



# District A-15 Governors Newsletter October 2024



Two months into this Lions year, where has the time gone. It tends to be a quiet time for some clubs, and some are still very busy. I have not been able to get all the events but notice there is more focus on publicizing the event and that is fantastic. It is important for the community members to be reminded who is doing the work to raise funds or to improve the quality of life for someone less fortunate. A lot of planning has been done by the District Governor team and I am excited to roll out some of these. The web-site is up to date with Zone Chair Visits and Zone meeting dates that have been provided to us so far. A lot of information that is usually found in the directory will now be available on the web-site in a print friendly format as we are not producing a directory. Personal contact information for officers, committee chairs along with club information will be available through the new Lions Portal. It is new and I have no doubt there will be some growing pains, we are here to help. Don't get frustrated if you are having an issue, reach out to any member of cabinet and they will work with you to resolve issues. This year I will not be nor will my VDGs be scheduling visits to clubs. We have been encouraged to meet with groups of clubs rather than individual ones. Myself, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors will be attending all Zone meetings to promote Service, Membership, and Leadership and be available to assist clubs should they request it. We need to strengthen our association by increasing the number of members as well as the number of clubs. With an increase in membership we will be able to do more service or at least have more people helping with the service. New members bring new ideas, enthusiasm and perhaps a different perspective. If 10% of our membership brought one person into Lions we would be well on our way to strengthen our association. I look forward to Making my mark this year and I encourage all of you to ***“Make your Mark!”***



*Lion Bill*

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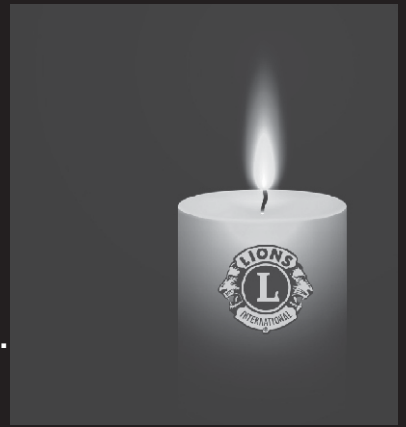
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# PASSINGS

## “THEY SERVED”

obituaries available, click the individual images.....



**Lion Kevin Berkes**  
**Dundas Lions**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024**



**Lion Marvin Ireland**  
**St. George Lions**  
**July 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**



**Lion Floyd McCaw**  
**Paris Lions**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> 1994**



**Lion Ward Hymmen**  
**Kitchener Pioneer Lions**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**



**Lion Erik Westermann**  
**St. Jacobs Lions**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024**



**Lion Bob Davey**  
**Monkton Lions**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> 2024**

# Wilmot Lions/Lioness



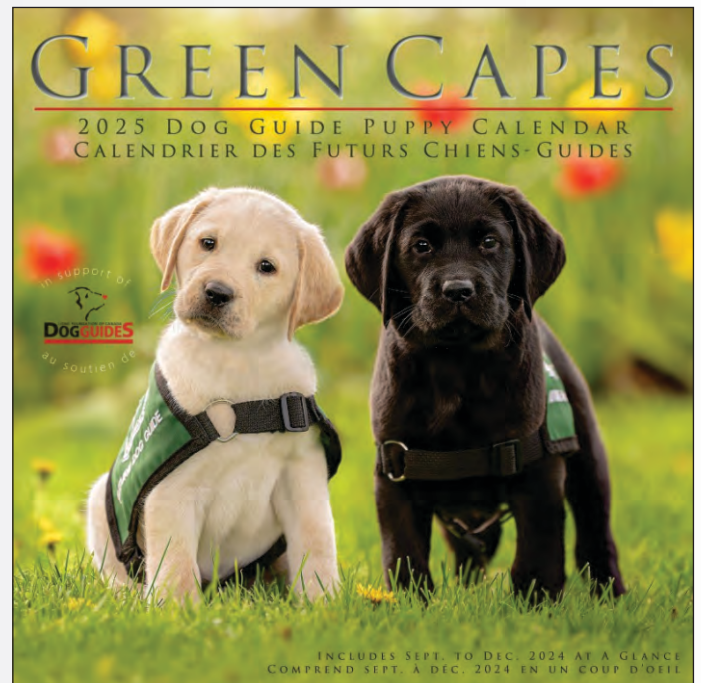
**Wilmot Lions/Lioness Club awarded scholarships to Waterloo Oxford Secondary Students recently. Shown LtoR: Lion Marjorie Heimpel, Ava Carlaw, Lion Maggie McElligott and Max Sicoli. .**

