



District A-15

Governors Newsletter



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023

Commencing the Lions year, primarily in September for District A15, always brings an air of excitement. Clubs are in the midst of planning their activities and many are fully engaged in fundraising initiatives. I recently had the privilege of attending the Woodstock Farm show, where I witnessed the Lions of 37S in action at their food tent. It operated with remarkable efficiency, and the Lions were relishing the camaraderie with members from other clubs.

Nancy and I had the honour of participating in the celebrations for two significant anniversaries: the St Jacobs Lions Club commemorated 70 years, while the Woolwich Community Lions Club marked its 20th anniversary. Both these clubs boast an impressive list of accomplishments within their communities and have consistently supported District A15 and Lions International. Congratulations to both the St Jacobs and Woolwich Community Lions clubs for their remarkable years of service to their communities, the district, and Lions International.

Our Zone Chairs are diligently preparing for the upcoming zone meetings, with a strong emphasis on service. These meetings promise to be more interactive and enjoyable than traditional ones. For instance, Zone 9E is organizing a breakfast zone meeting, a first in my years

as a Lion in this district. I encourage you to plan your attendance, active participation, and to bring along fellow Lions.

Mission 1.5 is now in full swing! Membership goals have been established for each constitutional area, and consequently, membership objectives have been set for each district. Service and membership are intertwined. The more service projects a club undertakes within their community, the greater the opportunities for people to witness the clubs impact and express interest in joining. I encourage you to attend the upcoming service and membership workshop to gain valuable insights into recruiting new members for your club.

Presidents and secretaries do not forget the virtual workshop on October 22 at 7pm. Register early.

Mark your calendars for the next District Cabinet meeting scheduled for November 15th, hosted by the Oktoberfest Lions Club. This meeting will feature a presentation on a club with over 30 members who do service projects instead of club meetings.

Further details about the cabinet meeting will be provided in due course.

Lion Garry

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PASSINGS

“THEY SERVED”



Burford Lions
Lion Brian Phillippo
September 22nd



St. George Lions
Lion Ted Roberts
September 22nd

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

CABINET MEETING INSTALLATION & AWARDS

The District held their Cabinet Meeting on August 27th, 2023, hosted by Maryhill Lions. The new cabinet were installed by Lion O.J. Wilura. There were several awards given out as indicated by the following photos. Apologies are extended for any missing or low resolution images, this due to a lost phone of the newsletter editor.



Lion Allanah Kelly of the Freelon Lions Club was formally recognized by Lions Club International as being the New Voice in the Area of Leadership in District A15 for 2023-2024. She was presented a certificate of recognition by District Governor Garry Ransom, on behalf of the president of Lions Club International, Dr. Patti Hill.



Lions Sandy Ladd and Nancy Booth, Woolwich Community Lions, GST District Service Award presented by PDG Nancy Ransom



CNIB Club Award PDG Lion Norma and Lion Eric Peterson accepted the award for the Fergus Lions Club. This represented the single largest donor club towards CNIB in 2022-2023 in District A15.



ZC Evelyn Albers presented a 100% Treasurer's Award to PRC Jim Keron of the Thamesford Lions Club. A 100% Secretary award was also awarded to Lion Wayne Rompf of Thamesford who was not available for the presentation.



**CONGRATS
TO ALL!!!**



I am the Lions Quest chairperson for A15. I was fortunate to spend a weekend together with other Chairs from across the country. As a result I have a much clearer idea as to what Lions Quest is all about and why it is a program we all should support.

Lions Quest is a social emotional learning program for children and youth to promote schools as safe places of learning, support and development for all children. In schools that use this program there are many positive indications of its success - improved marks, greater unity and respect, less violence, bullying and overall an enhanced sense of community.

Supporting Lions Quest has two main parts. One is financially and the other is by introducing and supporting the program in our schools. I am asking you to consider making a donation, if you haven't already, and encourage you to do so annually. There are easy ways to do within your Club if there is not room in the budget.

Step Up For Kids is a program that involves individuals or Clubs supporting a Lion or a Team of Lions to walk for kids. It has been extended until the end of October - your Club members could form a team, register on the website and others can donate through the link on the Lions Quest website. I have formed a team with Lion Cheryl Hewitson and we have committed to walk a minimum of 75 kilometres by the end of October. We have a link to Step Up For Kids as well as a sign up sheet for donations on the Lions Quest website, lionsquest.ca. We keep our Club advised of our progress and accept donations in cash at meetings if that is easier. Receipts are available for donations of \$20. or more. Any Club or individual or group can do the same. Of course you are welcome to support Lion Cheryl and I! Our Team is called **"Happy Walkers."**

You can also identify a school in your community that you would like to introduce the Lions Quest program to. In this case an experienced Lion can work with you to plan the introduction.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you. My phone number is 519-771-8427 or by email at b_mayo@rogers.com or lionsquest@a15lions.org

Thank you and have a great day
Lions Quest Chair
Barbara Melara





**MEMBERSHIP
CORNER**



“FORTY”Leadership & Skill Development Courses

LCI continues to add and update a wide variety of Courses available Online through MY LCI-LLC [Lions Learning Centre]. Courses are also available in Word for Lions who are blind and use Screen readers. Sample of available courses: Coaching, Conflict Resolution, Delegation, Effective Teams, Public Speaking, Managing Change Time Management.

