMTG>



District A-15

Governors Newsletter

Publishing Schedule

The plan is to have the Newsletter be distributed the second week of the following months, subject to adjustment where required: October, December, February, April and June

It would be good if we could get your submissions on the first day of the scheduled month, however experience shows this might not be practical in some cases.

THE GRAVEYARD OF PAST DEADLINES