# Floradale Friends of Dog Guides



**The Floradale Friends are a branch of the Woolwich Community Lions Club who recently added six new members, and were part of a Car Show event September 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored by Cox Creek Winery in the Guelph, Elora and Fergus**

**area. The show donated the proceeds to the Lions Foundation of Canada. The club raised funds as well, with sale of dog guide related items including the Green Capes calendar and our the newly established “Kissing Booth”.**





**LONG POINT LIONS**

**PRESENTS**

**TIA MCGRAFF**

With **TOMMY PARHAM**



**BENEFIT CONCERT  
FOR**

**Lions Camp Dorset  
Medical Centre for  
Dialysis  
and  
Dolly Parton  
Imagination Library**

**OCTOBER 20th**



**2:30 - 5PM**

**CONCERT & DINNER TIX \$50.00**

Tickets can be purchased at the  
Country Fork and Doerksen Country Store  
or call 226 934-4891

Donations \$25 or more Tax Receipt & Ticket

**PORT ROWAN COMMUNITY CENTRE  
14 COLLEGE AVE, PORT ROWAN**

# COMMUNITY EVENT

## Paris Lions Club Serves Breakfast to the Less Fortunate



**By Chris Whelan**

Last Saturday morning, members of the Paris Lions Club, extended their generosity to the local community by organizing a heartwarming event at Victoria Park in Brantford. Armed with leftover pancakes and sausages from the recent Maple Syrup Festival, the Lions Club embarked on a mission to feed over 100 individuals who are less fortunate.

The Paris Lions Club, renowned for its commitment to community service, demonstrated once again their dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of others. With a strong belief in the power of compassion and community support, the club members rallied together to ensure that no one went hungry.

The event kicked off early in the morning, as Lions Club volunteers set up tables and cooking stations at Victoria Park. The mouthwatering aroma of freshly cooked pancakes and sizzling sausages wafted through the air, attracting the attention of park visitors and passersby. Excitement and anticipation filled the atmosphere as the Lions Club members prepared to serve a warm and delicious breakfast to those in need.

As the clock struck 8:00 a.m., the doors of compassion opened wide. The Lions Club volunteers, wearing their distinctive dark blue aprons with yellow Lions Club insignia, greeted each person with a smile and a plate filled with pancakes and sausages. For many, it was not just a

meal but a reminder that their community cared for them.

The Paris Lions Club has been actively involved in community service for over 90 years, organizing various events and initiatives to uplift the less fortunate. From fundraising for medical equipment to supporting local schools and charities, the club's dedication has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals.

The Paris Lions Club's breakfast event at Victoria Park not only provided a warm meal but also served as a reminder of the strength and unity within the community. As volunteers and recipients shared laughter and conversations, barriers were broken down, fostering a sense of solidarity, and understanding.

With their generosity and selflessness, the Paris Lions Club continues to inspire others to make a positive impact in their communities. Their dedication to serving the less fortunate sets an example for individuals and organizations alike, reminding us all that a small act of kindness can create ripples of change.

As the sun rose higher in the sky, the Paris Lions Club's breakfast event came to a close, leaving behind a trail of smiles and full bellies. While the physical nourishment may fade, the impact of their compassion will resonate within the hearts of the less fortunate for years to come.

# ROCKTON LIONS







You are invited to a membership workshop

## Unlocking Growth: Strategies to Expand Your Club Membership

Sunday  
October 6, 2024

Start  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Lunch will be provided)

Address  
HIMARK OSTC  
427 Dundas St. N  
Cambridge On. N1R 5R5

When entering off of Dundas St. N, turn right immediately and come around the building and enter through the glass door at the top of the stairs.

**“This workshop is designed to encourage full participation from all attendees.”**



To Register  
Click the link below or scan the QR code  
<https://forms.gle/FZnVSnGwhGBPwGAR8>





Across MDA Lions Quest Child Identification Kits program has a resounding success, helping to ensure the safety of children in our communities. Lions have taken proactive steps to distribute kits at various events, sharing resources with parents and caregivers. The stories highlight incredible efforts of clubs demonstrating the impact this initiative is having on families and the positive feedback received from grateful community members. Here's how some of our clubs have been engaging their communities through the ID Kits program.