Most Courses range from fifteen to 30 minutes. If you do not complete the course in one sitting, when you log back on, you will be returned to the place where you left off.

Topics range from the duties and responsibilities of each Club Executive position to more general topics such as Effective Listening.

Taking the on-line courses will greatly assist you in developing your overall leadership skills.

If you require assistance, please contact your Zone Chair who will arrange for someone to help you directly.

Over the past few years, there is growing interest among our District-wide members in these world-class learning opportunities, all at no personal financial cost. On behalf of your District Global Leadership Team, I am taking the liberty to challenge each of you to take three new courses between now and June 30th. I have just completed three and planning my fourth.

Enjoy and learn!

Jim Sanders Global Leadership Chair

Members: 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Linda Vinette
Region Chair 9, Lion Ray Derouin
Zone Chair 51 w, Lion Cheryl Bauman
Zone Chair 9 S, Lion Ken Linington

COPETOWN LIONS



Lion Colleen Binkley, a recently inducted valuable member, she is looking after our Facebook page and has advanced to be 1st vice president.

Aside from that she is the daughter of former Lion Charlie Binkley who passed away earlier this year.

Colleen is an accomplished athlete and her talents are a benefit to the club and the community. She recently completed an Ironman competition in Wisconsin and started a "Go Fund Me" page to

raise funds for the club and in memory of her Dad. That too was a successful venture, her efforts raised \$5,100.00. Colleen is shown with Lion Debbie Shewfelt presenting her cheque. Lion Chief Bob Turner looks on via Zoom from Newfoundland. It has been suggested in her case the competition could be renamed: "IRONWOMAN"





LYNDEN LIONS



The Lynden community is privileged to Welcome migrant workers each spring who work on local farms. A number of them have become old friends after returning for repeated years. In appreciation of what they bring to the community Lynden Lions hosts a barbeque for them each summer. This year it was held on August 27th and attended by approximately 140 workers. The local farmers are generous with donations towards the event. They were treated to a Canadian style meal with corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

This event is one of the highlights of our club year!.

ST. GEORGE LIONS



September was Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Our club welcomed Cheryl Jorritsma, Development Officer with the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) to talk about POGO as they champion childhood cancer care on behalf of the children, youth, survivors, and families whose lives they work to improve. POGO ensures that everyone affected by childhood cancer has access to the best possible care and support. Our club provided a donation to POGO in recognition and appreciation of the important work they do. The club made a donation to the group, shown in the photo, left to right is Lion Chief Joe Monteiro, Cheryl Jorritsma and Lion Sue Martin.



St George German Public School hosted their Meet the Teacher night recently. The club food trailer was on hand and provided the eats, the proceeds were donated to the school.



Lions Hard at Work!



STRATFORD LIONS CLUB



Stratford Lions Pool Free Swim August 5 2023

The Stratford Lions Club sponsored an afternoon free swim at the Stratford Lions Pool from 2 to 4 PM. August 5th, approximately 100 attended.



WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS



On Monday September, 25, 2023, WCLC celebrated their 20th anniversary at a celebration with current members, charter members and Lions dignitaries from District A15. Twenty years ago, 23 prospective new Lions met in the home of Lions Carole and PID Art Woods to begin discussions on creating a new Lions club in the community of Elmira. PID Art Woods spoke about Lionism, and the role of Lions Clubs International. PCC Tim Cronin spoke about Youth Exchange, Lions Effective Speaking and the Peace Poster. Discussion followed on the benefits of a new club, its vision, and the merits of working alongside the Lions Club of Elmira to achieve our goals, to support our community, and to support global Lions initiatives. It wasn't long before the Woolwich Community Lions Club was official, thanks to our Guiding Lions, PID Art Woods, and PCC Tim Cronin.

On October 25, 2003, WCLC celebrated our Charter night at the Conestoga Golf and Country Club. In the company of special guests and dignitaries, members of the WCLC were inducted, club officers were installed, the

Charter and Banner were presented and an acceptance speech by our Charter President Janet Cammaert was given. Our charter membership totalled 43 enthusiastic women poised to accomplish great things!



Our evening included celebratory remarks from PID Art Woods, PDG Diane Smith, DG Garry Ransom, ZC Cheryl Bauman and Charter President Janet

Cammaert. A large selection of memorabilia was on display including scrapbooks, spirit wear over the years, special awards, and an extensive listing of fundraisers, service projects and Lions service initiatives.



WOOLWICH COMMUNITY LIONS



On September 7 and 14, 2023, WCLC held a Fall Mum fundraiser to raise funds for victims of the Maui Wildfire. The club purchased 150 mums in a variety of colours from a local greenhouse owner and held 2 days of sales at Lions Hall in Elmira. With the assistance of social media, word of mouth, local newspaper and posters in a variety of local businesses, we

sold all 150 pots raising \$2025.00 to assist with disaster relief funding for Maui, a project well supported by the membership, and the community.



St. Marys Lions



Every statutory holiday from May until November, the ST. MARYS LIONS CLUB erects Canadian Flags on the storefronts in downtown St. Marys to beautify the main street. An annual donation is accepted to assist with repairs and replacing the flags. The flags were put up by the members on October 5th for the THANKSGIVING Long weekend. (Photos courtesy Lion President Gwendolen Boyle)



- We want to help you find new members!
- We want you to want new members!
- We want you to be able to help find your club success with new members!
- We want you and your club to have the resources!
- Build your team, build your success, and have the persons to help you do it!
- Join us on November 29th, 2023 at 7 pm. In person Workshop on Membership. Hi Mark Occupational Skills Training centre in Cambridge.
- We Want you to be there in person. We want to help you find the members in your community!





Woolwich Community Lions Presents

HALLOWEEN

DANCE PARTY

SAT - OCTOBER 28TH

8PM - 1AM

ELMIRA LIONS HALL

LICENSED 19+YRS



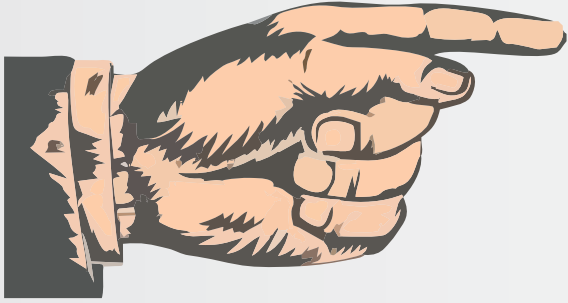
SUPPORTING NUTRITION FOR LEARNING AND WOOLWICH FOOD BANK

Tickets Available from any Lion Or woolwichlions@a15lions.org

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Attention all ghosts and goblins, WCLC is hosting a spooktacular, licensed Halloween Dance Party on Saturday October 28, 2023 at Lions Hall, Elmira Ontario. Doors open at 8:00pm. Snacks provided, food available for purchase and prizes for best costumes. Tickets available at woolwichlions@a15lions.org. Proceeds from the dance will be donated to Nutrition for Learning programs in local schools as well as the local Food Bank.

STOP IN FOR A SPELL NAME YOUR POISON
AND BE AFRAID VERY VERY AFRAID



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you like working with the youth?

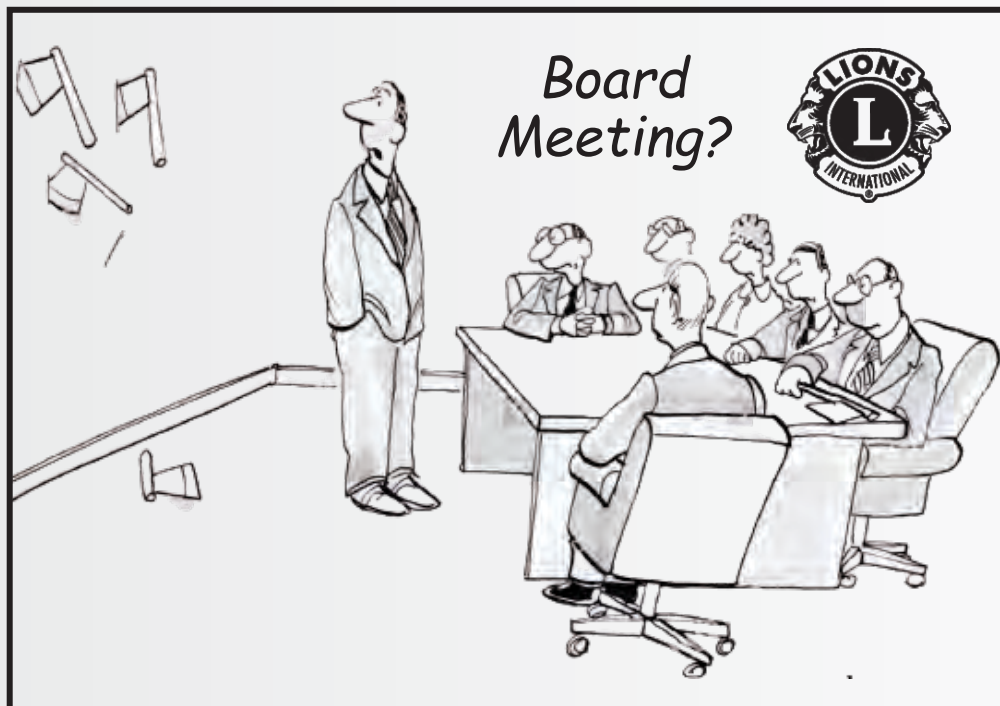
Want a job with no pay but the experience is priceless?

Well, we have the job for you!

Come and help with the youth exchange program or effective speaking



Need more information? dg@a15lions.org or 519-835-3170.



District A15 Fall



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Nov 15th Meeting

Hosted by Oktober Lions Club

**The Lyle Hallman Pool Complex 600 Heritage Dr., Kitchener
Meeting - 7pm | Social - 6:30 pm**

Come hear about a Lions Club that has service projects instead of club meetings. Visit with other club members and learn what is happening in the district.



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