The **St. Thomas Lions** have found great opportunities to distribute Child ID kits since purchasing them. They sponsored a free skating event, where they handed out kits to over 100 skaters, along with information about the club. During March Break, they sponsored a free mini-golf event at the Elgin Mall, where

129 golfers participated, and we provided ID kits to children under 12. Additionally, they took part in the St. Thomas Optimist Family Fun Day and distributed the kits there as well.

The **Lions Club of Sault Ste. Marie** distributed Child ID kits to St. Paul Elementary School for their "Welcome to Kindergarten" event in May. The kits were included in packages given to incoming parents.



**Gananoque Lions** have distributed the ID kits at various events, including Ribfest, Lions Car Show, Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides and Pump-Gan-Fest. Some members have handed them out to friends and family with small children.

On April 20th, **London East Lions** participated in Earth Fest, focused on environmental awareness in London. As environmental stewardship is one of the Lions' core values, they set up an information booth. Initially, people were hesitant, thinking they were asking for donations, but once they began approaching parents with children, explaining the purpose of the kits and how to use them, the



response was overwhelmingly positive. Parents praised the Lions for this important service, and by the end of the day, they had distributed 90 kits and received heartfelt thanks for our contribution to community safety.

The **Chippawa Lions** distributed Child ID kits to the community during the Firefighter's Car Show on Saturday, June 29th.

**KW Community Spirit Lions** distributed kits at a Family Skate event and a Bike Rally in May. A member purchased them for her business to distribute at a community event.

These stories reflect the Lions' ongoing dedication to community safety and well-being through the Child ID Kit initiative. If you would like to participate in this project, you can order your personalized Child ID Kits from Lions Quest Canada at a cost of \$2/each. Thank you to all who continue to make a difference!

For more info go to: <https://www.lionsquest.ca/>



**Lions Quest**  
*Canada*  
The Centre for Positive Youth Development

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

September 2024

My Fellow Lions/Leos:

We need your support! Lions Quest is an internationally renowned program designed to equip young people with essential life skills, including respect, responsibility, and resilience. This program has proven to foster positive social behaviors, improve academic performance, and enhance overall well-being among students. By focusing on character education and social-emotional learning, Lions Quest empowers youth to make better choices and become more engaged citizens.

In Canada, Lions Quest programs have already demonstrated remarkable success in various communities, but there is still much work to be done to expand and enhance their reach. We believe that with the support of dedicated Lions Clubs like yours, we can further our efforts to bring Lions Quest to more schools and communities across the country.

We kindly request your support in the following ways:

1. **Financial Contributions:** Donations will help cover the costs of program materials, training for educators, and implementation in schools. Any amount will make a difference and support our goal of reaching more young people. In most municipalities, funds raised from gaming/lotteries/bingo can be donated to Lions Quest Canada as we are a charitable organization.
2. **Volunteering and Advocacy:** Your club members can assist in promoting Lions Quest within the community, organizing fundraising events, or reaching out to your local school(s) to share information.
3. **Step Up for Kids:** Our peer-to-peer fundraising event launches September 21 and ends on Giving Tuesday – December 2. Sign up, form a team from your club, or sponsor participants – all the details are on our website.

We would be delighted to provide more detailed information about the Lions Quest programs and discuss how your club can be involved. Together, we can create a positive and lasting impact on the lives of young Canadians, helping them to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support such a vital cause. We look forward to the possibility of working together to make a meaningful difference in our communities.

It's often said that "it takes a village to raise a child" – our role at Lions Quest Canada is to help raise the "village". Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our request to support this award-winning initiative, one of Lions Clubs International's signature youth programs.

Thank you for your consideration!

Michael Stanford, Chair  
Board of Directors

(Please note our new mailing address!)

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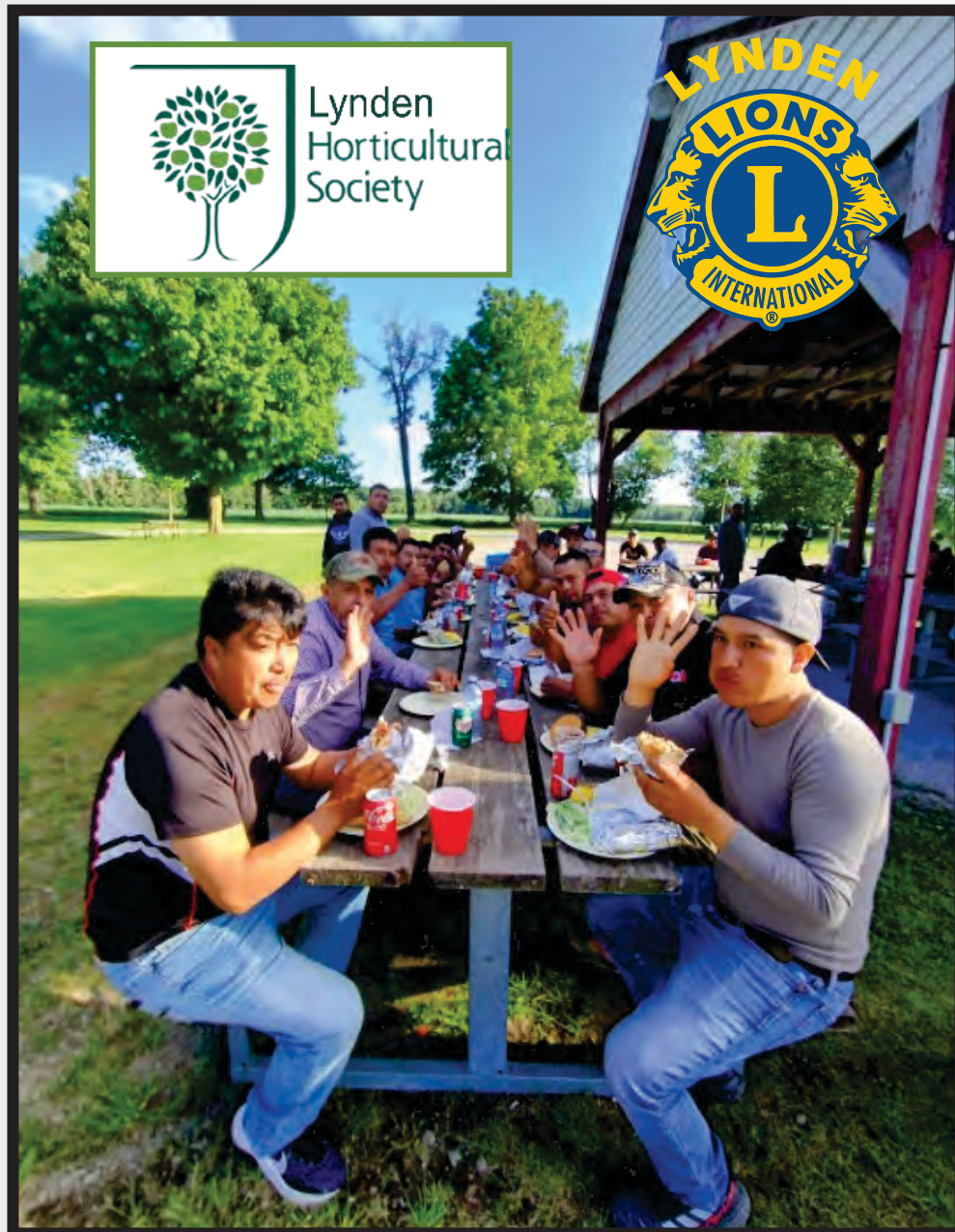


# COPETOWN-LYNDEN LIONS & COPETOWN CUBS MINOR BASEBALL



**The Lynden Lions hosted their annual Canada Day Parade, Copetown Lions sponsor the Copetown Cubs Minor baseball, they were part of this years event and we hear their float won first prize!**

# LYNDEN LIONS



**For a number of years Lynden Lions have hosted the local migrant workers for a summer barbeque. The initial 40 participants has risen to over 125 year. They enjoy hamburgers, corn, chili, salad and desserts. It is great to see so many old friends returning and welcome new ones. A true community event that is supported by both the local farmers and the Lynden Horticultural Society.**

# ST. MARYS LIONS

The St. Marys Lions Club held their annual **CLASSIC CAR SHOW** at The Pyramid Centre in July after relocating from the Milt Dunnell Field due to heavy rain the previous week. One hundred and seventeen cars were on hand..We had a great turnout and gorgeous weather. Several prizes were handed out: Best 1969 & Earlier; Best In Show; Best 1970 & Later and Long Distance Award. A Classic Car Quilt and ten Classic Car Coasters were won by two lcky participants, made and donated by Kim Taylor. Thanks to all our Lion Members and volunteers for their assistance, it was greatly appreciated. Last but not least, a big **Thank You** to our organizer, L President Gwendolen Boyle, a fantastic job overseeing the event. (Photos Courtesy Lion Raymond Taylor)



# **ST. GEORGE LIONS**





# 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

